



Friday 4th December 2015

Newsletter No19

Value for the Week: **CONFIDENCE**
 “We show confidence by believing—We can do it!”



- Our **VALUE** for the week is **CONFIDENCE**. Discussing the school value helps students cement these values and supports the link between expectations at school and home.

Thursday 10th December—Room 3-4 trip to Palmerston North— Cost \$10. School jackets will be issued for the trip, leaving Fordell at 9am, returning 3pm. Bring your togs!

Friday 11th December—Room 1 Dinner and Dance. Starts at 5.30pm at Kaitoke School and don't forget the formal dress code!

Monday 14th December—2pm is the annual **WATER FIGHT**, bring a water gun, towel, plastic bag and change of clothing!

Tuesday 15th December—Reports go home today and we all meet at 6.15pm for Prizegiving at the Fordell Hall, starting at 6.30pm, no uniform required.

Wednesday 16th December—**LAST DAY OF SCHOOL** finishing at 12.30pm

- **Library**—Our school library will be closed from next Wednesday to complete a full stock take. All teachers have a list of overdue books and students have been advised, with notes going home. Please return all library as soon as possible, thank you.
- **Uniforms**—Please return **ALL** Uniforms to the office by Wednesday, washed and in a named plastic bag, thank you.
- **Christmas Projects**—More work will be completed over the Christmas holidays. They will include underfloor insulation for Room 4 and the School House. Rooms 1,2 and 3 will have white board storage units installed so most the resources can be stored in classrooms and the Resource Room can be converted into a permanent teaching space.
- **Schoolwide Data**—Our 2015 data that will be reported to the Ministry of Education is included in this newsletter and it makes impressive reading!
- **THANK YOU**—This is the last newsletter of the year so I wanted to thank everyone for their support of the school and of our learners, your children. 2015 has been another successful year for our learners. I believe all our learners are achieving to their best and the data is impressive! This success is a triangulation: learners wanting to learn and taking ownership of their learning, school staff working hard ensuring quality teaching and learning, and parental support of the school and your children. This is a recipe for success!

As you know I finish at Fordell School at the end of the year. The last 3 years have flown by and it is heart warming to know that I leave the school a strong and vibrant learning community. Be proud of your school and ensure it remains the best little school in Wanganui! I thank my staff, Fundraising Committee and the Board for their support, dedication and willingness to go the 'extra mile' for our learners.

Thank you and Merry Christmas.

Phil Walker—Principal

STUDENT OF THE MONTH



Rebekah Phillips



Rebekah is a diligent, conscientious worker who achieves at a high level always, be it in the classroom, on the netball court or in debating and drama.

“Providing a quality education that develops confident children.”

Our Values

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

Important Dates for Term 4

30/11	Week
1/12 1.30pm TeReo/Arts	Eight
7pm BoT Meeting	
2/12	
3/12 11.30am Fordell Athletics Day	
4/12 Room 1 Dance	
2.30pm Assembly Room 3	
7/12	Week
8/12 1.30pm TeReo/Arts	Nine
9/12 10.45am Volunteers Morning Tea	
Hot lunches	
10/12	
11/12 10.30 Room 1 Dance	
5.30pm Dinner/Dance	
14/12 Xmas Surprise! 2pm Water Fight	Week
15/12 Xmas Surprise! Reports home	Ten
6.15pm Prizegiving at Hall	
16/12 12.30pm FINISH	
TERM 1—2016 first day Thursday 4th February	

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In our last assembly we have celebrated the success of our "Student of the Week".

Room 1:

Georgina Bryant—For a responsible approach to everything, even 2 weeks of testing.

Jaida Shaw—For her enthusiasm and helpfulness on the Cluster Waka Day.

Room 2:

Anna Ross—For consistently using her initiative and taking on extra responsibilities reliably and efficiently.

Kayla Lazarevich—For having a great work ethic and completing work to a high standard.

Room 3:

Anya Sewell—For a positive approach towards giving long jump and high jump a go!

Lucca Plowright —For a great attitude towards all her work and getting the job done.

Room 4:

Catie McGregor— For having an excellent attitude at school.

Christopher Apihai—For taking responsibility for his learning and for a great attitude.



Value of the Week: These students have received a certificate for displaying the school values on a consistent basis: Rebekah Phillips, Renee Biggs, Bella Lamont, Paige Carston, Gemma Shaw, Jordan Solomona, Caleb Todd, Isobella Shaw, Keegan Myburgh, George Pearce, Rebekah Bayler, Loulou Zinsli, Harry Sewell, Michael O'Neill, Lauren Phillips, Kaylib Stephens, Olivia Campbell, Kiana Te Kahika, Coby Cooper, Toby Gill, Angela Pritchard, Sophie Cranstone, Danielle Houlahan, Lennox Brotherton, Nicky Morton, Duncan Mackintosh

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2016 Dates—Term Dates for 2016 are;

Term 1 - Thursday 4th Feb - Friday 15th April,

Term 2 - Monday 2nd May - Friday 8th July,

Term 3 - Monday 25th July - Friday 23rd Sept,

Term 4 - Monday 10th Oct - Tuesday 20th Dec.

Happy Birthday.

In late

November

Ari George

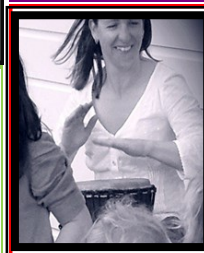
(30th) had his birthday. In

December we will have birthdays for **James Benson (13th)** and **Grace Walford (17th)**.



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Data for 2015—The data is very pleasing for Fordell School.

WRITING—The end of year data is pleasing. Our learners have made significant progress from January this year whereby **61%** of learners were 'at or above' expectation compared with our December 2015 achievement at **82.3%**. Our target for 2015 was **85%**. There are no gender or ethnic issues with achievement in writing at Fordell School. This highlights the gains made by the boys over the last couple of years and this has to be attributed to the ALLs (Accelerated Literacy Learning) intervention in the middle and senior classes.

WRITING	Well Below	Below	At	Above
End of Term 1 2015	9%	30%	43%	18%
Term 4 2015	3.3%	14.4%	56.7%	25.6%
READING	Well Below	Below	At	Above
End of Term 1 2015	5%	9%	56%	30%
Term 4 2015	1.1%	4.4%	44.4%	50%
MATHS	Well Below	Below	At	Above
End of Term 1 2015	5%	11%	59%	25%
Term 4 2015	2.2%	11.1%	55.6%	31.1%

READING—Our reading results are outstanding! **94.4%** of our students are 'at' or 'above' National Standards in December 2015 and our target for the year was **90%**.

MATHS—The data tells us that **86.7%** of our learners have achieved or are above National Standards in Maths. Our target for 2015 was **90%**. All staff should be proud of our collective achievements. Classroom interventions, programmes and supports for targeted students as well as high achieving students have all been a

Fordell Learning Skills.

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

Staff highlights for 2016.

Pirates of the Curry Bean was a highlight for me - to get the whole school, from 5 year olds to school leaders involved and deliver quality singing, dancing and acting throughout was testament to the quality of all the students and staff at Fordell. **David Reddish.**

Another amazing year is coming to an end as is my time at Fordell School. Having had five years of fun and laughter in Room 3 it would be very hard to choose my highlights as there have been so many. All the children who have been in Room 3 with me are fantastic and it has been lovely to watch them move through the school gaining more and more success. This year has seen the largest group of children in Room 3 finishing on 28 pupils. They are enthusiastic, well organized and talented too. They have been very fortunate to have Sharron and Juanita as Teacher Aides, supporting their learning and providing emotional and pastoral support. I can honestly say that 5 and 6 year old children never fail to surprise and never fail to put a smile on my face!

Trish Reddish

My highlight of the year would have to be becoming a member of the Fordell School community. The teachers have been extremely supportive and all the students are fantastic. Tough kids would also have to be right up there. Having run the teacher race I truly appreciate how gutsy our kids are. **Rachel Morrison.**

2015 has past in a blur.... Some class highlights include the mud run at Green Pastures, the Waiouru Museum visit, our ANZAC Day service, ice- skating in Palmerston North and this years Production; 'Pirates of the Curry Bean'. Room 2 has worked hard, achieved success and had a lot of fun along the way, the greatest highlight would be seeing Room 2 students step up and out of their comfort zone. Seeing the students take on roles in the production, develop leadership skills, create outstanding speeches for the school competition, strive to be excellent on the sports field and aim for their best in their school work, and constantly challenge themselves with the new technology that has become available to them over the year has been heart warming. **Marieke Whitwell**

As a relief teacher, watching the senior house leaders so aptly organize and manage activities was very impressive. The pride and determination that students displayed during the production and cross country was also outstanding. The seemingly smaller things have stuck with me as a parent; senior children assisting younger ones on the bus and in the playground, 5 year olds writing and delivering their own speeches, tree huts fitted out with hula hoop booby traps and of course daily recounts of make-believe games in the Wendy House! **Anna Campbell**

Once again, what a great year at Fordell School! The fantastic student achievement data across all levels shows the commitment of our teachers and hard work of our awesome kids.

Biggest highlights for me were; the superstar performance of "The Pirates of the Currybean", walking across to the Collins' property with the whole school kitted out in their house t-shirts for Cross Country and watching Larissa Benn handle those sheep like an absolute pro in the Ag-Day Senior House challenge. I continue to feel proud and privileged to be a part of the Fordell School community. **Cath Cranstone**

Christmas Parade—You know when Christmas is around the corner when the Christmas Parade is on! This year the Wanganui parade was better than ever with a large turnout of Fordell families. I know that many of us are looking forward to a bit of a holiday and time to enjoy our families and people dear to us.



"Here's to books, the cheapest vacation you can buy."

Charlaine Harris

In **Art** last week Room 4 were finally allowed to get paint on ourselves. Using our hands and our feet we created an animal of our choice.



Elena

Danielle



Maggie



Nicky



Luc



Chloe



Coral

Christmas

At Christmas I wake up early. But this year I am going to change it and I am going to put my Christmas hat on and get a sack and say, "HO, HO, HO," to wake them all up. Then I open all my presents with my family. When I was little I rushed to get my presents. Then we go to my granny's house and open the other Christmas presents when everyone is there. When it is dinner we have a big feast and some pudding too yummy to tell. I think Christmas is the best day ever! **By Catie**

Christmas

In the morning I am usually the first one up and I jump on the beds and then I run up to the lounge room and I open my presents. My presents are always opened first. I always like my presents all the time. **By Charlie**



My weekend

On the weekend we got the lambs and ewes to the house. After that Luke and Cameron came over. Then I got a bee sting! We got the rams up to the house because one ram has fly blow. My uncle came over to our home. We went back home. **By Matthew**

Fordell School - "Quality Education; Confident Children"

Dear Fordell Community.

We are the oldest children in Room 3, so on Monday and Wednesday we work with Mrs O'Neill. We write about lots of interesting things and read lots of stories. Some children stay with Mrs O'Neill for Maths.

Our writing and reading has improved. We now write long stories that has alliteration and lots of describing words. We can all use a dictionary to correct our spelling. Most of us have nailed using capital letters and full stops, but some of us need reminding.

We all love reading and are reading above our age.

We are excited about the holidays, but we also look forward to being in Room 4 next year to learn more. From Chase, Wyatt, Caleb, Maks, Nathan, Grace, Olivia, Catie, and Maynard.

Life in Room 1

Room 1 started the year with sailing

And this year I was far from failing.

A few times I was hit by the boom

Because in the boat there wasn't much room.

Lots of times I fell out of the boat

But my life jacket luckily kept me afloat.

Testing was next for all of Room one

And believe me no one had any fun.

The next adventure was the dreaded mud run

But this time I seemed to have a little more fun.

The Tongariro Crossing came around soon

I just wanted to crawl into a cocoon.

Mathex practice was soon underway

Now there was no more time for play

We stopped the clock and won first place

And everyone, especially me, had a happy face!

Overall it was a super great year

But I sure am glad to get out of here!

By Renee Biggs

Summer Dreaming

The sun's out 'til late, a pastel painting of colours spread throughout the sky and into the distance. I ride Ringe along the hills, galloping onto the horizon. I stop and turn sharply, Ringe rearing up and leaping forwards. We return back to the flats, after checking the sheep. The other horses await us, as if they thought we would never return. I lean down to the ground, practicing my polocrosse passes and

pickups. What a great day!

The smell of sizzling sausages warms the air. Bill, our foxy, is watch Dad flipping the patties like a pro, while Rebekah and I do walkovers across the lawn. I pull myself up and stare at the oak tree, that's leaning over the fencing, doing acrobatic positions. Dinner is scrumptious, juicy patties melting in your mouth. I run up and jump onto the swing and wildly swoosh back and forth like an untamed lion. "Lauren, come and get some ice-cream!" Calls Mum. I rush up and get my favourite ice-cream, 'raspberry lemonade fizz!' I dance around and jump up into the light. What a great day!

Sweat shimmers on everyone's foreheads. Hard work and determination show through my body and my facial expressions. I boost out of the lineout on Ringe, playing my favourite sport:

polocrosse. I bend down, trying to execute a perfect offside pick-up. I race to the line once I get the ball and bounce before I score! The crowd goes wild as they cheer and do a mexican wave. What a great day!

By Lauren

Phillips



School Athletics

Results from yesterdays event:

Year 0-2

Boys—1st Caleb Houlahan

2nd Hamish Cranstone

3rd Maks Reitsma

Girls—1st Maggie Pearce

2nd Equal—Katie

McGregor & Olivia Walker

Year 3-4

Boys—1st Angus Pearce

2nd Andrew Grice

3rd Lennox Brotherton

Girls—1st Lucca Plowright

2nd Shakila West

3rd Danielle Houlahan &

Farren Rowe

Year 5-6

Boys—1st Michael O'Neill

2nd Harry Sewell

3rd Seth Forlong

Girls—1st Elena O'Leary

2nd Lauren Phillips

3rd Kayla Lazarvech

Year 7-8

Boys—1st Lachlan

Morrison

2nd Caleb Todd

3rd Ethan Coffey

Girls—1st Rebekah Phillips

2nd Georgina Bryant

3rd Jaida Shaw & Brigitte

O'Leary



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