



Fordell School

Fordell Flyer

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Tēnā koutou, nau mai, harere mai. It sure has been another busy two weeks at Fordell School since the last Fordell Flyer – and here we are at the end of Term 3! Term 4 is only a 9 week term the end of the year comes around very quickly. Please keep an eye out for the dates that are coming up and checking with your child about whether they have any notices in their bags to share with you.

Farewell Miss Gray and Miss Gloyn - At the end of the year we will be farewelling Miss Gray and Miss Gloyn. They both have been a wonderful asset to the Fordell Team and we will greatly miss them. Miss Gray has been with us for 4 years and Miss Gloyn 2 years. At the end of the year Miss Gray will be heading overseas on a new adventure and Miss Gloyn will be returning home to her family farm in Rongotea and then onto new travelling adventures. We thank them both for the valuable input they have had at our school in educating some of your children and also the fun factor



they have brought our school. All the best for your new adventures Miss Gray and Miss Gloyn.

The Fordell School Board of Trustees has started the appointment process to replace these two positions and at this stage **we are excited to announce** that Mrs Amy Ryan will be joining the Fordell Team full time from the start of 2023.

Whanganui East Rural Cluster Speech Competition

- Last Thursday our two finalists from our Fordell School Speech Competition competed in the Cluster Speech Competition. What a great range of speeches we all

heard and it sure was a tight competition. **Congratulations to both Annabel Dwyer and Abi Glasgow from Fordell School for winning this competition.** Abi winning the Year 5&6 section and Annabel the Year 7&8 competition. This year the impromptu topic was "Two pieces of advice I would give my family" – we heard about some very good advice for families, I wonder what advice your child would give you?

Fordell School Board of Trustees - We have a few changes in our Fordell School Board. We have farewelled and thanked Linda O'Neill (who was our chairperson for 6 years), Stacey Houlahan and Nicky Gill for their time and valuable input. Each of them have been valuable Board members who have been part of an amazing governance team that has governed our school to continue to grow and develop into the "Rural School of Choice" it is for many. In the following pages you will be introduced to the Fordell School Board so that you know who is on the Board. Being a Board member can be one of the most rewarding things you can do for a school that your child attends. It shouldn't be seen as something daunting and that you think you couldn't do – there is a great amount of support and guidance provided by both NZSTA and the school to help you learn the role of governance. If you are interested in learning more about being a Board member, please see Yvette Moorhouse (Principal) or Kelly Glasgow (Fordell Board Chairperson).

OUR VALUES

These are our expectations

Compassion/ Aroha

- Show **empathy**.
- **Pride** for myself and school.
- Work as a **team**.

Courage/Toa

- **Persevere**.
- Make **good** and **honest** choices.
- Show **confidence**.

Respect/Whakaute

- **Speak** with and **show respect**.
- **Let others learn**.
- **Caring** for equipment and property.

Responsibility/ Kawenga

- **Ready to learn**.
- Be **committed**.
- Take **ownership** for my choices.

THE 4Rs

Our Learning Muscles
How we do things around here

- Resilience
- Reciprocity
- Resourcefulness
- Reflectiveness

Have a wonderful two-week break, I look forward to seeing everyone back on Monday 17 October for more rich learning where those memorable school memories are made – Yvette Moorhouse, Principal. 😊

Student of the Week awards for Term 3 Week 9



Senior Hub

Matthew Grice for being a dependable and reliable member of Room 5.
Korbin Gabbott for being a hardworking, friendly and helpful member of Room 4.
Cara Venter for showing courage by competing at the interschool dance competition.

Junior Hub

Tom Pankhurst for always being a responsible, respectful member of Room 1.
Kirra Price for her active listening and can-do attitude and enthusiasm in her learning.
Declyn Jones for showing enthusiasm and commitment in literacy.

Fordell Value Badges:

VALUES BADGE – Jaxson Smith
SILVER BADGE – Annabel Dwyer

Fordell Value Awards:

These students have received a certificate for displaying the school values on a consistent basis. Congratulations to the following Fordell School students:

Madeleine Reid, Angus Peters, William Aitken, Lily Gollan,
Sasha Pullen, Jaxson Smith, Zyon Cooper, Annabel Dwyer,
Annabelle Spetch, Angel Landon-Lane, Ma Kedrewaca, Julian Dunn,
Charlie McCracken, Greta Gill, Dexter Brotherton, Annie Wright,
Coby Cooper, Campbell Loader, Macey Spicer, Lockie Simpson,
Lincoln Pratt.

Student of the Week awards for Term 1 Week 10



Senior Hub

Kiana Te Kahika for having a positive attitude towards her learning.
Miley Michie for always trying your best in all that you do. You are a great role model.
Caleb Pratt for showing responsibility by using his initiative to help set up learning activities.

Junior Hub

Isabelle Gilberd for being a responsible, respectful member of Room 1.
Felix Brotherton for being a role model of the respect value and being a kind friend.
Elliot Oxtoby for showing great courage talking about his learning in his conference.

Fordell Value Badges:

VALUES BADGE – Caleb McCracken
VALUES BADGE – Daniel Robertson
VALUES BADGE – Angus Worrall

Fordell Value Awards:

These students have received a certificate for displaying the school values on a consistent basis. Congratulations to the following Fordell School students:
Jack Palmer, Lachlan Higgie-Tweeddale, Angus Worrall, Oscar Laird,
Kirra Price, Ella van Dalen, Gracie O'Neill, Esme Crothers,
Daniel O'Neill, Emma Vincent, Caleb McCracken, Korbin Gabbott,
Kindle Alderton, Lyric Cooper, Daniel Robertson, Anthony Rowe,
Mason Aiken, Marcus Smith, Connor Greenwood, Jack O'Neill,
Eli McLeay, Ruby Williamson.

Ag Day Raffle Items Needed

Please send items to school for the Ag Day raffle that the Fundraising Committee are putting together. All money raised is going towards our new multipurpose turf.

Fordell Dates for Your Diary

Term 4

WEEK 1

Monday 17 October - Start of Term 1

WEEK 2 - AG WEEK!!!

Monday 24 October - Labour Day (No School)
Thursday 27 October - Pet Day
Friday 28 October - Ag Day

WEEK 3

Monday 31 October - Fordell Board Meeting 5.30pm
Wednesday 2 November - Interschool Mathex Competition (starts at 5pm)

WEEK 4 - CAMP WEEK

Monday 7 November - Wednesday 9 November - Year 7&8 Vertical Horizons Camp
Wednesday 9 November - Friday 11 November - Year 5&6 Makahika Camp

WEEK 7

Friday 2 December - Tough Kids at Cooks Gardens
Friday 2 December - Year 8 Dinner and Dance (with our Cluster Schools at Kaitoke School Hall, 5.30pm)

WEEK 8

Monday 5 December - Fordell Board Meeting, 5.30pm

WEEK 9

Monday 12 December - Fordell Fun Day
Tuesday 13 December - Fordell School End of Year Prize Giving, at the Fordell Hall
Wednesday 14 December - Last Day of school

2023 Term Dates

Term 1

Term 1 starts - Wednesday 1 February
Term 1 finishes - Thursday 6 April (Easter Friday following day)

Term 2

Term 2 starts - Wednesday 26 April (Monday 24 April - Teacher Only Day)
Term 2 finishes - Friday 30 June

Term 3

Term 3 starts - Monday 17 July
Term 3 finishes - Friday 22 September

Term 4

Term 4 starts - Monday 9 October
Term 4 finishes - Monday 18 December

A Note from the Fordell School Board of Trustees

It's hard to believe we have made it through to the end of term 3! After over 2 years of disruptions, it is such a joy to see the Fordell School community be able to come together again for some much-loved annual events and some new ones. This term has been jammed packed with events we've had including math's week, speeches, cross country, ballroom dancing and a family Mathex evening which was a lot of fun! These events would not come to fruition without the time and effort of our dedicated staff and principal who really do go above and beyond so thank you to you all.

Following on from the recent School Board Elections, we would like to take the opportunity for the Fordell School board to introduce themselves.

It has been a privilege to work alongside the outgoing board members, they have all brought different strengths to the table, creating an impressive team lead by the outgoing Presiding Member Linda O'Neil, that has left the school in a great position going forward. Thank you, Linda, Stacey and Nicky.

Enjoy the holidays, we look forward to seeing you all at Ag Week!

Kelly Glasgow, Fordell School Board Chairperson

Introducing The Fordell School Board of Trustees



Kelly Glasgow

Chairperson/Presiding Member

We moved our children to Fordell School 4 years ago, I remember standing outside the classroom on the first day of school, in tears with Mrs Moorhouse reassuring me. Just hoping we had made the right decision for our children, and without a doubt it was. For me what has set Fordell School apart is at its core is a set of values that are lived by, we have seen our children thrive in an environment that offers them not just the curriculum, but so many opportunities for personal growth, and a real sense of community and belonging.

We farm in Turakina, where I live with my husband Adam and our 3 energetic girls, Grace, Abigail and Juliet. We also have an Engineering business, specialising in agricultural equipment. My current passion is our new venture, setting up a Native Plant and Tree Nursery. Last year I completed my BBS with a major in Accountancy, which is how I came to be co-opted onto the school board to fill the financial role.



Darryl Vincent

Parent Trustee

Hi I am Darryl Vincent and I have been a Fordell Board member for 12 years. I have seen a lot of changes during this time. I have seen a couple of principals come and go. But I would have to say that Fordell School is in the best place it has ever been. My hope is that Fordell School continues to thrive and have high standards. I am married to Paula and have three children: Mitchell, Nathan and Emma. All three of my children have gone through Fordell School with Emma being my youngest and currently Year 7. I have my own business Vincent Meats. If you want to have a chat my door is always open.



Amy Ryan

Parent Trustee

Hi I'm Amy Ryan, my husband Aaron and our 2 children have lived in Fordell for the past 3.5 years farming, both our children Jonty and Evie attend Fordell School. Jonty as a Year 7 and Evie in her first year. I have a background in education and when I am not teaching, I enjoy supporting my children with all their activities and getting out on the farm.

I have experience of being on a school board of trustees and understand the importance of having a passionate board that will allow our school to continue to shine, grow and develop so that our children get the best start in education.

In Fordell we are lucky to have a wonderful school that allows our children to be the best they can be. I have found that being on the board at Fordell is very rewarding and an excellent way to give back to the school and our community.

"Community partnership creating confident, connected life-long learners"



Hayden McCracken
Parent Trustee

Kia ora My name is Hayden McCracken. We have two children currently attending Fordell school. Caleb is year 8 and Charlie year 5. I am currently working as a production manager at Farmland Foods in Bulls and I enjoy the everyday challenges this brings to me. As a family we like to go exploring around our beautiful country and support our children in everything they choose to do. Since moving our children to Fordell School two years ago, we have seen them grow into confident and responsible children who are always keen to give new things a go. This is why I have decided to support Fordell School as we have seen our own children develop and I feel it is important to encourage all of our younger generation to experience new things and take opportunities that are offered to them.



Yvette Moorhouse
Principal

I tell people I have the best job in Whanganui at the best school with the best children. I feel privileged to say I have been the Principal of Fordell School for 6 1/2 years. Previously I was the Deputy Principal at a Whanganui city school. I am married to Grant and we have two amazing children; Jakob and Chelsea. Chelsea attended Fordell School for Year 6, 7 and 8 and is currently attending Whanganui High School in Year 11. Jakob has finished his schooling and is a 2nd year apprentice engineer.

What I love about Fordell School is how every student feels valued and is able to find something that they can shine at and have success. This is done through our strategic goal of having a rich curriculum that provides rich child centered learning opportunities. Something I am very passionate about at Fordell School is how we value the importance of relationships - between students, staff and families, I call this the "Power of Three" - we are a team working together for every child at our school.



Matt Johnston
Staff Trustee

Ki ora, I am Matt Johnston and I am the staff trustee on the board of Trustees. I am Whanganui born and bred. I am married with three children who range from 2 to 10 years. I have been teaching at Fordell School for 5 years and have been a board member for the last 3. I really enjoy working at Fordell School and being part of a dynamic and energetic team. My role on the Board of Trustees is to bring a teacher's perspective. The Board and staff at Fordell School work together as a team so that we continue to grow and move forward.

WHANGANUI INTERSCHOOL DANCE SPORT COMPETITION

On Sunday 25 September, after two years of planning for this event, we took a group of students from Year 5-8 to compete against students from other Whanganui schools. All students in Year 5-8 have been part of the lessons over the last 6 weeks with a group being selected to go ahead and compete. What a wonderful opportunity for our students to be part of this. Thank you to Mark Glastonbury for his time in working with our students so that they were ready for this competition, and a huge shout of thanks to the Senior Hub Team who came along on Sunday to support this group in an out of school time competition.





**We warmly wish the following Fordellians
a very happy birthday.**

Friday 30 September - Meliah Thompson

Monday 3 October - Kemuelie Kedrewaca

Wednesday 5 October - Israel Nahona-Osborne

Monday 10 October - Hudson Spetch

Friday 14 October - Juliet Glasgow

Saturday 15 October - Sasha Pullen

Sunday 16 October - Lachlan Higgie-Tweeddale

Lost Property

As our school has greatly grown so has the immense size of the lost property/clothing left behind at school. The Lost Property Bin is kept at the end of the underneath walkway beside Room 3, please take the time to regularly get into the habit of looking at this pile. We do lay it out for students to recognise their clothing, however by the end of the term it makes us all feel quite sad the amount of beautiful clothes that we are left with and end up having to deposit into a clothing bin as we know these have cost our families a lot of money. Please keep looking and be aware of when your child has not come home with clothing. Named clothing does make it a lot easier to return clothes.



Fordell School Board Casual Vacancy for a Parent Representative

A casual vacancy has occurred on the Fordell School Board for an elected parent representative.

The board has decided to fill the vacancy by selection.

If 10% or more of eligible voters on the school roll ask the board, within 28 days of this notice being published, to hold a by-election to fill the vacancy, then a by-election will be held.

Request for a by-election should be sent to:
Kelly Glasgow, Board Chairperson/Presiding Member
Fordell School Board
2689 SH3
RD11
Whanganui
by: 28 October 2022



ROOM ONE CREATIVE THINKING

Our students have been putting their resourcefulness and resilience learning muscles to the test with a range of creative thinking challenges this term.



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Keep Your Child Safe on the Internet

As school holidays are upon us, we felt it was timely to remind parents/ Whanau and students about safety and appropriate behavior when using digital technology.

This information has been taken from <https://netsafe.org.nz/online-safety-for-parents> where you can find out more information

SEVEN STEPS TO HELP YOU

The seven steps from Netsafe's [Online Safety Parent Toolkit](#) are designed to enhance your digital parenting knowledge and have been developed with parents in mind.

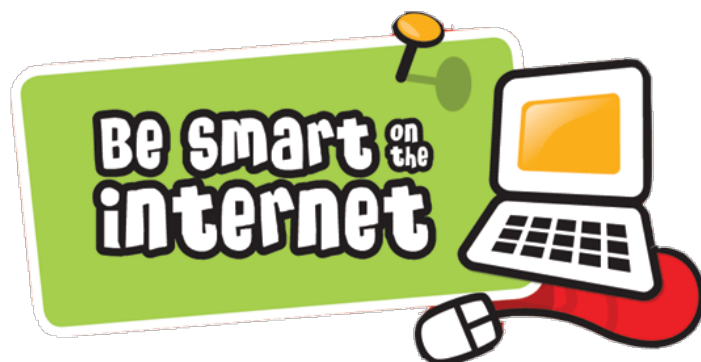
1. **Understand:** Read about the potential online risks, challenges and sometimes illegal behaviour young people face to understand what may happen
2. **Learn:** Ask your child about what they do, how they use devices and who they talk to learn about their activities. Check in regularly to see what has changed
3. **Explore:** Take the time yourself to explore the sites, apps and technologies your child uses to improve your knowledge and understand their experience
4. **Agree:** Create a family code with your child to agree on what they can do online including sites to visit, appropriate behaviours, privacy settings and limits
5. **Teach:** Recognise each child has unique needs, but some online safety concepts are universal. Start by teaching yours the Five tips to help your child thrive
6. **Model:** Be a good example to your child. Make sure you role model the sort of behaviours you want to see your child use online and offline
7. **Plan:** Make a plan so everybody knows what to do if something goes wrong and where you will be able to get advice and support in challenging times

Manage screen time

Think about the age and stage of your children and understand how they use the internet. Are they using it to:

- Learn
- Communicate and create friendships; or
- Create music or videos?

This will help you decide how much time you'd like your children to spend online.





READY, STEADY... GO!



Year 7 & 8s have been looking at forces and motion this term and their final project was to follow and work through a technological design process and design their own Mini Soap Box Derby car (check out some of the carnage on Facebook).

