

FIS NEWS



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Principal's Message

Hard to believe that we are almost halfway through the term already! It has been lovely to meet so many new families, to welcome back our year 8s, and to meet siblings of previous students.

Despite the Covid challenges, the parent conferences last week were very successful. The partnership between home and school is a really important part of how we work here at FIS – so thank you for taking the time to come along. If you were unable to attend, your child's teacher will be in touch to share information and goals.

Camp has started this week – and its great to see the students strengthening relationships with their classmates and teachers. Thank you to those parents who have been able to assist – with transport, and/or with camp supervision.

The whanau consultation we completed was really successful – and we really appreciate all the feedback. It was great to hear that children have settled quickly into school, are making the most of opportunities, and that they have good relationships with their teachers. One of the issues raised by a couple of parents was bullying, and in particular bullying on social media. We are well aware that adolescence is a time of changing relationships, increasing social media, and more complex communication. Unfortunately unkindness is not reserved to children – as I often read unkind comments from adults on social media too – especially under newspaper articles online! We talk to the students often about kindness online, about getting involved in gossiping, and also about believing things they have “heard”. We absolutely understand that this is a challenge for home and school – so please let us know if there are things going on, so we can work together to resolve them.

The renovations in the office/admin areas are continuing – so thank you for your patience and support with this. Hopefully only a couple more weeks to go, and we will be back to normal.

Winter sports are beginning – with skills sessions in both netball and basketball. Fitness sessions have also started – and its great to see so many students involved.

Thank you also for all the feedback on the school lunches. We are so fortunate to have this initiative – and are working with the suppliers to iron out any glitches. I have passed on all your feedback to them – and they are currently working on a revised menu.

Kind Regards
Diane



Swimming Sports

Swimming sports took place on Friday the 26th February at Makino Pools. It was a great day and it was wonderful to see so many students getting involved. Competitive swimmers were given the opportunity to test their skills against other competitive swimmers, while less confident swimmers were able to take part in a range of competitions and games. Thank you to all whānau that were able to come along and support the participants.

Upcoming Events:

- Class Overnight Camps - Tuesday 9th March through to Thursday 18th March
- E-Pro8 - Monday 22nd February to Wednesday 17th March
- Penhey Cup - Monday 22nd March
- Supersport Triathlon - Wednesday 24th March
- Netball Trials - Thursday 25th March
- Supersport Kio Rahi - Wednesday 31st March
- Basketball Trials - Thursday 1st April
- Term 1 ends- Friday 16th April



Netball

It has been great to see so many boys and girls getting involved in netball training sessions that have been taking place over the past few Wednesdays. Trials will take place in a few weeks time.

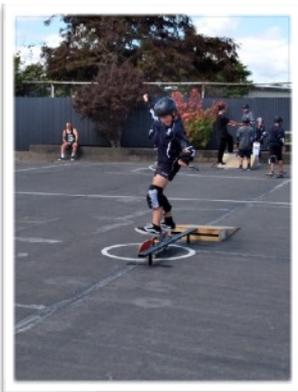
EPro8

This is being run a little differently this year due to covid restrictions. We have 12 groups of 4 students completing challenges. They have a week to complete the challenge, document and video it and then send it in to be judged by the EPro8 team. Students will then be notified if they have made it through to the next round. More to follow.



Skateboarding

On Friday the 12th of February FIS skateboarders roll and grind with Onboard Skate instructors Jayden and Jayden. It was a fantastic start to our Pro Club with our students taking risks, encouraging each other and using polite skating etiquette. Over the term, it will be interesting to see how each individual develops in style and creativity. Watch this space!



Parent/Teacher Conferences

Thank you to everyone that attended this week's conferences. This is an important way in which we can make sure students are being supported both at school and at home. If you have any concerns or queries throughout the year, please don't hesitate to get in touch with your child's teacher.

Renovations

You will notice a number of changes taking place to the school's facilities such as the fence and upgrades to the admin area. These are going well and aim to make the school a more secure and better functioning place. Don't be put off by the fences, whānau are still welcome at our school :)



Volleyball

Each Monday, FIS has four teams who head to the arena in Palmerston North to play volleyball. We play against a range of intermediate teams from throughout the Manawatu. So far, we have only had one game and every team played really well. It is really exciting to have so many students giving volleyball a go this term!





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