



Fordell School

Fordell Flyer

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Tēnā koutou parents, whānau and Fordell School community. As we kick off another exciting term at Fordell School, I extend a warm welcome to our new families who have joined us. The start of a new year is always filled with anticipation, excitement, and new beginnings and we are all excited to be on this journey with you.

At Fordell School, we believe in fostering a nurturing and supportive environment where every child can thrive academically, socially, and emotionally. Our dedicated team is committed to providing all our students, your children, with a well-rounded education that inspires curiosity, creativity, and a love for learning. As partners (home, student and school), we encourage open communication and collaboration. Together, we can work hand in hand to support your child's growth and development every step of the way. Which is why our vision is "**Growing Empowered Navigators Together**".

Throughout the upcoming year, we have an array of exciting opportunities, events, and initiatives planned to enrich your child. These range from engaging classroom activities to extracurricular programs, there is something for everyone to get involved in and enjoy. We work along the mantra "**opting in is the only option**". We hope that you will support us with keeping this mantra alive.

As we navigate the challenges and triumphs of the school year ahead, please know that our doors are always open, and we are here to support you and your family in any way we can. Together we will make this school year another memorable and successful one for everyone.



- Yvette Moorhouse, Principal.

Attendance at School

Last year we gave ideas and strategies for helping to improve school attendance, one of these was reporting to you each Flyer how our attendance as a whole school is tracking. We have created a useful table for you to see how quickly absences add up. This is for any absence, even medical/sick days add up over a term/year. This year we have 192 school days. We will continue to report to you our whole school attendance which we aim to keep above the 90%.

Absent from School Does Matter

A whole year has 365 days. **The 2024 school year has 192 days** That leaves 173 days to spend on family time, visits, holidays, shopping, and other appointments ☺

Attendance	100%	98%	96%	95%	94%	90%	85%	80%	75%
Days absent in a YEAR	0 days absent	4 days absent	8 days absent	10 days absent	12 days absent	19 days absent	29 days absent	38 days absent	48 days absent
Days absent a TERM	= Perfect!	1 day a term	2 days a term	2 ½ days a term	3 days a term	4 ¾ day a term	7 ¼ days a term	9 ½ days a term	12 days a term
	Regular Attendance					Irregular Attendance		Moderate Absence	Chronic Absence

Fordell School Attendance Term 1 Week 2

Present	85%
Justified	1%
Unjustified	14%



OUR VALUES

These are our expectations

Compassion

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

Courage

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

Respect

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

Responsibility

- 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 SUPER STAR Students

★ Week 2 ★

Senior Hub

Angel Landon-Lane for showing great commitment towards her learning.

Timaleti Qiolevu You have settled so well into Fordell School. You are a polite and helpful member of the class. You have such a wonderful positive attitude.

Aluamita Qiolevu With great courage and a super smile you have begun your Fordell School journey with a fantastic positive attitude.

Junior Hub

Madeleine Reid You have had a wonderful start to your time in Room 1. You have shown courage when trying new learning. Well done!

Lacey Auker We are so lucky to have a compassionate person like you in our class. You are always looking out for others making sure they are ok and making the right choices.

Cooper Beatson for his commitment and effort with all his learning. What a superstar!

Fordell VALUE Students

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:

*Louis Hodson, Gavin Rossiter, Max Teal, Matilda Connors,
Beau Ward, Braxton Auker, Evie Mulford, Oscar Laird,
Korbin Gabbott, Pippa Beatson, Sam Benson, Sienna Andrews,
Soren Walker, Mason Gardiner, Jasmine Robertson, Kieran Boylin,
Zara Laird, William Gilberd, Blaire Webby, Ma Kedrewaca,
Connor Greenwood, Ford Teal, Lyric Cooper.*

2024 Fordell Important Dates

Term 1

Week 3

- Thursday 15 February - Year 7&8 Technology starts at Cullinane College

Week 4

- Monday 19 February - Bus Warden Training/Refresh
- Monday 19 February - Board Meeting, 5.30pm

Week 5

- Wednesday 27 February - Leadership Day for Year 8s

Week 6

- Tuesday 5 March - Cluster Swimming Competition
- Wednesday 6 March - Teacher Only Day / No School

Week 8

- Wednesday 20 March - Year 7&8 Tuia Challenge, Old Coach Road Bike Ride

Week 9

- Friday 29 March - Easter Friday / No School

Week 10

- Monday 1 April - Easter / No School
- Tuesday 2 April - Easter / No School

Week 11

- Friday 12 April - End of Term 1

Term 2

Week 1

- Monday 29 April - Start of Term 2

2024 School Term Dates

Term 1

Thursday 1 February - Start of Term 1 2024

Friday 12 April - Last day of Term 1

*Note that Easter falls during term 1

Term 2

Monday 29 April - Start of Term 2

Friday 5 July - Last day of Term 2

Term 3

Monday 22 July - Start of Term 3

Friday 27 September - Last day of Term 3

Term 4

Monday 14 October - Start of Term 4

Last day of term 4 TBC, approx. 17 December



Lets Keep Our Students Safe Around Fordell School

-20km/h past a school bus is the speed limit -



Did you know that **if a school bus has stopped you must slow down and drive at 20km/h or less until you are well past the bus** - no matter which direction you are coming from if it has stopped for the purpose of picking up or dropping off school children. It has been brought to our attention that cars are not slowing down on No. 2 Line when our bus is picking up and dropping off.

Please can we all take extra care around the bus (slowing down to the 20km/h) so that our students, your children are kept safe. We are currently looking into how we can get support from the council to put up signage that alerts drivers that there is a school bus in this area.

State Highway 3 (SH3) Whanganui to Bulls Safety Improvements Project.

We have been asked to let our community know about this:

Between 2019 and 2023, there were 159 crashes on SH3 between Whanganui and Bulls, which resulted in 7 people dying and 19 being seriously injured.

We want to make this a safer stretch of road so that everyone living on and using this section of SH3, can get where they are going safely.

In 2022, we undertook a study to understand which types of safety improvements would work best for this road. We identified that adding sections of flexible median barrier to the route would be very effective at reducing deaths and serious injuries.

Three of the deaths and 10 of the serious injuries could have been prevented if flexible median barrier had been in place on the road.

From March 2024, we plan to install our first stretches of median barrier along the route, totaling 5-6km. These stretches of median barrier will mark the start of a wider programme of safety improvements, which will see median barrier and turnaround facilities installed along much of the highway between Whanganui and Bulls.

The exact lengths of these stretches of median barrier are to be confirmed but they will be installed in locations where the road is already wide enough to support the barrier. The proposed locations for the barrier are included in the attached fact sheet.

Once the locations are confirmed, we will advise the community when they will be installed and what traffic management will be in place.

These barriers will deliver immediate safety benefits while maintaining efficient travel between Whanganui and Bulls.

Later this month we are hosting two community drop-in sessions. The sessions will be an opportunity to meet with members of the project team and ask questions about the project.

- Whanganui: Pioneer Room - Whanganui War Memorial Centre, Tuesday 20 February 2024, 4-7pm
- Bulls: Bulls Town Hall, Te Matapihi, Thursday 22 February 2024, 4-7pm.

More information about the project is available on our website: nzta.govt.nz/whanganui-to-bulls.

Ngā mihi,
Dylan

SH3 Whanganui to Bulls Safety Improvements Project Team
Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency

ROOM 4 NEWS

Welcome to Room 4 news. We have started off with a busy year. In room 4 we have a jungle theme happening. Come in and check out our reading tree. Each day we have been swimming down at the Fordell Pool. In class we have started with different activities to get to know each other, setting up our books, writing identity potions.

