

27th July 2022

New Enrolments – We welcome four new students and their families to our school community. We have Cameron Ewings, Elliott Coyle, Indi Canterbury and Sophia Peterson all starting as New Entrants in Room One. Welcome to the Fairton School family.



Grounds –We have had some wild, wet and windy weather lately which has left our grounds a bit bruised and battered. The recent strong winds brought down several branches as well as the large tree by our lunch area. A big big **THANK YOU** to Laurie & Jo Rattray and also Nathan, Hamish & Hannah who spent several hours sorting out the damage. Thanks Team!

Teacher Only Day – Our school will be closed for classes on Monday September 5th as our staff have a digital technology workshop on that day. Please mark that on your calendar. Thanks.

Poem and Speech Competition – On Wednesday 17th August starting at 1.15pm in the Library we have our annual school Poem and Speech Competition to select finalists for the cluster competition, held at Lauriston School this year. Our New Entrants–Year 2s present a poem, suitable for them while the Y3-Y6s have speeches to present. More details will follow. Both classes are currently working on the preparation phase.

BoT Elections – Coming up on the 7th September (Election Day) we will be having our Board of Trustees triennial elections for elected Parent representatives. Two of our current trustees will complete their term in September 2022 – Shane Cochrane and Rachel Wilson. Nominations close on the 3rd August. Attached to this newsletter is more information about becoming a trustee and a **nomination form**. If you have any questions regarding the elections, please contact Livia in our school office.

Reports – At the end of last term you will have received a Mid-Year report for your child. If you would like to discuss any aspect of the report please make a time with your child’s teacher.

Shuttle service update – Our shuttle service driver, Ayla MacKenzie is unable to drive for us this term. If you or someone you know is able to help out for this term please give Livia a call in our office.

Black Ferns – Woman’s Rugby World Cup – Our Room Two class attended a Rugby skills and drills session at Tinwald School yesterday. They also had the opportunity to view the World Cup that was on display. Thanks Mrs Muckle for organising this visit.

COVID-19 update – With the increase in COVID-19 cases please remember to wear a mask if you are coming in to our school buildings. With us operating as ‘one bubble’ mask wearing is optional for our senior room students.

Whiska –Any cat food donations would be gratefully accepted for our dear friend Whiska.



Skool loop – If you are notifying the school of an absence it's recommended that you use the Skool loop App. If this isn't an option please leave a message on our answer phone.

Downloading the Skool Loop app - a step by step guide

Once you have downloaded the Skool Loop App, via either your Google Play or App store, please follow the below instructions to select your school -

- Open the Skool Loop App - you will land on a welcome page.
- Click the 'Select your schools' this will bring you to a menu you can either search your school or follow the country/region prompts.
- Once you reach your school, select it with the tick on the righthand side.
- Tap the 'select schools' button in the top right corner.
- Tap the big orange choose button. This will load your school and bring you to the settings page.
- Subscribe to the groups that are relevant to you, then click the 'go back' button on your phone, which will bring you to the main screen of your schools app.



Questions or queries – If you have any questions regarding your child's learning or the classroom programme please contact their teacher directly.

Room One: roomone@fairton.school.nz

Room Two: roomtwo@fairton.school.nz

If you have a question about anything else regarding our school please give me a call.

Stay warm and well

Mike

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](https://www.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.