

29<sup>th</sup> June 2022

**Update** – We’ve now passed the shortest day, so it’s full speed through to summer! ☺

Thank you for your understanding and support of our school as we’ve dealt with a lengthy period of staff absences, student illness and the lack of relievers. There are still some nasty winter illnesses about, so we’re appreciative of families keeping warm and well wrapped up in school polar fleeces and good winter footwear. Some children are still keen to wear bare feet!

**FoF Games Night** –It’s only two more sleeps until our Friends of Fairton Indoor Games Night. Our thanks go to Kim and her team for putting this evening together. Please bring a meal for your family to have at the start and then we will move on to the fun and games. Please see accompanying advert attached to this newsletter ☺



**Assembly** – Next Wednesday afternoon at 2.15pm we will have our second assembly for the term. It’ll be held again in our Library and will celebrate class learning and student achievements. It will feature the dance routine that the children have been learning with a team of Y13 Ashburton College students. You’re welcome to come along .

**Fairton Flyer** – Next week will be the final edition of the Fairton Flyer for this term. If you have any news, celebrations, birthday greetings or advertisements for the flyer please get them in to our office by Tuesday.

**BoT Elections** – Coming up in Term 3 we will be having our Board of Trustees triennial elections for elected Parent representatives. The Fairton School BoT has appointed Livia McGregor as the Returning Officer for these elections. Two of our current trustees will complete their term in September 2022 – Shane Cochrane and Rachel Wilson. Attached to this newsletter is more information about being a trustee. If you have any questions regarding the elections, please contact Livia in our school office.

**Reports** – Mid Year progress reports will go home with children next Friday. If you’d like to discuss anything regarding your child’s progress please contact the classroom teacher during week 1 of term 3.

**Head lice** – We have had some recent cases of head lice among our children. Please check your child’s hair and take any appropriate action if you find any. Thanks for your help with this.

**End of Term 2** – Next Friday 8<sup>th</sup> July is our last day for Term 2. Term 3 commences after a two week holiday break on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> July. Thanks again for your support.

Stay warm and safe

Kind regards  
Mike Hill  
Principal  
Fairton School



## ✓ SCHOOL TRUSTEE ELECTIONS

School trustee elections are coming up.

Step forward for our schools ✓

Contact your school for a nomination form or learn more about trustee elections

@ trustee-election.co.nz

📞 0800 353 284

✉ electionsadvice@nzsta.org.nz

### What is a school board of trustees?

Almost all state and state integrated schools in New Zealand have a board of trustees. School board membership includes parent representatives, a staff representative, a student representative (where there are students above year 9) and the principal. Your board may also include other types of trustees. Contact your school for more information on the composition of your school's board.

### Who can become a trustee?

Parents, caregivers and people from the wider community can put their name forward to be on a school board during the board of trustee elections.

### What do trustees do?

The board is accountable to its parents and community and for student progress and achievement. Here are some specific things a board does:

- Sets the strategic direction and plans for the school and monitors the school's progress against them.
- Monitors and evaluates student progress.
- Oversees the management of staff, property, finances, curriculum and administration.
- Ensures that the educational needs and aspirations of Maori learners, Pasifika learners and learners with special learning and behaviour needs are identified, planned for and met.
- Fulfils the intent of the Treaty of Waitangi by valuing and reflecting New Zealand's dual cultural heritage.
- Appoints and supports the principal and assesses their performance.

### What skills do trustees need?

Trustees are active leaders in their schools and need to work well in a team, ask challenging questions and have good communications skills. Boards need a balance of skills and experiences around the table to ensure effective processes for planning, monitoring, reporting and reviewing of the school's performance are in place.

### What help do school trustees get?

New Zealand School Trustees Association provides free advice around employment and governance, support and resources. NZSTA also provides a variety of professional development opportunities for trustees.



## Friends of Fairton Games Night



For the Families of Fairton School  
(Grandparents welcome too)

Friday 1st of July 2022

5-8pm (games commence at 6pm)

Fairton Hall (next to school, Fairfield  
Road)

Bring a picnic rug, your family's choice  
of tea and come and have some FUN!