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Newsletter No15

Value for the Week: HONESTY "We show honesty when we are responsible for our behaviour."



- Our VALUE for the week is HONESTY. Discussing the school value helps students cement these values and supports the link between expectations at school and home.
- Pet Day Trophies/Prizegiving Trophies If you have one of these trophies can you please organise for them to be returned to the School Office.
- Fordell Speech Competition—All students presented their speeches to the class and I was blown away with the quality, confidence and clarity of our learners. The finals were keenly contested again this year and judging was a 'nightmare' with split decisions and count backs the order of the day. Congratulations to Hamish Cranstone (Y0-2), Sam



Cranstone (Y3/4), John Bryant (Y5/6) and Rebekah Phillips (Y7/8) on their triumphs.

PGG Wrightson—Are currently running ٠ a promotion 'Cash for Communities'. If you purchase Balance Agri-Nutrients fertiliser on your PGG Wrightson account you are able to nominate Fordell School as a benefactor of this programme.

Cluster Speech Competition—Find out

in this newsletter how John Bryant and Rebekah

Phillips went representing Fordell School at this years Cluster Speech Competition.

- Loud Pirate Day—We had some crazy pirates running around the school with a lot of cool outfits, swords, hats and eye patches! Some photos are included in the newsletter. We raised over \$60 for the national Deaf Children fundraiser.
- AG/PET WEEK—Tuesday 27th October : Young Farmer heats, Class activities. Wednesday 28th October: Dogs/Horses and Caged Animals. Thursday 29th October: Lamb and Calf Day, Finals Young Farmer and House Competition.
- Cluster Disco—It was a small turnout from Fordell School but Okoia School organised a very successful and fun packed event at the Okoia Hall for over 40 students from the cluster. We are hoping to have another cluster school disco next year.
- Bible in Schools finishes this week for the year. I would like to thank Brian Keane and Trevor for their support of the school in 2015 and our students over the last 2 terms.
- Production— I am continually amazed at the talent of our Fordell students. The skills and energy on display were impressive. This years effort had over 40 speaking roles. I

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STUDENT OF THE MONTH

doing his best!



thought the juniors singing was classy and the production was a credit to all Fordell learners. Well done and thank you to staff for providing a platform for our students to shine. A thank you to all those who helped with the production: costumes, lighting, stage, backdrops, props and makeup. A selection of photos will be on our website as soon as possible. Phil Walker-Principal

"Providing a quality education that develops confident children."

Our Values

- Compassion
- Responsibility
- Respect
- Confidence
- Pride
- Honesty
- Courage
- Commitment

Important Dates for Term 3/4

21/9 Week 22/9 TeReo/Clubs/Play Ten PHOTOS TODAY—Uniforms 23/9 Hot Lunches 1pm Matinee Production 6.30pm PRODUCTION START 24/9 Technology R1 2.30pm Bible/Culture Classes 25/9 2.30pm Assembly item R4 LAST DAY OF TERM 12/10 First Day Term 4 Week 13/10 1.30pm TeReo/Arts One 14/10 Lunch Orders 15/10 16/10 2.30pm Assembly item R1 19/10 Week 20/10 1.30 TeReo/Arts Two 6pm BoT Meeting 21/10 Lunch Orders 22/10 23/10 2.30pm Assembly

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The result: children who had scored high in social and emotional skills in the first years of school were found to have better outcomes as young adults than children who scored lower.

Fordell Learning Skills.

Our Learning Skills are: Well Being, Contributing, Co-operating, Inquiring, Striving, Choice Making, Thinking and Communicating.









School Speech Competition was a fabulous event yesterday. Every student in the school presented a speech, the quality of delivery was excellent as well as the respect shown to those speaking. Very proud, well done everyone and congratulations to the winners.

Year 0 - 2 Winner Hamish Cranstone, 2nd Maggie Pearce, 3rd Coby Cooper

Year 2 - 4 Winner Sam Cranstone, 2nd Lucca Plowright, 3rd Danielle Houlahan

Year 5 - 6 Winner John Bryant, 2nd Lauren Phillips, 3rd Michael O'Neill.

Year 7 - 8 Winner Rebekah Phillips, 2nd Georgina Bryant, 3rd Geordie McGregor



Lauren Phillips 4th and Kayla Lazarevich 12th were our two top 20 finishes. John Bryant

23rd, Heike Reitsma 30th, Lucca Plowright 39th also achieving top 50 placings. Danielle Houlahan (55th), Harry Sewell (61st), Koby Plowright (65th) did very well also. Sam Cranstone, Angus Sewell, Angus Pearce, Kyle Dickon and George Pearce all represented the school and themselves with distinction. Each race had between 150—200 runners in them! We are proud of you all.



Bee Boxes—Sharron recently helped a group of learners decorate Beehive boxes. It was a local bee awareness campaign initiated by the Wanganui Bee Association. The boxes were planned and painted by the students as a part of this promotion.





Loud Pirate Day.

There were two reasons for this day. 1st to ensure all juniors had a pirate outfit for our production and to also support the National Deaf Children fundraiser. The school raised over \$60 for the Deaf Children.





Fordell School welcomes Kalib Stephens, Leo Stephens, Makayla Stephens and Jacqualine Stephens, who have joined us from Marton.

Enjoy your time at Fordell School.

Fordell School - "Quality Education; Confident Children"

My Disastrous Day

Tuesday: Today was another bad day. It started from when we had Spanish lessons with Mr Reddish. He asked us to tell everyone a sentence from what happened this morning. It came to my turn. I am not good at Spanish or any other type of language apart from English.

I stood up and I mispronounced my sentence. Instead of saying "I had a lovely breakfast" I said "I forgot to

flush the toilet." It was the most embarrassing thing ever. Everyone laughed at me. *Paige Carston*.

This week's focus in Room 2 is 'Well- being'. We are enjoying, laughing and believing! We were lucky enough to go and watch the Wanganui Intermediate Production of 'Hairspray' with Room 1. It was

a great show, lots of awesome singing, great dancing and impressive acting! We all enjoyed ourselves. Here we are at the Opera House.

This week we are also finishing all our pirate contract, we have dough islands to paint, narratives to write, wanted posters and



treasure maps to draw! While we are enjoying ourselves we are also going to be very busy!



To go with our 'Pirate' work we made desert islands. They are made from dough, that we made with Mrs Cranstone, then the dough had to



be cooked. We made boats, pirates, skeletons and treasure chests to go with our islands. Once they had cooled we painted and decorated them. While working on our desert islands we have been writing narratives about pirates and finding treasure. We are going to record our stories, film our islands and make a short series of clips. We are going to put these on our blogs . This is just one of the 12 activities we have completed this term on our 'Pirate Contract.'



Something Fishy—"Today for writing we are going to pretend we are one of the fish in the fish tank-write from their perspective, looking out of the glass"

Silly Humans.



From the murky water of my tank I can see the class sitting on the mat in front of me. Every morning they do this, sitting on the mat with their two tails crossed, pretending to listen to the black witch swinging on the chair in front of them. Every day they write about something sillier than the day before. Today they are writing about being in a fish tank. As if they would know what it's like being in locked in a tank, swimming

around in the same circles all day long.

THUD!!! One of the nasty little creatures has knocked on my glass!!! Don't they know that knocking on the glass causes brain damage? Those annoying humans could never know what it's like being all alone in a fish tank. Honestly, humans are so dumb sometimes *Georgina Bryant*.



Values Badges.-Congratulations to Lennox Brotherton (Values). Lucca Plowright (Silver), Grace Auker (Values), Ari George (Bronze), Olivia Zinsli (Bronze) and Bridie Knapp (Bronze) for all achieving their badges.





Fordell School - "Confident, Connected, Life - Long Learners."