



Fordell School

Fordell Flyer

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Tēnā koutou parents, whānau and Fordell School community. This Flyer I will start with saying **how proud we are of all our Fordell students** during our production of *Star Wars the Umpire Strikes Back*. Everyone showed Courage, Compassion, Respect and Responsibility both on and off the stage. We have thoroughly enjoyed working alongside



students supporting them in getting ready for the shows,

and wow what spectacular shows they put on. All three performances had full houses. **On behalf of the students and staff we would like to thank our community for supporting us with production.** From the door sales and ice cream sales we have raised an amazing amount of \$2,600 which we will be using to upgrade microphones

for future performances and shows. The amount of feedback we have received from the production has been far more than we



have received before - we thank you all for taking the time to share this, students and staff really enjoy receiving it. Putting a production together and getting it ready to a high standard is a lot of work but when we see the final outcome and the learning that goes with it; the smiles, enthusiasm and seeing our fabulous students shine - we all know it is so worth it all. ☺



Fordell School Pet and Ag Day - Yes, it is that time again to start planning for Pet and Ag Days which are in Term 4. Shortly we will send home an informative booklet that outlines how things run, and an entry form to let us know which animal your child will be entering. If you have any spare lambs or are needing a lamb to raise for Ag Day please let us know at school so we can connect you with the right person.

Fordell School Attendance so far for Term 3 - Fordell School attendance this newsletter:



Present	91%
Justified	6%
Unjustified	3%

We aim to have regular attendance of 95% or above. Further on in this Flyer you will see a chart that may help you. If you are concerned regarding your child's attendance, please talk with us. A larger copy can be picked up from the school office.

Good luck to all our sports team playing on Saturday and have a wonderful weekend. - Yvette Moorhouse, Principal.

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**

Fordell School New Vision...



The journey behind creating a new Fordell School vision has been ongoing for the last 18 months with gathering your aspirations, ideas and feedback. It is exciting for us to now be at the stage where we are able to share the new vision with you. The new vision will guide our strategic planning heading into 2024. We thank everyone for your valued input.

“Growing Empowered Navigators Together”

Our Vision is for the future; intrinsically linked to our past. We aspire to equip our children with all the skills and attributes they need to be empowered to follow their own path and live productive and meaningful lives, navigating through changing environments. Education like navigation is part of a journey it requires an understanding of where we are, where we've come from and where we want to go.

As an Island nation New Zealand has a proud heritage of a diversity of people and cultures all navigating their own path in a new land full of promise. Our history is full of inspirational navigators, the earliest being the Polynesian ancestors of Māori who sailed thousands of miles guided by the night sky. Many now and before us have had to navigate through trying times, drawing on their own resilience and the support of community to get through and grow as people as a result.

Education of our children is a journey we undertake together with our community; we are privileged to be a part of that at Fordell School.

- Fordell School Board



2023 Fordell Dates for Your Diary

Term 3

Week 5

Monday 14 August - Fundraising Meeting, 6pm

Thursday 17 August - Dance Lessons start for competition team

Week 6

Fordell School Speech Competition - Classes

Friday 25 August - Fordell School Cross Country

Week 7

Wednesday 30 August - Fordell School Speech Competition at Hall

Friday 1 September - Cluster Cross Country

Week 8

Tuesday 5 September - Student Conferences, late night

Wednesday 6 September - Student Conferences, early finish

Thursday 7 September - Cluster Speech Competition

Week 9

Monday 11 September - Kia Kaha programme starts

Week 10

Monday 18 September - Fordell School Board Meeting, 5.30pm

Tuesday 19 September - Aranui Interschool Cross Country

Term 3 finishes - Friday 22 September

Term 4 - Monday 9 October

Week 2

Thursday 19 October - Pet Day

Friday 20 October - AG Day

Week 3

Wednesday 25 October - Fordell School Photos

Week 4

Wednesday 1 November - Friday 3 November - Y5&6 Camp to Mangatepopo

Week 5

Wednesday 8 August - Cluster Athletics at Cooks Gardens

Week 9

Friday 08 December - Year 8 Dinner and Dance

Week 10

Tuesday 12 December - Fordell Fun Day

Thursday 14 December - Prize Giving

Friday 15 December - Last Day of School for 2023

Hot Lunch Friday During Term 3

When: Each Friday, until end of Term 3.

What: Bring food that can be reheated in the pie warmer for lunch e.g., already cooked food that only requires reheating.

How: Please ensure your food item is in an oven proof container/tinfoil and is clearly labelled with your child's name and room number.

Fordell SUPER STAR Students



Week 3



Senior Hub

Max Hooper for showing confidence and leading The Trekkies dance during production.

Kindle Alderton for always working hard in all that you do. You are a great role model.

Poppy Bradey for consistently role modelling respect and responsibility in Room 6.

Junior Hub

Emori Kedrewaca for showing courage and joining in with all our learning.

Lydia van Dalen for being a fantastic role model in Room 2. Always setting by example and showing kindness to all members in Room 2.

Payton Forsyth-Isted for showing courage and resilience in the Fordell Production.



Week 4



Senior Hub

Izrael Nahona-Osborne for showing compassion and always looking out for the others.

William Gilbert you are such a creative person, and you show this through different forms of class learning. Your new flavour of ice cream shows this great thinking.

Soren Walker for effort and responsibility in completing his reading tasks.

Junior Hub

Isabelle Gilbert for having a kind and caring nature in our class. You are always there to help others during the day. We are so lucky to have you in Room 1.

Fern Crothers for constantly striving for excellence in everything that you do. You are a kind and responsible member of Room 2.

Evie-Kylie Rofe for showing effort and enjoyment in her literacy.

Fordell VALUE Students

Fordell Value Badges:

VALUES BADGE – Emily Bell

BRONZE BADGE – Esme Crothers and Gracie O'Neill

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:

Khyza Parkes, Georgie Cranstone, Louis Hodson,
Lena Pankhurst, Harrison Shaw, Lachlan Tweeddale-Higgie,
Braxton Auker, Angus Peters, Declyn Jones, Juliet Glasgow,
Maggie Wright, Gracie O'Neill, Tom Pankhurst,
Maddix Watkins-Oxtoby, Alessia Hooper, Evie Mulford,
Luke Hawker, Emily Bell, Kaihau Hunapo, Ryan Angus,
Abi Glasgow, Ma Kedrewca, Luca Kuehne, Angel Landon-Lane,
Charlie McCracken, Sam Benson, Josiah Martin, Travis Perry,
Carter Connors, Lucas Sollitt, Charlotte Wenn,
Ricki Nessling-Papara, Pippa Beatson, Dexter Brotherton, Eli Mceay,
Acton Mackenzie, Arthur Badger, Oscar Laird, William Gilbert, Cara Venter, Blake Chambers.



School Attendance Matters

Every Absence from School Matters!

A whole year has 365 days. The 2023 school year has 193 days. That leaves 172 days to spend on family time, visits, holidays, shopping, household jobs and other appointments.

Students with good attendance (95-100%) generally achieve higher levels and enjoy school more. Students benefit and make the most of their educational opportunities if they attend school regularly and on time.

100%

PERFECTION

A+

98%

IMPRESSIVE

Equates to 4 SCHOOL DAYS off each year.

96%

GOOD

Equates to 8 SCHOOL DAYS off each year.

95%

NEARLY THERE

Equates to 10 SCHOOL DAYS off each year.

94%

NEEDS TO IMPROVE

Equates to 12 SCHOOL DAYS off each year.

90%

CONCERNS

Equates to 19 SCHOOL DAYS off each year.

Students who are absent an average of 15 days a year miss nearly a year's worth of school by the time they start secondary school. When students miss a day of school, it actually puts them two days behind their classmates.

85% OFF

SERIOUS CONCERNS

Equates to 29 SCHOOL DAYS off each year.

Chronic Absences: Justified or Unjustified absences represent lost time in the classroom and lost opportunities to learn. Missing just one day every two weeks can add up quickly! Under new MOE directive any student with serious absence concerns will need to have an intervention plan put in place.

Track Your Child's Attendance

On the first absence, write the date of the absence to help you keep track.

1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th

Currently _____'s attendance is _____% (_____ days off school).

If you need help with attendance please contact us.

WARNING
Your child's academic and social progress is in danger.

A larger copy of this is available from the school office

Fordell School Vision: "Growing Empowered Navigators Together"

Family Friendly Fitness

Sometimes, we all need a bit of help getting motivated to do some exercise. Whether that's for cross-country training, keeping fit between sports, or maintaining fitness for hikes and bike rides, what's been helpful for our family is parkrun. Whanganui Riverbank Parkrun was started by our very own Judy Mellsop, and with 42 weekly events across NZ, there's always inspiration to get out and do some exercise on Saturday mornings.

Our family are regulars at Parkrun, outside of the Winter sports seasons. Zara has achieved her 25th milestone, and is sitting at 26 completed Parkruns, and Oscar has his 25th in sight, having completed 17 Parkruns. I'm aiming to get to 100 by the end of 2023, currently on 82 completed. Milestone t-shirts (10 for juniors, 25, 50, 100 and 250) give everyone pride in their achievements, and the 5km distance fosters resilience to reach the finish. It's about knowing you don't have to be first to enjoy the journey; that you are only racing yourself.



Turning up at an event every week, you get to meet a range of people you otherwise wouldn't. It's a great community atmosphere. Everyone encourages each other and it's a lot of fun! If you aren't up to doing the event, the crew are always looking for volunteers to help. There's coffee at Columbus café, Mitre 10 afterwards, to keep those relationships going.

What is Parkrun? It's a free, weekly, 5km, community event, where you can walk, jog, run, volunteer or spectate. Starting opposite 282 Taupo Quay, the course follows the river down to the Waimarie, and back again. 7.50am briefing, 8am start. Register at parkrun once: www.parkrun.co.nz/register/, print your barcode, and start your way to earning milestones!

- Steph Laird, Fordell School Parent and Board Member

Cold and Wet Days

We have had some very cold days here at school lately, please send warm clothing and jackets to school with your child/children.

Due to the amount of mud around the school, it is also advised for students to wear gumboots or covered shoes and to pack a spare change of clothes.



Fordell School & Preschool

In 2022, the small community of Fordell rallied behind local girl Maggie Wright (pictured here with her brothers and sister), who was diagnosed with cancer in October 2021.

Her primary school, Fordell School, and the local preschool both signed up for Wig Wednesday, with kids all through the town wearing wigs on the day.

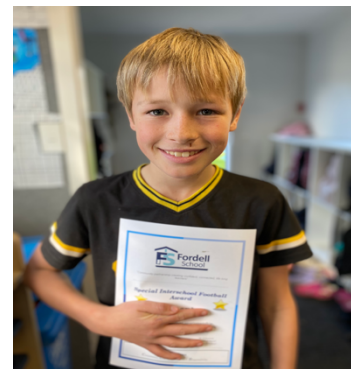
Collectively, the community raised over \$1000 to help tamariki like Maggie and their families on their journey with childhood cancer.

[Sign up](#)



Special Interschool Football Award

Presented to



Max Chambers for excellent sportsmanship, being a team player and representing his school proudly.

Wig Wednesday 13th September 2023

Wig Wednesday is a fun day in September where schools, workplaces and community groups can show their support for these tamariki. Taking part is easy, simply wear a wig or style a funky hairdo.

<https://fb.watch/IhV8UMvFoU/>

<https://wigwednesday.org.nz/resources>



We Are What We Eat!

Senior Hub's Term Three Inquiry is all about healthy eating. Room Six students have been learning about the four food groups, which foods are suitable choices for everyday (or just sometimes!) and how to check for nutritional information. We were surprised and shocked to learn about how much sugar is in some of our drinks!



5 + a DAY 
fresh fruit & vegetables



MATHS WEEK IN RM 1

This week in Maths week, in Rm 1 we have been celebrating it by having fun making a picture book about numbers. We have used the book. One is a snail and Ten is a crab as inspiration. We have also been looking at fractions and make some very cool fraction kites.

