



This week we were privileged to host Mike King who came as part of his 'I AM HOPE' tour. This tour addresses mental health in New Zealand, as Mike shares his own journey with mental health, and tools and strategies to use to be able to talk about it, and work through it.

Thank you to Mike and Hayley, for their input and encouragement. We really appreciated their visit.

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**Exceptional Place**  
**Whakaharahara**  
**ākonga**  
**Whakaharahara 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**

We were very fortunate this week to host Mike King as part of his 'I AM HOPE' tour of New Zealand. The opportunity came up on short notice so not all students were able to attend but we felt that it was too good a learning experience for our students not to take advantage of his offer. The feedback from the students was overwhelmingly positive and teachers have linked this back to our term focus on stereotyping and our Virtues focus on Courage.

As part of our focus on raising student achievement the Management Team have spent the mornings in classrooms this week observing learning, lessons and interacting with students about their goals and learning journey. The students have been fantastic to talk with and have demonstrated great courage and co-operation in chatting to the senior staff about their learning, what they enjoy about school and sharing their ideas with us about how we can make school more positive for them and support them in their learning. Well done everyone!

Special thanks to the large number of families who have attended our academy parent information evenings this week and we look forward to sharing your child's journey and success with you throughout the year.

Andrew Shortcliffe  
Principal

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

**WRITING:** We make no secret of our pride in the wide range of innovative educational experiences offered at Fairfield Intermediate. Our Academies and the new-look tech classes (now 'CREATE') are great examples of our desire to meet a broad range of needs and prepare our students for life in a fast-changing world. That said, we also pride ourselves on delivering excellence in the three basics of a sound education – reading, writing and maths. This year our focus is on writing, and the Board is confident in the Leadership Team's plan for seeing improvement school-wide.

**FINANCES:** In our commitment to transparency and to communicate well with our community, the Board has decided to share with you a summary of the school budget and a message from the Board of Trustees' Finance Committee (see below).

**ACADEMY:** Lastly, it was great to be able to attend the 'Capping Ceremony' and see the many students interested in the Academies being acknowledged for their hard work in earning a place. No doubt a highlight for students was finding out what small token each Academy Head had chosen as a gift to prepare the students for their Academy. (The gifts are covered in the fees each Academy charge.) Thank you to all the parents/whanau who came to help make this a night of celebration.

Ngā mihi  
Rebecca Renner  
Board of Trustees Chairperson

## Fairfield Intermediate School 2018 Budget

An appropriate balance between expenditures (planned and realised) and funding (projected and received) has been achieved after many hours of analysis, costing and projections by the school leadership and finance teams.

Over 70% of the school's funding this year is coming from the Ministry of Education (your tax dollars). We also anticipate a significant income (20%) from our International Department student fees. Most of this money is used within the International Department itself, however, a portion is used more generally on school expenses that also benefit the International Department. Your school donations and fees constitute approximately 5% of the total school funding.

The vast majority of the school's funds (90%) will be used to cover costs associated with the school's core curriculum (including teacher and staff salaries and the International Department), and infrastructure (property, vehicles and equipment). The new CREATE programme (which appears to be off to a great start) consumes approximately 5% of the total budget. The Academies are primarily self-funded this year through participant fees. However, a small amount of Board funding has been allocated, roughly equally, to each. The Arts Academy has been allocated the largest amount (\$7500), while the Leadership Academy will be receiving the smallest amount (\$3000). These figures are commensurate with the total number of students participating in each Academy.

Although not commonly shared publicly, the Board is providing this information as part of our ongoing commitment to communication and transparency, for both parents and staff. Please feel free to provide comments or questions, in writing, directly to the Board.

Kind regards

Board of Trustees' Finance Committee

### 2018 Student Council

Pictured here with the 2018 Student Council are Paula Dewer and Chris Warren who are tutors from the Waikato Leisure and Sport Institute. They are the co-ordinators for the School Learning2Lead Youth Leadership programme in the Waikato Region. They are the tutors and mentors in leadership development for the School Council for 2018.







## Lit Quiz

The tension was palpable as 50 teams from across the Waikato were pitted against each other in the quest to win the regional round of the Children's Literature Quiz. Ten rounds of questions, covering all genres, tested the skill, memory and fortitude of all passionate readers. Our two teams were exceptional in their attitude, determination and cooperation. During the evening success came with a round win for Fairfield 1 and our second team made the final for a round win twice, before securing a competition prize for the most points without winning a round. After three hours of gruelling questions, fifth place in the competition was secured by Libby Hayvice, Sophie Roberts, Emily Bird and Isabella Shanks, followed closely by team two in eighth place, comprised of Shannan Aplin, Zara Gibbs, Hilary Clarke and Lauren King.

## Community News ...



### TOOLBOX PARENTING COURSE - INTERMEDIATE YEARS (AGE 9-13)

6 week course - Wednesdays - 30 May - 4 July - 7:15 - 9:30 pm

Venue: Waimarie: Hamilton East Community House  
53 Wellington Street, Hamilton.

Book online or contact Anne 858 3453 or email [admin@waimarie.org](mailto:admin@waimarie.org).

Cost: \$20 per person or \$30 per couple, subsidies available on request.

Thanks to generous community funding.

### GWYNNE SHIELD RUGBY TRIALS

Calling all rugby players! The Gwynne Shield Rugby trials are on this Sunday 13 May and next Sunday 20 May at Swarbrick Park, Frankton. Registrations are from 9:30 am. Trials are from 10.00am - 12:30pm. Trial weight is 56kg & under. All welcome.

### 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.

### ENGLISH TUTORING

English tutoring up to NCEA Level 2 and Mathematics tutoring up to Year 10 by a current Year 13 NCEA Level 3 student. I have done 7 years of ICAS Mathematics and English examinations, 4 years of Otago Problem Solving Competitions and have represented my school for the WaiMaths, Kid's Literacy Quiz, Spelling Bee and Chanel Shield competitions. My tuition rate is \$30 for primary school students and \$35 for high school students per hour. Contact Nikita in the evenings at 022 023 6266.



**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](mailto:Fusion.marching.club@gmail.com).