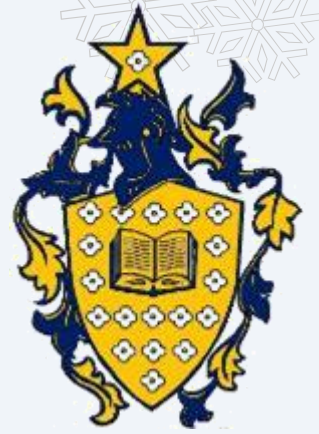




This week Nikau House had a day trip to the Auckland Museum.



*Exceptional Learners  
Exceptional Place  
Whakaharahara  
ā konga  
Whakaharahara wāhi*

## Academy Trials ...

*Orchestra*



*Sports Academy*



*Visual Arts*



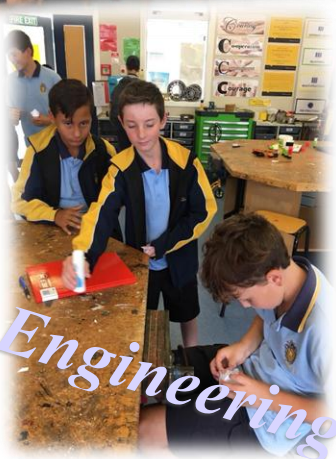
*Vocals*



*Hospitality*



*Engineering*



### Daily Student Notices ...

These are published daily on our school website  
[www.fairfieldintermediate.school.nz](http://www.fairfieldintermediate.school.nz)

### School Hours ...

|               |               |
|---------------|---------------|
| 8.45          | School Starts |
| 11.10 - 11.35 | Interval      |
| 12.50 - 1.35  | Lunch         |
| 2.55          | School Ends   |

### School Absentees ...

Phone: 855 9718 Ext 5  
Text: 021 250 5968  
Email: [absent@fairfieldintermediate.school.nz](mailto:absent@fairfieldintermediate.school.nz)

This should be done by 9.00 am each and every morning your child is away.

Absenteeism, due to ill health, of more than three consecutive days must be accompanied by a doctor's certificate.

## Kia Ora Koutou, Greeting

It has been another great week at school and it has been fantastic to see the students so engaged in school life. Academy trials got underway this week and these will continue over the course of the term. During this time, there will be shortlisting taking place and as a result some students will continue to trial and others may not be selected to continue in the process. We are encouraging all students to get involved and give things a go and we have been impressed with the outstanding number of applications. For those students that do not get into an academy programme for 2018, we will be offering other exciting learning programmes later in the year. We want to ensure that we are doing our best to cater for all students at Fairfield Intermediate as we pride ourselves on being an inclusive school.

Please note that the car park out the front of the school can get easily congested, especially at the end of the school day. We appreciate that the car park is not the best design, but can you please refrain from parking in the car park unless it is in an allocated car space. We want to keep all students safe and sound. Also, in relation to the Kensington Place car park, can you please not drive down the driveway by the Dental Clinic to pick your child up or drop them off as this area can also be congested both before and after school. We also have transport coming to pick up or drop off some of our students who have high needs, and at times the drivers cannot get close enough to drop the students off and are forced to wait. We really appreciate your support with this.

Please also note on your calendar, if you haven't already, on Wednesday 28 February from 5.30pm we have our Meet the Teacher BBQ. Please note the change of time from 5.00pm to 5.30pm, just in case there was any confusion. By now you should have received a newsletter with more information regarding the evening. We look forward to seeing you there and if you require further information please contact the school.

Next Monday we welcome back our Principal, Mr Shortcliffe, who is returning to us from having been on sick leave with a badly fractured ankle. Mr Shortcliffe will be returning in a part-time capacity over the next couple of weeks and then hopes to make this full-time in due course. He has assured us that he will not be attempting to catapult over any more fences, so we should be resuming business as usual! On behalf of Mr Keegan and myself, I would like to sincerely thank the community for the support we have received during Mr Shortcliffe's absence. It has been very much appreciated.

Have a great weekend.

Angela Walters  
Acting Principal



We will be holding an opportunity for parents and caregivers to meet with classroom teachers on **Wednesday 28 February from 5.30 pm**. This will be an opportunity to meet with class teachers and also our specialist teachers. Please note that this is not an interview evening but a chance for a more general chat.



## ***Board of Trustees News ...***

The first Board of Trustees meeting of the year has brought a few changes to the table I would like to share with you all.

Firstly, I would like to acknowledge the change in Board Chairperson. Blair Astwood has stepped down from the Chairperson's role and I would like to thank him for his dedication and contribution to the school while in this role. I (Rebecca Renner) was nominated and I am looking forward to serving the school in this capacity. I have served on the Fairfield Intermediate School Board for five years as a parent trustee and am looking forward to the added challenge of Chairperson.

Secondly, I would like to welcome and introduce to you our four new parent trustees who come with a range of skills and a real enthusiasm to contributing to the ongoing success of Fairfield Intermediate School. The new trustees are:

Tim Cox  
Andrew Gibbs  
Tania Heke  
Rachel Potae

As a Board we are excited about our change from Technology classes to Create, and are delighted with the teachers' passion to develop something that looks vibrant and engaging, and play an important role in raising student achievement across the school.

Finally, I would like to invite you to our community BBQ held on the school field next Wednesday 28 February from 5:30 pm. It's a great time to meet teachers, and get to know the new (and 'old') Board members.

Ngā mihi  
Rebecca Renner  
Board of Trustees' Chairperson



Facebook has made some changes to your newsfeed, prioritizing individual posts over pages like ours. If you don't want to miss the posts on our Facebook page click 'follow' or 'following' (next to the 'like' button).

A drop down menu appears and you can select 'See first'. This way you will stay in the loop with all that is happening at Fairfield Intermediate.

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### ***Host Families Urgently Needed ...***

***For Thai students from 11-31 March. Please contact the school or email  
Pennie Braithwaite - [pbraithwaite@fairfieldintermediate.school.nz](mailto:pbraithwaite@fairfieldintermediate.school.nz) for  
further information.***

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## Student Acknowledgments ...

We congratulate and acknowledge the following students who received certificates at assembly for their efforts and achievements.

|         |                        |  |
|---------|------------------------|--|
| Room 9  | Raydiance Ranga        | Demonstrating courtesy to others and having a positive attitude at all times to your learning. |
| Room 10 | Tamwi Metai            | Consistently showing all of the four C's and being a great Class Leader.                       |
| Room 12 | Ginixz Tupekea         | Settling in well and striving to meet classroom expectations.                                  |
| Room 14 | Paige Kokaua           | Her outstanding leadership skills and effort to be a role model to her peers when learning.    |
| Room 15 | Zane Smith             | Showing courage, commitment and courtesy in preventing an altercation.                         |
| Room 16 | Abbi Keyser            | Continuously displaying the 4 C's in the classroom.  |
| Room 17 | Seo Hee Lee            | Being a conscientious and diligent student this year.  |
| Room 20 | Tyrell Reiri           | Demonstrating courtesy towards his peers and teachers.   |
| Room 21 | Aria Hawkes            | Showing commitment to her learning task and also being courteous to those around her.          |
| Room 22 | Saphire Mihaka-Barrett | Showing great commitment to her learning by being focused.                                     |
| Room 23 | Jake Young             | His tenacity in showing COURTESY in Room 23.   |
| Room 24 | Kayden Peita-Hill      | Your risk-taking during learning discussions and for stepping up as a role model.              |
| Room 25 | Joshua Edgar           | Having an exceptional attitude towards writing in week three. Thank you!                       |
| Room 26 | Jayda Leef             | Your exceptionally positive attitude towards your learning so far this year.                   |
| Room 29 | Haylie Loughheed       | Showing great initiative and courtesy, in and out of class.                                    |
| Room 30 | Tafiga Mekini          | Your courtesy and kindness demonstrated every day. Muy bien!                                   |

# WELL DONE!

## Community News ...

### CHARTWELL HEALTHY FAMILIES DAY

**Saturday 24 February from 10.00 am to 4.00 pm at Bankwood Park, Belmont Ave, Chartwell.**

An opportunity to bring your family and have questions answered from some of our supporting health professionals –

\*Jetts Fitness

\*Diabetes NZ

\*Te Raukura Hauora O Waikato

\*Cancer Society NZ

\*Mindfoodness

\*Chartwell Dentist

And many more. Sponsored by Fairfield Community House and Caltex Chartwell.



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### VARSITY TAIOHI JUNIOR RUGBY REGISTRATION/WEIGH-IN

Ages 5–13 on Sunday 4 March from 2–4pm at The Don Clubrooms (Gate 3B by the Silverdale Road tennis courts). New players require a copy of a birth certificate or passport.

Subs \$25. Contacts: Billy Cribb on 027 858 3111 [bill@clb.co.nz](mailto:bill@clb.co.nz) or

Jimmy Heta on 021 285 4669 [jimmy.heta@xtra.co.nz](mailto:jimmy.heta@xtra.co.nz)

### SUBURBS COMMUNITY SPORTS CLUB

#### 2018 JUNIOR RUGBY WEIGH-IN

Sunday 11 March 10am-2pm at Suburbs Community Sports Club, Flagstaff Park, Commodore Ave, Hamilton. Ages 4-12 years, boys and girls all welcome. All new players are required to bring a birth certificate or passport. For further details go to [www.hamiltonsuburbs.co.nz](http://www.hamiltonsuburbs.co.nz) or contact Brendon Stone 0274 846 013.



### POP-UP BOOK FAIR AND GARAGE SALE

Saturday 3 March from 9.00 am to 5.00 pm at the Wesley Methodist Hall, Heaphy Terrace, Hamilton. Funds raised will go to New Zealand Red Cross to keep doing good at home and overseas.

0800 RED CROSS / REDCROSS.ORG.NZ

### HAMILTON MARIST JUNIOR RUGBY CLUB

Competition Grades 2018 Teams - \*\*Pre-season Skills & Fitness Training\*\*

Calling all 11<sup>th</sup>–13<sup>th</sup> Grade Rugby players. Sunday Sessions 10am – 12pm at Marist Clubrooms on 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, and 25<sup>th</sup> March. Please be there as from these sessions we will be developing the competition grades for the 2018 season. The 25 March sessions will be simulated games to create the teams.

Also if you are keen to coach or manage a competition team grade team please contact us. Steve Burgess on 027 335 8866 or email [Hamilton.marist.junior.rugby@gmail.com](mailto:Hamilton.marist.junior.rugby@gmail.com).

Please remember to bring a drink bottle, boots or sneakers and a great attitude!!