



Fordell School

# Fordell Flyer

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Tēnā koutou parents, whānau and Fordell School community. It continues to be a busy and exciting time here at Fordell School. As we settle into the rhythm of the new year, there is plenty to look forward to and celebrate. Each Fordell Flyer two of our classes prepare some highlights to share with you. This week we have Room 1 and 5.

**Fordell School Assembly** - Each Friday morning at 9.15am we are holding our school assembly on the Room 4 deck. You are welcome to join us for our assembly where we celebrate our Star Students for the week, award Value Certificates and Badges, have a performance from one of our talented classes and share in any other achievements that have happened over the past week.

**Fordell School Sports and Coaching** - Our Fordell Sports Teams have hit the ground running with Touch, Teeball, and Hockey this term, we couldn't be more excited about the energy and enthusiasm our students are bringing to the field! A huge thank you to all of you who got your notices returned in time allowing us to put these teams together and register students for their chosen sports.

We are also incredibly grateful to the parents and family members who have generously offered to coach and manage these teams. Your support is invaluable and greatly appreciated!

However, we find ourselves in need of more coaches to ensure that all our teams can thrive. We understand that the idea of coaching might seem daunting at first, but we want to assure you that it is a truly rewarding experience. Whether you are a seasoned athlete or someone who has never coached before, we welcome you to join our coaching team!

We are more than happy to provide guidance and support to help with growing your coaching skills along the way. If you are able to lend a hand and help us out (especially as the winter sports will be here soon), please don't hesitate to reach out to Mr Johnston in room 5 or let the school office know. Your involvement will make a significant difference for our student athletes.

To all our keen supporters thank you for the positive support you provide from the sidelines - this all helps to grow and foster a true enjoyment in sport for all those involved.

## Attendance at School at Week 4

Our goal is to have our whole school at 90%+ which is attending regularly. Just to note we do ask that you try not take holidays during school time these absences add up and make a difference to your child's learning. As mentioned last flyer we have 366 days and will have 192 school days, that leaves 174 days to spend on family time, visits, holidays, shopping and other appointments.

### Fordell School Attendance Term 1 Week 4

Present	89%
Justified	3%
Unjustified	8%



- Yvette Moorhouse,  
Principal.

## 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 3

### Senior Hub

**Julian Dunn** for taking responsibility for his learning and completing tasks to the best of his ability.

**William Penwarden** You are such a great role model in Room 4. You are a focused learner and strive to do your best in all that you do.

**Ella van Dalen** for having 100% commitment to all tasks and consistently making good choices.

### Junior Hub

**Braxton Auker** for showing courage during our class swimming. I am so proud of how you are having ago in the water. I can't wait to see what you can do next week.

**Eleanor Perry** You have been such a compassionate member of our class. You always look out for others and make sure that they feel included. We are lucky to have you in Room 2.

**Louis Hodson** for awesome ideas for writing and working hard to get them down.

## Week 4

**Ma Kedrewaca** for contributing positively during class discussions.

**Anthony Rowe** for showing courage to share his ideas in class and leading our morning ruruku.

**Zara Laird** for commitment and enthusiasm towards learning and giving your best in everything you do – all with a smile!

### Junior Hub

**Angus Worrall** for showing courage with your learning. You have given 100% to all that you have done in class and I can see you are trying your very best. Keep up this super attitude.

**Payton Forsyth-Isted** You are such a compassionate and caring member of Fordell, not only looking out for people in our class but across the whole school.

**Gavin Rossiter** for showing responsibility and enthusiasm with his home learning.

## Fordell VALUE Students

### Fordell Value Badges:

**VALUES BADGE** – Meilah Thompson

**BRONZE BADGE** – William Penwarden

### 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:*

*Cora Whitehaed, Evelyn Badger, Harrison Shaw, Arthur Badger, Hayden Mulford, Angus Worrall, Elsie Mackenzie, Fern Crothers, Dexter Brotherton, Josiah Martin, Esther Teal, Poppy Bradey, Henry Kedrewaca, Anthony Rowe, Blake Chambers, Ailisha Hyland, Meilah Thompson, Gracie O'Neill, Lacey Auker, Georgie Cranstone, Lily Gollan, Payton Forsyth-Isted, Angel Landon-Lane, Ella Bradey, Cole Price, Jack Palmer, Khyza Parkes, Fox Crothers, Jack O'Neill, Marlowe Crothers, Luther Khetpal, Daniel Robertson, Eli McLeay, Kindie Alderton, Freddie Johnston, William Penwarden, Travis Perry, Tom Pankhurst, Ricki Nessling-Papara, Maggie Wright, Juliet Glasgow, Evie-Kylie Rofe, Ariston Adelman, Harper Jones, Tima Qiolevu*

## 2024 Fordell Upcoming Dates

### Term 1

#### Week 5

- Wednesday 27 February – Leadership Day for Year 8s
- Friday 1 March – Fordell School Swimming Gala

#### 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

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

## Fordell School Board Casual Vacancy for a Parent Representative

A casual vacancy has occurred on the 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:

Presiding Member: Steph Laird

Fordell School Board

21 Budge Street

Fordell

By 22 March 2024

# Teacher Only Day

## Wednesday 6 March

All staff will be attending professional development on this day.



## Thank You Mr Matt Robertson

Sadly our fabulous caretaker Mr Robertson is moving onto a new exciting business venture. For the past 18 months, Mr Robertson has been an integral part of the Fordell team, not only he has maintained our grounds to ensure they have remained inviting and spectacular but been part of the fun that we all do at Fordell School – with even winning the staff scone challenge at last years Ag Day. Although we will miss his presence as our caretaker, we will still get to see him around Fordell School as a parent. We extend a heartfelt thanks to Mr Robertson and wish him the very best with his future business endeavors.



## Fordell School Swimming Gala

When: Friday 1 March

Time: 12.30pm

Where: Fordell Pool

*You may take your children home at the conclusion of this event, please let their teacher know you are taking them.*



# FORDELL SCHOOL IS LOOKING FOR A CARETAKER

**Fordell School is looking for a part-time caretaker/grounds person to join our fabulous Fordell Team of 135. This is an awesome opportunity to work with a friendly dynamic team in a beautiful rural full-primary school helping maintain the grounds and buildings.**

Position starts Monday 18th March

15 hours a week, school term time.

It involves a range of duties to help us ensure that our amazing school is maintained as a safe and inviting environment:

- identifying hazards
- minor building and ground maintenance
- lawn mowing
- garden maintenance
- general beautification of our grounds
- enjoy being part of a fabulous rural school

The successful applicant will need to do a police check (required for all workers in schools), have a full drivers license, excellent time management, flexibility and have the skills to carry out repairs and maintenance.

For more information contact:

[principal@fordell.school.nz](mailto:principal@fordell.school.nz) or phone 06 3427828







# GROW COACH PROGRAMME

Presented BY local coaches, FOR local coaches

Netball Whanganui would like to offer this FREE course to coaches at all levels. Ideal for beginners right through to Premier and Rep coaches – something for everyone.

This is a 5-week programme consisting of practical sessions:

- 4<sup>th</sup> March – introduction/planning/warm-ups/resources (Lisa Murphy/Robyn Walford)
  - 11<sup>th</sup> March – attacking/shooting (Lisa Murphy)
  - 18<sup>th</sup> March – defence (Parekura Cribb)
  - 25<sup>th</sup> March – through court (Hannah Middleton)
- 8<sup>th</sup> April – put it all together/conclusion (Jolene Johansson)



**VENUE:** Whanganui High School Gym

**TIME:** 5.30 – 6.30pm

**REGISTER:** by email to [manager@netballwhanganui.co.nz](mailto:manager@netballwhanganui.co.nz)

The aim is to form a 'Coach Club' where coaches can share resources and experiences, meet other coaches and support one another, and plan further coach support programmes specific to your needs.

**Netball Season starts:** (Girls and Boys can play)

- Saturday 4 May – Year 7&8 Grading Tournament
  - Saturday 11 May – Year 5&6 Open Day
  - Saturday 18 May – Year 1-6 Round 1

The Wells family are looking for casual and full-time staff in their kiwifruit orchard. Flexible schedules during school hours are also available.

**If interested or for more information, please contact:**

**Richard Wells: 027 462 9369**

## **Cameo Writing**

Grasshopper with your stick legs  
and strawberry eyes.  
Hop to me with your sausage body and  
Veiny wings.

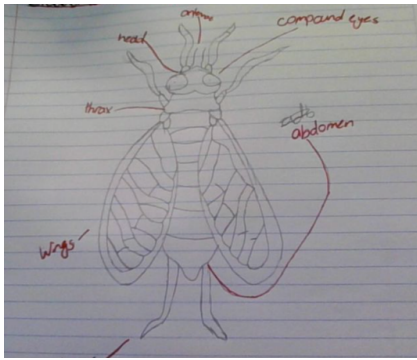
Fly to me, beautiful thing.

**Esme Crothers**

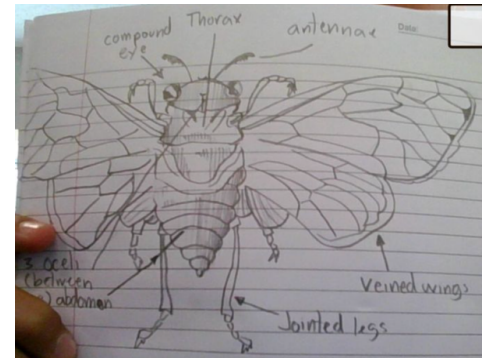
Bumblebee with your black and yellow stripes.  
Fly to me with your golden shimmering wings.  
Your tiny little blackberry feet and with your cute little silver eyes.  
You are so tiny and beautiful – I wish I could be you.

**Isabelle Gilbert**





# Room 5 The sound of summer



## *The annoying crackling sound*

Sitting under a tall swaying tree, listening to the constant vibrations of the cicada trying to find a mate for the summer. The snap the crack the annoying constant crackle in the tree 🌳. I hear the obnoxious sound of the cicadas abdomen rubbing together to make a tick, tick, ticking and the constant static echoing in the wind. I sit on the grass feeling like a hippy listening to the cicada making a high pitched buzz that sounds like William talking about one piece.... Oh wait he is right in my ear.



## **The Cicadas**

**Sitting under the huge Nutmeg tree, I hear the sound of the cicada, the unique constant clicking in a repetitive pattern. The chorus of the cicadas calling for mates, sounding like a waterfall. I sat there listening to the relaxing sound, the melody began to fall in sync. I wondered when I would hear the cicadas again as I got up and walked away.**



## The sound of a Cicada

I was sitting under a tall, slim tree.  
It was so peaceful then I heard a crack then a buzzing.  
It sounded like a waterfall flowing through the woods.  
It was a whirlwind of noises clicking, cracking, screaming, shushing and buzzing. It almost sounded like a morse code saying, "go away", or, "do not come hear,"  
The Cicadas hiss, click, crack, Buzz, scream and then shush.  
The sound was so loud but calming.  
It was a calm "click, click, click" so repetitive and Hypnotizing.  
That it was trying to control my mind with their admins' violin moving it back and forth to make music.  
I was sitting under a tall slim tree with a peaceful click, click, click in the air.



# Shine Bright Day for Maggie!





# 850 Days – 25 Oct 21 to 22 Feb 24

## Shine Bright Day

### For

### Maggie

Maggie you are a shining star that lights up any room.

You have faced many challenges over the last 2 years/850 days that would even daunt the strongest of us. You have shown resilience, determination, and great courage – bravely confronting every obstacle that has come your way.

Today we all stand with you as it marks a momentous occasion, it is 850 days since you were diagnosed and started your treatment and today marks the final day of treatment.

Congratulations on reaching this milestone, here's to a future filled with more laughter, fun and endless opportunities and adventures. Maggie, you are an extraordinary young lady, and all of us couldn't be prouder of you and are delighted to be able to celebrate today with you.





## Swimming Sports Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2024

**Reminders:** Vests, sunscreen, students to have hats, something warm between races – towel etc.

### Swimming Gala order of events 2024

This is just a guide there is room for change some students opt in and out of events, so we just go with the flow – as long as everyone gets involved and attempts something

1. **Width flutter board front-** Year 2 – 4
  - Girls 2 displays Year 2 – 3 then Year 4 girls
  - Boys 2 displays Year 2 – 3 then Year 4 boys
  - **Width flutter board back** Year 2 – 4
  - Girls 2 displays Year 2 – 3 then Year 4 girls
  - Boys 2 displays Year 2 – 3 then Year 4 boys
2. **Width freestyle return?** Year 2 – 4
3. **Length freestyle - Year 3 – 4 girls straight final**
4. **Length freestyle – Year 3 – 4 boys straight final**
5. **Width backstroke – Year 2 – 4, boys and girls Hip**
6. **Length backstroke – Year 3 – 4 girls - Straight final**
7. **Length backstroke – Year 3 – 4 boys – Straight final**
8. **Width flutter board return – Year 5 - 8**
9. **Width flutter back return**
10. **Width freestyle return – YEAR 5 - 8**
11. **Length freestyle Year 5 – 6 girls straight final**
12. **Length freestyle Year 5 – 6 boys straight final**
13. **Length freestyle Year 7 – 8 freestyle heats top 3**
14. **Length freestyle Year 7 – 8 freestyle heats top 3**
15. **Freestyle girls final Year 7 – 8**
16. **Freestyle boy final Year 7 – 8**
17. **Width breaststroke Year 5 – 8 straight final**
18. **Length Breaststroke Year 5 & 6 boys heats/final**
19. **Length Breaststroke Year 5 & 6 girls final**
20. **Length Breaststroke Year 7 & 8 girls heats/final**
21. **Length breaststroke Year 7 & 8 boys final**
22. **Width backstroke Year 5 – 8**
23. **Length Backstroke Year 5 & 6 girls final**
24. **Length backstroke Year 5 & 6 boys final**
25. **Length Backstroke Year 7 & 8 Girls final**
26. **Length backstroke Year 7 & 8 boys final**
27. **Open medley Year 5 – 8 girls**
28. **Open Medley Year 5 – 8 boys**
29. **3 lengths freestyle girls**
30. **3 lengths freestyle boys Year 5 & 6**
31. **3 lengths freestyle boys Year 7 & 8**