



This week we bid farewell to our friends from our sister school in Naniwa, Japan, and wished them safe travels back to their homeland.



*Exceptional Learners
Exceptional Place
Whakaharahara
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Whakaharahara wāhi*



Naniwa, Japan

Daily Student Notices ...

These are published daily on our school website
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

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, Greetings

I would like to acknowledge the parents who came in to meet with ERO this week and also our staff who have been so accommodating with the ERO team. They found many positive examples of student learning, engagement and achievement and were most impressed with the tone and culture of our school. We are awaiting a draft report from ERO and the final report is not usually completed and public for up to five or six weeks so we will share this in due course.

Congratulations to our numerous sports teams (and their coaches) who have been out competing with courage and passion this term. We have had some excellent results and a number of comments commending their conduct and modelling of our school virtues.



Next week we have our beginning of the year learning conferences with teachers. These are essential in establishing our learning pathways and helping our students to achieve their expected learning success. Your support in attending is greatly appreciated and we look forward to seeing many of you here over the two days these are scheduled.

We have a Stop Work Union Meeting next Thursday which means the school will be closed from 12.30 pm. These are out of our control and means our school is used as a base for local teachers to meet and discuss current issues within the profession, some of which have been highlighted in recent media postings. We apologise for this inconvenience in a week that also has our learning conferences.

Thank you for your ongoing support and we look forward to seeing many of you here next week supporting your child's learning journey.

Andrew Shortcliffe
Principal



Learning Conferences – These will take place on Monday 19 March and Tuesday 20 March. Please note that the **school will be closing at 12.45 pm on both of these days.**

NZEI Union Meeting – This is to be held on Thursday 22 March which all teachers that are Union members are entitled to attend. **School will be closing at 12.30 pm** on this day. Union meetings are taking place nationwide. We apologise for any inconvenience.

Student Notices – Term 1 is always a very busy time at school and there are always lots of notices for the students regarding sports, academies, meetings, etc. Please feel free to check out the Daily Student Notices which are put up on the school website daily - <http://www.fairfieldintermediate.school.nz/>.



On behalf of the Fairfield Intermediate PTA, we invite you to attend our Annual General Meeting on **Monday 19 March** at 7.00pm, in the School Staffroom. Parking is available at the back gate off Kensington Place. Everyone is welcome to attend.

AIMS GAMES 2018

Parent information meeting **20 March** from 6.00 to 6.30pm. This is an opportunity to discuss AIMS Games 2018, team options, fundraising, etc. All welcome to attend.



Waikato Police

Published by Constable Jack Driver [?] · Just now ·

After a recent job, Detective Constable Natalie Tawhai wanted to raise some awareness around keeping our kids safe.

By no means is this intended to scare anyone, it is just something we (as parents) should keep in mind. We should educate our children so they would know what to do if any problems ever arise.

There have been a couple of reports around a suspicious looking white vehicle, with a Caucasian male driver stopping to speak to children. Of course we want to be on the front foot and prevent anything happening.

If anyone saw anything suspicious around the Moonlight Drive / Alconbury Drive area on Thursday the 8th March (between 3.30pm and 3.45pm) and then the following day around the O'Regan Road / Rukuhia Road at about 3.45pm, please let us know.

Couple of tips from Nat and I:

- Discuss with your own children or at your schools. What would be the best thing to do if a stranger comes up to your child?
- If you see something, note as much detail as you can, number plates are perfect and ring us. Better us checking things out over something bad happening right?

Can your kids have a walking buddy?

'Safe houses' along the route home (friendly neighbour?, nearby friend?)

Keep vigilant and be safe and please tag your school in.

Jack

#SaferCommunitiesTogether



#KeepingOurKidsSafe



Waikato Police

Community News ...



GARAGE SALE Plus FOOD COURT
SATURDAY 24 MARCH
MELVILLE HIGH SCHOOL
8.30am – Noon

LIVE LARGE! – The Ultimate School Holiday Experience **Leadership Holiday Programme** **For 11-14 year olds - 16-20 April 2018**

Are you looking for a holiday programme to develop your child, grow their leadership skills, get them thinking outside the box? We offer a fun challenging week of activities to inspire young leaders and give them the tools to create opportunities.

Cost: Early Bird Special \$175 register before 6 April. From 7 April \$195.

Daily attendance is \$55. OSCAR approved, WINZ subsidy available.

Register online at www.wilss.ac.nz or contact Zelda on 839 9908 or email zelda@wilss.ac.nz.

HAMILTON WANDERERS JUNIORS FOOTBALL

Registrations available for 5th grade and above - boys and girls. Grading/Muster for 9th grade and above (born 2009 and earlier), Sunday 18 March - Porritt Stadium. For further details please contact wanderersjuniors@gmail.com.

WAIKATO SYNCHRONISED SWIMMING CLUB **HAVE A GO AT SYNCHRO!**

If you are 7 to 12 years old, a good swimmer but getting a bit bored with swimming lengths, love to dance, or enjoy the flexibility in gymnastics – you should think about taking up synchronised swimming. Come along with your friends and have a go at Synchro!!

First lesson free: Sunday 18 March 12pm – 1.30pm at Gallagher Aquatic Centre.

For enquiries contact Sophie on 027 229 2278 or waikatosynchro@gmail.com.



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HAMILTON MARIST JUNIOR RUGBY CLUB

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

Calling all 11th–13th Grade Rugby players. Sunday Sessions 10am – 12pm at Marist Clubrooms on 18th and 25th 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.

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

REFUGEE SUPPORTS VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED



Anyone with a passion for helping people and an interest in welcoming new Kiwis can be a Red Cross Refugee Support Volunteer. No previous experience in this area is required, as our comprehensive training equips you with the skills you will need. Free training courses are offered every two months. The next course will start on Tuesday 20 March 2018. For more information please contact Juergen Pothmann on 07 850 4663 or 021 228 2065 or email Juergen.Pothmann@redcross.org.nz.