



FAIRFIELD INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

# Welcome to Fairfield Intermediate School

## 29 January 2025

### IMPORTANT INFORMATION – PLEASE KEEP

#### SCHOOL HOURS

Monday to Friday 8.45 am to 2.55 pm

Interval 10.40 am to 11.05 am

Lunch 12.35 pm to 1.25 pm

#### SCHOOL TERMS 2025

Term 1 – Wednesday 29 January to Friday 11 April

Term 2 – Monday 28 April to Friday 27 June

Term 3 – Monday 14 July to Friday 19 September

Term 4 – Monday 6 October to Friday 12 December

#### SCHOOL ABSENTEE PHONE LINE

Please phone the school on 855 9718 Ext 1, text 021 250 5968, email [absent@fairfieldintermediate.school.nz](mailto:absent@fairfieldintermediate.school.nz) or call in to the school reception to report if your child is absent. 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.

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PH: 07 855 9718

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[www.fairfieldintermediate.school.nz](http://www.fairfieldintermediate.school.nz)





# *A message from the Principal...*

Kia Ora Koutou, Greetings,

A warm welcome to all new families, and returning families, to the Fairfield Intermediate School community. We are really excited about the year ahead and look forward to supporting your child as they continue on their learning journey. We are focused on providing a safe, happy and encouraging learning environment filled with challenges and opportunities for your child.



We are excited to welcome our new Year 7 students (and new Year 8 students) to our Fairfield Intermediate whānau and welcome back our Year 8 students who are returning for another wonderful year. It has also been a pleasure to welcome our new staff to the school – they are already proving to be a great addition and their enthusiasm for teaching and learning is already evident. A full list of our 2025 staff can be found in this newsletter.

The beginning of the school year is an opportunity for your child to set new learning goals, make new friends, work with a range of new teachers and engage in a range of fantastic learning experiences. Our staff have worked hard during the holiday period to set up some wonderful learning experiences to ensure that your child's transition to their new school is a very positive experience. This newsletter also contains some important information to assist with this smooth transition so that you feel well informed and ready for the school year.

Please continue to check out our Facebook page and fortnightly newsletters for the latest information and updates. If you have any questions or queries regarding any information that comes home, please contact the school and we will be happy to assist. We want to ensure that we make the transition as smooth as possible for your child and that you have the information you require as a parent and caregiver in order for your child to have a successful time at Fairfield Intermediate School. We have an open-door policy and value the relationship that we have with you as parents, caregivers and whānau and we are looking forward to working together with you to benefit your child and their learning.

Ngaa mihi

**Angela Walters**  
**Principal**

# Introducing Staff for 2025

## Senior Leadership Team

Ms Angela Walters - Principal

Mr Chris Keegan - Deputy Principal

Mrs Fiona Stapleton - Assistant Principal

## Student Pastoral Dean

Mr Grant Edwards

## Curriculum Coach

Ms Mel Neumann

## Teaching Teams 2025 (House Dean – coloured)

### Totara (Blue)

Miss Georgia Ballard - Room 1

Miss Pyper Kerr - Room 2

Mrs Kristie Gribben - Room 3

Miss Josie Fittall - Room 4

**Mrs Lynn Lee - Room 11**

### Kowhai (Yellow)

Miss Georgie Davey - Room 5

Mrs Louisa Thomson - Room 6

**Ms Lauren Wood - Room 7**

Mrs Cheryl Ali - Room 8

Mrs Tarsh Leaf - Room 12

### Kauri (Orange)

**Mrs Victoria Boswell - Room 14**

Miss Olivia Goodman - Room 15

Mrs Tracey de Waard - Room 16

Miss Sarah Norton - Room 17

Miss Casey Pester - Room 18

### Rimu (Red)

Mrs Gillian Mackay - Room 19

Miss Nikita Akkersma - Room 20

**Mrs Daina Turner - Room 21**

Mr Michael Logan - Room 22

Ms Lorraine Semple - Room 23

Ms Rachel Wade-Swelim - Mirror Room

### Puriri (Black)

Mrs Bernie Lockhart - Room 24

Miss Abby McKenzie - Room 25

**Mrs Jeannette Hogg - Room 26**

Mr Brendon Keats - Room 27

Miss Olivia Scott - Room 28

### Nikau (Green)

Mrs Tamara Mark - Room 9

Miss Tylah Ngarangione-Wicks - Room 10

**Mr Michael Cunningham - Room 29**

Mrs Clare Macdermid - Room 30

## Technology Department

**Mrs Lee Hudson - Hauora**

Miss Alana Cooper - Design and Visual Communication (DVC)

Ms Danielle Nicie - Digital

Mrs Helen Mackenzie - Music

Mr Daniel Collins - Music

Miss Kelly Porima - Science

Mrs Nelda Halgryn - Visual Arts

Mr Matt Hewett - Workshop Technology

Mr Jono Dawson - Sports Science



### International/ESOL

Ms Pennie Braithwaite  
Mr Chris Singh  
Mrs Zena Taylor  
Mrs Xiaofei Zhou  
Mrs Barbara Reynolds

### Curriculum HODs

Overall HOD – Mrs Fiona Stapleton  
Literacy – Ms Mel Neumann  
Mathematics – Mrs Victoria Boswell  
Digital – Mrs Jess Allison  
Sports – Mr Chris Keegan/Miss Hannah Griffin  
Health and PE – Miss Hannah Griffin  
Te Ao Maaori – Mrs Tarsh Leaf  
Pasifika – Mrs Jeannette Hogg

### Release Teachers

Miss Hannah Griffin  
Mrs Jess Allison  
Mr Dave Hogg  
Mrs Linda Watling  
Mrs Rachel Tukia  
Mrs Stacey Smith  
Mr Jordan Davies

### Administration and Support

Mrs Jacky Cameron – Receptionist  
Mrs Jos Falanitama – Student Centre  
Mrs Trina King – Admin Support  
Mrs Shamima Mohammed – Finance Officer  
Mrs Jackie Fluke – Librarian  
Mr Adam Batistich – Property Manager  
Mr Paul Hansen – Assistant Project Manager  
Mr Quinn Keegan – Groundsman  
Mr Keith Spooner – Gardens/Grounds

### Check and Connect Mentor

Mrs Katie-Jane Tiller

### Learning Support

Mrs Alma Juma – SENCO  
Mrs Diane Ormsby –  
ORS Co-ordinator  
Mrs Caroline Taylor –  
Learning Support Co-ordinator  
Mrs Pauline Crow –  
Learning Support Co-ordinator  
Miss Kiani Elers – ORS Teacher

### Learning Assistants

Mrs Lyn Reid  
Ms Susan Aretere  
Mrs Elaine Huirama  
Miss Abbey Clarke  
Miss Miranda McArthur  
Mr Hayden Cornwell  
Mrs Nicole Godkin  
Mrs Debbie Watson  
Miss Jo Astill  
Miss Ava Dunn  
Mr Danny Bailey  
Miss Gabby Hepburn  
Mr Ben McIntosh  
Miss Trinity Mudaliar  
Miss Rosalynn Rowell  
Miss Vicky Scherer Keen  
Mr Kristian Tiffany  
Mr Caleb Wright  
Mrs Jane Yeoman  
Miss Stevie-Rae Takarangi

### Music Tutor/Support

Miss April Haines  
Mrs Miranda Scantlebury



## Mr Chris Keegan

Deputy Principal and Sports Co-Ordinator



Chris works closely with the Principal to support the day-to-day running of the school. Chris also works alongside the Student Pastoral Dean and Senior Leadership Team to ensure that Fairfield Intermediate School is a safe and happy place for students to be.

Chris regularly meets with parents, students and whānau and oversees funding applications for students and the school. He enjoys the Sports Co-ordinator position, co-ordinating all sporting codes including overseeing the National AIMS Games, Sports and Wheako Programme. Chris manages all EOTC class trips and camps. Please feel free to make contact with Chris via the school office or email [ckeegan@fairfieldintermediate.school.nz](mailto:ckeegan@fairfieldintermediate.school.nz)

## Mrs Fiona Stapleton

Assistant Principal and HOD Curriculum



Fiona works with all students at Fairfield Intermediate to ensure that they are feeling happy, safe and that their learning is a priority. Fiona meets with parents often to manage school enrolments and learning engagement. She works alongside the Senior Leadership Team, Student Pastoral Dean and Curriculum Coach to best meet the needs of all students. She also works closely with all House Deans to develop and oversee the school curriculum and assessment programmes and practices. Fiona also supports the HOD of Technology and Arts department with curriculum development, supporting the teachers to provide engaging learning programmes outside of the main classroom. Fiona also works closely with the beginning teachers to grow and develop their practice as fully registered teachers. To make contact with Fiona, call the school office or email at [fstapleton@fairfieldintemediate.school.nz](mailto:fstapleton@fairfieldintemediate.school.nz)

## Mr Grant Edwards

Student Pastoral Dean



Grant works to support students and staff in creating a safe and caring environment at Fairfield Intermediate School. Grant will touch base with students and whānau regarding behaviours in and out of the classroom. As part of his Pastoral Dean role, he will ensure those students with learning and behavioural needs have programmes to support their achievement at school. Please feel free to make contact with Grant via the school office or email [gedwards@fairfieldintermediate.school.nz](mailto:gedwards@fairfieldintermediate.school.nz).

## Mrs Alma Juma

SENCO



Alma is new to Fairfield Intermediate School this year, joining our learning support team. She works with the learning support and senior leadership teams to provide support and opportunities to ensure all FIS students can access the curriculum and wider school life. Alma is there to ensure the students with particular needs or learning challenges have programmes, guidance and resources to meet their needs. Please feel free to make contact with

Alma via the school office or email [ajuma@fairfieldintermediate.school.nz](mailto:ajuma@fairfieldintermediate.school.nz)



## **PROBLEMS AND CONCERNS**

If you have problems and concerns, the first place to address them is with your child's class teacher, and then if not resolved, with your child's House Dean. If the problem is still unresolved then please contact the Student Pastoral Dean, Mr Grant Edwards, Deputy Principal, Mr Chris Keegan, or the Assistant Principal, Mrs Fiona Stapleton. Finally, you can always contact the Principal, Ms Angela Walters, if issues remain unresolved.

## **EMERGENCY PROCEDURES**

Please refer to the school website – [www.fairfieldintermediate.school.nz](http://www.fairfieldintermediate.school.nz).

## **IN SCHOOL CONNECTIONS DAY**

Each of the houses will have an in-school connections day to provide further opportunities for our students and staff to develop Whanaungatanga. The days assist students and teachers to develop a strong house culture and give a solid foundation to build relationships between the students within their house and the staff that work with them. These are scheduled for:

Tuesday 4 February – Kowhai House, Rimu House, and Totara House

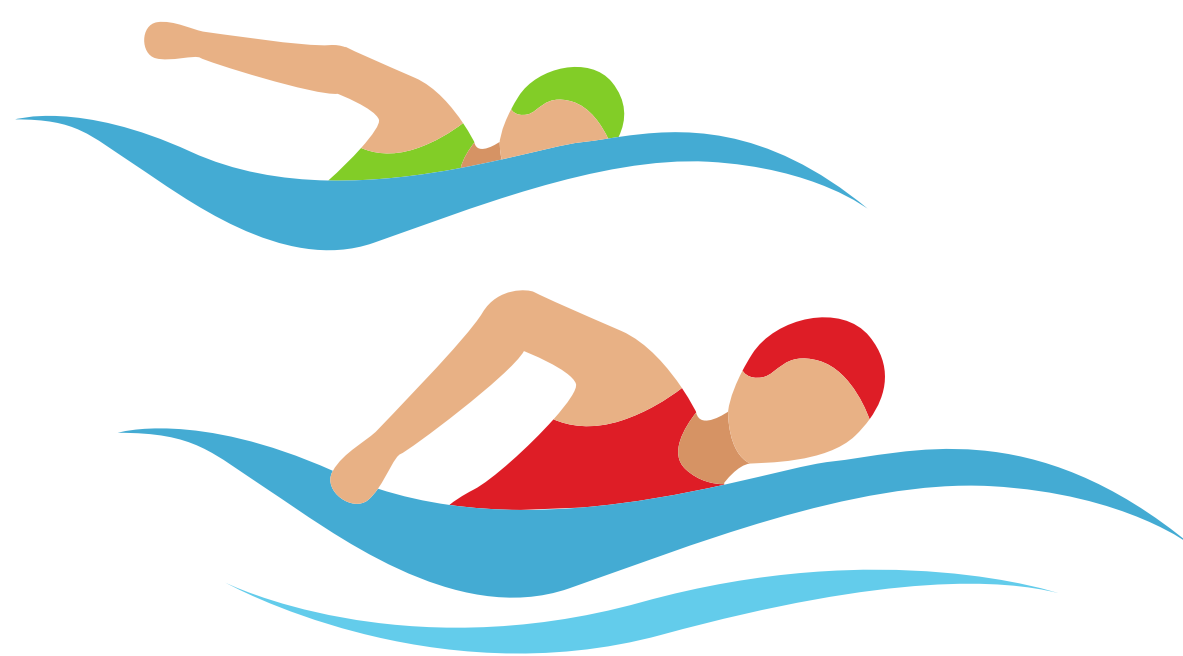
Wednesday 5 February – Puriri House, Nikau House, and Kauri House

There will be a newsletter coming home later this week.

## **SWIMMING SPORTS**

This year our school swimming sports will be held over two days – Year Sevens on Wednesday 12 February and Year Eights on 13 February. Each day will start at 9.30am and will be held at St Paul's Collegiate Swimming Pool. This day will have a variety of competitive and non-competitive (fun) events to ensure all students have the opportunity to participate. More information about our school swimming sports will be sent out closer to the date.

The winners of the competitive finals held at our swimming sports will go on to represent the school at the Waikato Intermediate and Middle Schools' Competition which will be held on Monday 11 March. Parents, caregivers and whānau are more than welcome to attend to support your children.



## **MEET THE TEACHER BBQ**

We will be holding an opportunity for parents and caregivers to meet with classroom teachers on Tuesday 11 February from 5.30 to 7.00 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. More information to come.

## **SCHOOL DONATION**

The Government has offered schools who are eligible, funding of \$150.00 per student in lieu of school donations. The Fairfield Intermediate Board of Trustees have once again accepted this funding for the 2025 school year.

## **TECHNOLOGY AND ARTS PROGRAMME DONATION**

The Fairfield Intermediate Technology Programme provides opportunities for our students in the area of technology and the arts. During the year, students will have the opportunity to take part in seven of the eight subjects offered.

**The annual fee for the take home component is \$100 and these are as follows:**

1. Bobble man project (Workshop)
2. Lego Character design (DVC)
3. Drink bottle design (DVC)
4. Glazed Ceramic Treasure box (Visual Arts)
5. Sketch book and Completed 3D painting (Visual Arts)
6. USB Flash drive (Digital)
7. Candle (Science)
8. Sherbet (Science)
9. Soundtrap recording, digital composition (Music)
10. FIS Guitar pick (Music)
10. Recipe Book (Hauora)
11. Cooked products (Hauora)

If you would like to pay for the take home components, please complete payment for these by Friday 14 March, although we will accept payment after this date. You are also welcome to set up an automatic payment. The school bank account number is ASB 12-3171-0206429-00, please ensure you put the student's name as our reference.

If you do not wish to purchase the take home components, please contact our Finance Officer, Mrs Shamima Mohammed, on 07 855 9718 ext 843 or email [accounts@fairfieldintermediate.school.nz](mailto:accounts@fairfieldintermediate.school.nz) to have it removed from your account. Please be assured that your child will not be excluded from participating in the technology and arts programme should you decide not to purchase the take home components, as we wish to be inclusive of all students.



## **ICT MATTERS**

We have a significant investment in IT infrastructure, along with many students bringing their own devices to school. All students will be asked to sign a User Agreement after being taken through it with their class teacher. They will be coming home over the next couple of days.

Device Insurance - Please check that your insurance covers your child's device. The school does not provide cover of any kind. During school hours only all devices will have an anti-virus cover, however there are lots of free on-line anti-virus applications if you wish to load these on to your child's device.

Fairfield Intermediate is a BYOD school (Bring Your Own Device). This means that all students are able to bring their own device to school daily. We suggest laptops or chromebooks over tablets, however, these are still an option if nothing else is available. If your child does not own a device, there are a limited number of laptops and chromebooks that can be borrowed from the school for use at school. Please contact your child's teacher if you have any queries concerning this.



## **LOST PROPERTY**

We have many items of lost property every year, all unnamed. Named property is returned to the student's classroom. Please make sure that all clothing, in particular, is named so it can be returned. Lost property will be kept outside the Student Centre each day.

## **ENTERING THE SCHOOL GROUNDS**

We have an open-door policy, however our Health and Safety Regulations require that if you are visiting our school you must sign in first at Reception. Please do this to ensure that in the case of an emergency everyone on our school grounds is accounted for. Thank you.

## **NEWSLETTERS**

In 2025, our newsletter will normally be emailed every second Friday. There is a lot of information in this newsletter which will be placed on our school website [www.fairfieldintermediate.school.nz](http://www.fairfieldintermediate.school.nz) each week and also sent out via Skool Loop. Please keep your newsletters to refer back to and, in particular, this week's cover page with important information for the year. In addition, please follow the school's Facebook page as this has regular updates.



## DAILY STUDENT NOTICES

These are published every morning at 9.00 am and are posted in all classrooms for students to check so that they are informed of any events/news happening on the day and upcoming events. These are also put on the school website for parents to check on a daily basis and sent out via Skool Loop.

## SKOOL LOOP

Our school uses an online app called Skool Loop. Through this app you will be able to send your absentees via phone, email or text, access the calendar and receive newsletters. School notices can be sent directly to this app from the school and you will receive notifications. This app is completely free to download and we are recommending that all parents please download this to their smartphone. This can be done via your app store – search Skool Loop – download app – once downloaded open the app and select New Zealand – Hamilton – Fairfield Intermediate School. The app will instantly become active. The Skool Loop App is another alternative to the school website, Facebook, newsletters, emails, etc., using today technology to reach out to the school community.



## STATIONERY

Thank you to all those who have purchased stationery already. From Wednesday 29 January the normal stationery sales times are before school from 8.00 am until 8.45 am each morning (i.e., before the school bell rings to start the day) from the Student Centre. These times are standard for stationery sales throughout the year. Eftpos facilities are available although credit card payments are not.

## CYCLING TO SCHOOL/SCOOTERS

Cycling is a great way to get to school but it is important to ride with courtesy and respect for all other cyclists and motorists. Make sure you are visible at all times and clearly show your intentions. Think of other road users when you can, for example, let them know you are happy they waited for you by waving, smiling, or giving them a 'thumbs up'.

This will make sharing the road easier for everyone. Ensure you know the road code regarding cycling and always wear your helmet and lock your bike. No bikes or scooters are to be ridden in school grounds. Scooters are stored in the classroom cloakbays and bikes are stored next to the auditorium during school hours.

## UNIFORM

The correct school uniform is required to be worn at all times during the school day. Please note however that the Fairfield Intermediate hoodies purchased for sports or cultural activities are not part of the correct school uniform. They can be worn at camp or on out-of-school organised sports days but not during normal school hours.

Jewellery – Only the following may be worn:

- Single small gold or silver stud in each ear lobe.
- One wrist watch.
- One plain light chain or bone carving that has cultural or religious significance only.

Please note that the uniform includes black leather shoes, not canvas shoes during Terms 2 and 3, and black Roman sandals or similar style during Terms 1 and 4. Students do have the option to wear shoes or sandals all year if they wish to.

School caps/hats are strongly recommended and we encourage that these are worn during interval and lunch breaks when the students are outside. The caps and hats can be purchased from NZ Uniforms or from the school office.

We would also like to remind you that make-up is not to be worn at school (this includes nail polish) and that plain hair ties or head bands (blue, yellow, white or black) only are to be worn. Students are also to have natural hair colour and long hair is to be tied back. False lashes and nails are also not acceptable. Mufti gear is not to be worn with the uniform (e.g., mufti beanies, coloured tops under school shirts, etc). Please see our school prospectus for more detailed information regarding uniform.

If your child requires a temporary uniform pass for a valid reason, they need to see the Student Pastoral Dean, Mr Grant Edwards. If your child is wearing the incorrect uniform, a letter will be sent home informing parents/caregivers and we will require your child to be in correct uniform from then on.

## EDUCATION AND IMMUNISATION DATES FOR PARENTS

The Public Health Nurse will be at the school for immunisation education and giving out of consent forms on 3 February 2025. If you do not wish your child to attend the education session, please let the school know.



## ABSENCE FROM SCHOOL

**PLEASE NOTE** – In all cases a valid reason must be given for the absence or it will be noted as unjustified.

It is also important that if your child is late, i.e., arriving to school after the morning bell has rung, they must sign in at the Student Centre. They must do this, even if you have phoned the school to explain that they will be late.

We use a text messaging service. In the first instance, where we have been given cellphone numbers, we will text a caregiver if your child is not at school. Please immediately reply to this text or phone the school on 855 9718 to explain the reason for your child's absence.

## BUS BAY – FRONT OF SCHOOL PARKING

Please do not park in the bus bay at the front of school. We need to keep our children safe and the bus bay area needs to be kept clear for school buses.



You are reminded that the speed limit is 40 km/h outside schools, this speed limit is indicated with the flashing school zone speed signs. We would, however, urge you to keep your speed down on Clarkin Road at all times.

The bottom gate, coming in by the wharenuī, is for emergency and special access vehicles only. Do not drive in or drop students off in this driveway.

We also ask that if you are collecting children from school, especially on Clarkin Road, that you make arrangements for them to walk down the road to meet you. With Fairfield Primary finishing earlier than us it is always busy at the front of school from 2.30 pm onwards. The staff car park area, which is clearly marked, is not to be used as a drop off and pick up area. Thank you.

Please also refrain from driving cars in the Kensington Place gate driveway in the mornings or afternoons, unless you are going to the dentist. If you are parking for the dentist, you need to turn right as you drive down the driveway. We now have several school transport vans and cars bringing students to school. They need to have access priority and plenty of room to turn and drop children off safely. Thank you for your understanding and co-operation. We also have a large number of students who exit through this gate and cars in the driveway becomes a health and safety issue

## **CHANGES TO DETAILS – ADDRESS – PHONE – CELLPHONES – EMAIL**

Please ensure that all changes of address, phone numbers, cellphone numbers and email addresses are kept up-to-date with the school. This is particularly important, when we are trying to contact parents/caregivers in cases of sick students at school. Thank you for your assistance with this.

We have already started sending out emails to parents and caregivers. If you have given us your email address but do not seem to be receiving any emails, please contact the school office to ensure we have your correct email address on our records.

## **MONEY / CELLPHONES AT SCHOOL**

If your child needs to bring money to school for use after school, please ensure that they hand it into their classroom teacher who will look after it for the day by placing it in a lockable cupboard and returning it at 2.55 pm. Cellphones are not to be used at school during school time or any time on the school grounds. If your child must bring a cellphone to school for after school use this must also be handed into the classroom teacher for safe keeping. The school will not be held responsible for any cellphones that go missing on school premises.

Please place any money for school costs into an envelope and clearly write your child's name, room number and what the payment is for on the outside of the envelope. Your child is to then put the envelope in the drop box located in the Student Centre. Receipts will be issued to your child over the next day or two.

## **SPORTS 2025**

Welcome to another year of sport at Fairfield Intermediate School. The year is shaping up to be a big one for sport so please encourage your children to get involved! In order for teams to be registered in out-of-school competitions, we require fees to be paid by the cut off date and coaches and managers for each team. Without your support, teams will not be registered and therefore your children will miss out on being involved in out-of-school sports. We also have a parents', and players' code of conduct for sport in 2025. This is located on our school website. Please ensure you have read this alongside your child prior to submitting your registration. Registration forms are sent digitally to parents' emails as a Google form, alternatively students can collect a hard copy registration form from the Student Centre. Mr Chris Keegan is the Sports Co-ordinator this year, so any queries please email Chris directly [ckeegan@fairfieldintermediate.school.nz](mailto:ckeegan@fairfieldintermediate.school.nz), alternatively, you can contact Hannah Griffin who is the Sports Co-ordinator assistant [hgriffin@fairfieldintermediate.school.nz](mailto:hgriffin@fairfieldintermediate.school.nz)



## Player of the Day Certificates

Every term we have hundreds of students registered to play sport for Fairfield Intermediate, if your business has Player of Day Certificates and you would like to support the school with these - please contact Chris Keegan or Hannah Griffin.

## MUSIC TUITION 2025

Is your child interested in Music Lessons for 2025 with our amazing itinerant teachers? If you are wanting to sign up for lessons (instrumental and vocal) please check out the Music Tuition Form. All the details are on this link, including the cost of lessons and teachers information.

Lessons will begin week 3 and the tutors will contact you directly with location, time and day. We are having a "Meet the Music Teacher" evening on Wednesday 5 February from 6.30pm - 7.30pm which you are invited to attend in the school auditorium. Any queries please feel free to contact me, Helen Mackenzie [hmackenzie@fairfieldintermediate.school.nz](mailto:hmackenzie@fairfieldintermediate.school.nz)

Music group opportunities for students who have been playing for more than one year:

**Rock Bands x2:** Fridays during school

**School Concert Band:** Fridays during school

(All wind, brass, percussion players)

**String Ensemble:** Friday mornings 8.00 - 8.30am

(All experienced violin, cello, guitar players)

More information will be given in the notices for these groups and auditions for the rock bands in the first week or two.



## Production 2025

Yes...this year we are putting on another fabulous show! If you are interested in being a part of our production (the story of Peter Pan) and if you did not come to a meeting in the auditorium on the first day of school (Wednesday 29 January) come and visit Mrs Mackenzie to find out all about it.



## FREE PERIOD PRODUCTS

In 2021, the Government announced the national implementation of free access to period products for all schools and kura across New Zealand. Fairfield Intermediate School has opted into this programme. If your daughter attended Fairfield Intermediate in 2024, and you completed a form for her then, can we please ask that you complete a new form as we are updating all of our records. We would like to assure you that this information will be kept confidential and the period products will be distributed to all girls discreetly. If you would like your daughter to be provided with free period products each month, please complete this form <https://forms.gle/pnc5Gfb5KQNdGrJE9> if you have not already done so. If you require further information please contact Hannah Griffin - HoD of Health and Physical Education, [hgriffin@fairfieldintermediate.school.nz](mailto:hgriffin@fairfieldintermediate.school.nz)

## FRIENDS OF THE SCHOOL

We are excited to invite you to join our "Friends of the School" group for 2025. This group has a focus on supporting the school through various fundraising events and initiatives coordinated by Kelly Porima throughout the year. These may include activities such as running a Sausage Sizzle or Bake Sale, helping organize a Move-a-thon, or arranging a Christmas raffle. The best part is that participation is flexible – you can get involved in events that work for you without the need to attend regular meetings or commit to every fundraiser. We understand that everyone has busy schedules, and we hope this new approach provides greater flexibility while still ensuring our school's fundraising efforts remain successful.

If you're interested in joining, please email Kelly, the fundraising coordinator, your expression of interest and we'll gratefully add you to the mailing list. Thank you in advance for your support of our kura.

[kporima@fairfieldintermediate.school.nz](mailto:kporima@fairfieldintermediate.school.nz)

## HEALTHY LUNCH PROGRAMME

As you will be aware, this week our Healthy Lunch Programme started. The meals look amazing and we are excited about the opportunity for the students to try a variety of new food. A copy of the menu has been emailed out to all parents and caregivers and can also be found on our school Facebook page and webpage. We will update you with any changes that are made to this programme, as required. If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact the school.



## CANTEEN

The school canteen will not be operating until further notice.

## BUSIT

- Visit Travelling to school – BUSIT to find out more information about what bus to catch and some tips for travelling by bus.
- Google is a great help! Simply put in your start and end points and switch the mode from walking/driving to transit (the icon looks like a train). This will help you plan your journey to and from school door to door.
- Set each child up with their own Bee Card and remind them to tag on and off the bus, this will mean that they get the best fare available. Until the end of April, the government's Community Connect scheme means that those aged 5-12 years old get free travel and those aged between 13 and 25 half price with their own registered Bee Card.
- If you need help please contact us on 0800 205 305 or visit the BUSIT team at the Transport Centre.

## Setting up your Bee Card

1. Scan the QR code on the bus.

2. Register your Bee Card and then fare capping will come into effect. This means that you won't pay more than \$15 a week around Hamilton!

Click here to find out more about other zones  
– <https://busit.co.nz/fares/#a>

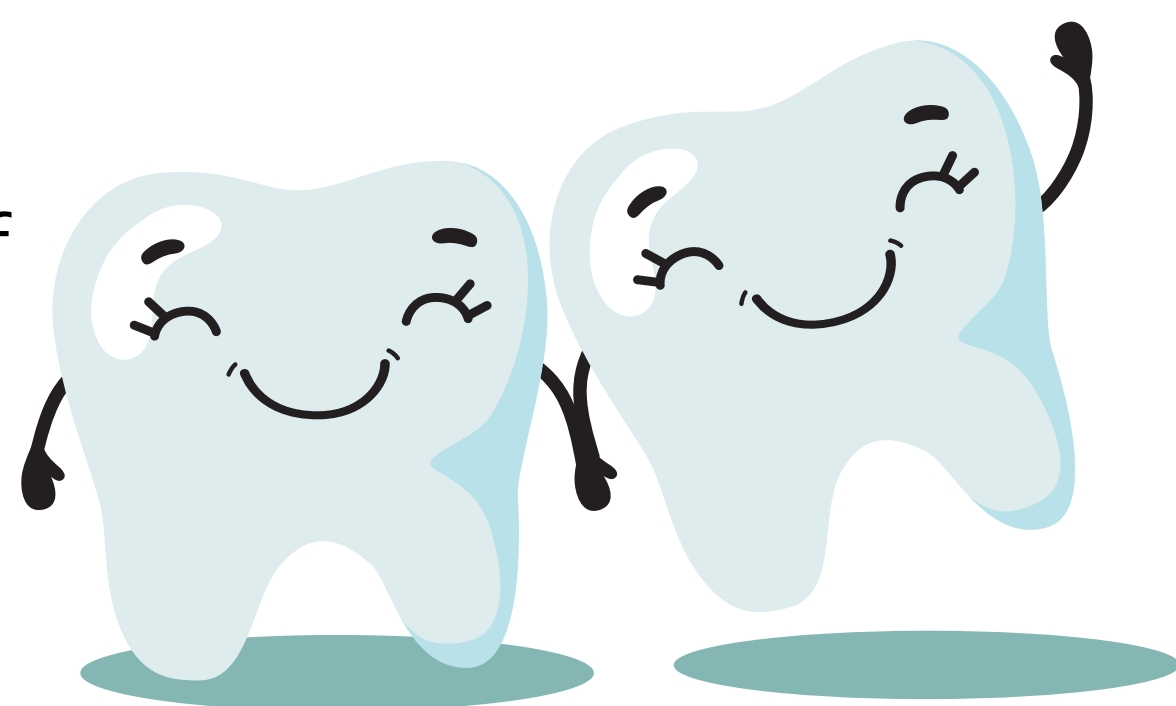
3. Set up an auto top up- so that way you never have to worry about if you have enough money on your card.

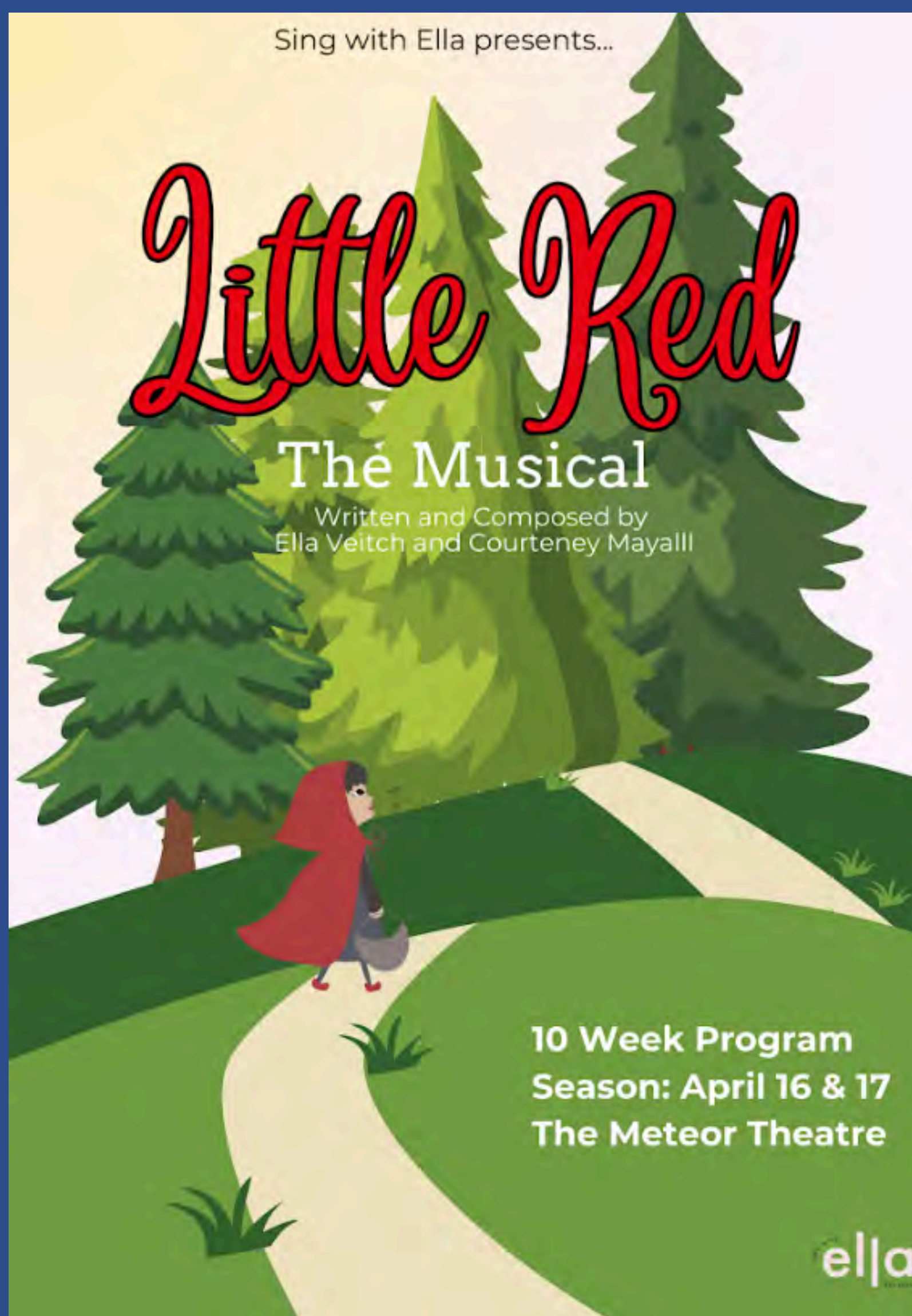
4. Download the transit app (<https://busit.co.nz/travelling-with-us/transit-app/>). The app will tell you how far away the bus is and help you plan your journey.



## DENTAL CLINIC

Children in New Zealand have free oral health services from 0 to 17 years of age. The Fairfield Community Dental Clinic is located at the end of Kensington Crescent. For more information, please phone 07 859 9160 or 0800 825 583, visit [www.waikatodhb.health.nz](http://www.waikatodhb.health.nz) or email [admindental@waikatodhb.health.nz](mailto:admindental@waikatodhb.health.nz).





## Football Development Program

For those not already selected in Football Talent Development Programs with a club for 2025, Claudelands Rovers Football Club will be hosting a trial for their youth teams on the 19th Feb from 5pm-6pm at Galloway Park. Contact [dof@rovers.org.nz](mailto:dof@rovers.org.nz) to register. Players can be involved in both the school football teams and the club teams, as their games are on different days. A great way to improve your skills and your development.

