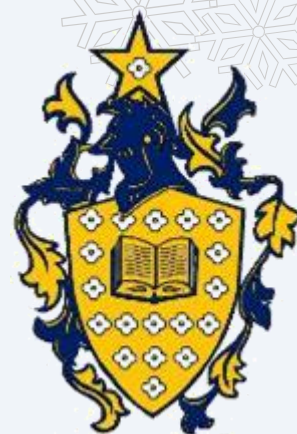


Congratulations!

To all the students who have made
the 2018 Academies!



*Exceptional Learners
Exceptional Place
Whakarahara
ā konga
Whakarahara wāhi*



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, Greetings

Term 2 has started with a strong school-wide focus on writing. Part of our recent ERO review identified that a significant number of our students arrive at Fairfield Intermediate below National Standards, particularly in writing. Our challenge is to raise the number of students achieving at and above standards during their time at our school. It is a challenge we have taken on board with enthusiasm and as a school, we have made our first focus on writing.

To this end, staff are participating in a range of professional development workshops and opportunities to enhance their capacity to teach writing and assist our students in setting achievable writing goals. Your support as whanau, in taking an interest in your child's writing and goals, is essential for any educational strategies to be truly successful and we look forward to sharing your child's progress and achievements throughout the year.

I would like to thank all the families that attended our annual capping ceremony on Thursday night and were present to share in the celebration of our student success. I would also like to acknowledge our guest speaker Mr Paora Winitana, ex Tall Black, White Ribbon and Olympic Ambassador, for inspiring our students and staff in their learning journey. I would also like to thank Mr Winitana for coming in at 7.00am today to work with two groups of students around goal setting, work ethics and building capacity as people.

A reminder to whanau that our academies have their first parent information evenings (as set out below) to outline their annual programme, to answer questions from parents and clarify the vision for each academy. Please check our Facebook page and the flyers sent home with students for more information.

Andrew Shortcliffe
Principal

Academy Parent Information Evening

Wednesday 9 May

5.30pm - Digital

6.15pm - Academic

7.00pm - Hospitality

Thursday 10 May

5.30pm - Science/Engineering

6.15pm - Sports

7.00pm - Arts



PTA News ... Coupland's Pies and Biscuits

This term the PTA will be selling Coupland's Pies and Biscuits, with the profits being used to upgrade the existing BBQ picnic tables and to buy several new ones for the students.

Order forms have gone home and must be returned by Friday 11 May with delivery taking place on Friday 18 May.

*This is a great way to fill the freezer with easy hot meals, great for winter sports days!
Please support the PTA.*

Tupperware Fundraiser ...

This fundraiser will run from Monday 7 May to Sunday 13 May. Information will be sent out on Monday with 10% from all sales also going towards new picnic tables for the students.

School Accounts

By now, with the first term complete, you should have paid your child's school fees, or be paying them off by automatic payment. There are several accounts still outstanding. All fees, with the exception of the donation, are compulsory, and necessary to purchase resources for teaching your children. Academy invoices have been charged at the end of Term 1 and need to be paid as soon as possible.

Please note that sports and trip or event fees will no longer be charged to accounts for paying off. These must be paid at the time in order for your child to play their sport or attend their trips. Camp fees are required to be paid before camp begins.

If you are finding it difficult to pay the compulsory fees, please contact Sharon on 855 9718 extn 843 or email accounts@fairfieldintermediate.school.nz to discuss a payment plan. We are happy to make it as easy as we can for you and can build a payment plan around your budget.

School Donation

Fairfield Intermediate School requests from families a voluntary donation of \$50.00 per student per year. You will see this on your accounts. Your financial support is greatly appreciated should you choose to pay the donation, as Government funding is lower than the costs involved with running our school. The donation goes a long way towards meeting these costs.

Thank you to those that have paid the donation. You should have received an email over the last week with a receipt for your 2017 and 2018 donations paid. If you have not received a receipt, or require a paper copy instead, please contact Sharon on 07 855 9718 extn 843 or email accounts@fairfieldintermediate.school.nz.

You may make a claim on your tax return for any donations made to our school, providing you present a receipt.

SCIENCE ROADSHOW

This week Fairfield Intermediate hosted the Science Roadshow. Many schools from around Hamilton visited the Roadshow and many Fairfield students were lucky enough to experience an exciting variety of scientific concepts. A very big thank you to the Year 8 Science Academy students who worked for two days as Science Roadshow exhibit explainers. You all did a fabulous job and the staff of the Science Roadshow were very impressed with your courtesy and commitment.



CREATE UPDATE



Students have had an exciting time so far in Create. Starting in week four last term, all students began their rotation through each of the five Create subjects - MakerSpace, MediaLab, Performance, Hauora and Fusion.

MakerSpace students learned how to work safely. MediaLab students have explored digital art. Performance students experienced drama and music. Fusion saw students experiencing thorough scientific investigations. Hauora students were encouraged to eat and think positively.

By the end of this term, all students will have visited all subjects and will be given the choice of one subject for Term 3. Students may not get their first choice, so preference will be given to Year 8 students and to students who have demonstrated positive attitude and effort.

If your child has not yet shared with you their Create experience, please ask them. For most, Create is a really positive experience.



Community News ...

SATURDAY MORNING MUSIC CLASSES

Enrolments are now open for Term Two 2018 at the Waikato Community School of Music (formerly Hamilton Community Centre of Music). The first session is on Saturday 5 May.

The Centre caters for all ages (3 to retired) and ability levels, offering group-format music tuition in a range of instruments. Fees range from \$39 to \$95 per term, depending on age and instrument. The enrolment fee for an instrument class includes participation in as many of our ensembles as you wish, at no additional charge.

Class times are between 8.00am and 1.00pm on Saturday mornings during primary school terms. The Centre is located on the University of Waikato campus in Hillcrest.

Contact us via our website <http://www.hccm.ac.nz/> or on 07 838 4611.



Fusion Marching Club is looking to grow our Club.

We would like to invite New Members "To GIVE MARCHING A GO". Ages: 5 years – 12 years

Our values – Teamwork, Respect and Self Discipline.

Marching is a gentle non-conflict sport which offers Fitness,

Friendships for life, Fun learning to music, and the opportunity to travel.

If you would like to join our Fusion Marching Club please contact for details:

Michelle: 021 376 288 or Fusion.marching.club@gmail.com.