



## The Dedication of our Staff and Parents is Inspiring

### Board of Trustees Election

Firstly, I wish to thank all the nominees for putting themselves forward for our Board of Trustees elections. We were incredibly fortunate to have a large number of nominees to choose from. Many schools and communities struggle to present a substantial number of nominees in the first place. I am sure you will agree with me that the nominees were of an exceptional calibre. It is heartening to have it confirmed once again that in our school community we have talented, skilled and competent people who care deeply about supporting the learning and overall education of our students, your children.

Secondly, congratulations to the newly elected Board of Trustees. The staff at Fraser look forward to working with our new Board of Trustees as together we face the educational challenges that present themselves and to move our school forward to improve the learning and achievement of our students.

### New Deputy Principal Appointment

I am delighted to announce the appointment of Ainsley Robson to the Deputy Principal position. Mr Robson was the acting Deputy Principal and the Head of Department of Chemistry. The interviews for the position were conducted on Tuesday 29 June. He was the successful interviewee from a highly qualified field of 24 applicants.

### Friends of Fraser

On Tuesday, 29 June, the Friends of Fraser (PTA) met and a committee was established. This parent group is another excellent avenue for parents and friends of the school to get involved and to support

the school. I would like to strongly encourage you to find out more about the group. It also caters for those parents who don't have time to attend meetings, but still want to contribute to planned activities and be informed.

Please refer to the brief on page 2 of this newsletter for contact details.

### Thank you, kia ora koutou

Not only has this term been extra long it has been extra-ordinarily busy. There have been numerous school events that demonstrate the key focus of our school, which is an unrelenting focus on student learning and achievement. It is extremely rewarding to observe so many of our students engaging positively in the school activities that have been organised to support their learning and enjoyment in these areas.

A huge thank you to our staff who manage and coach our students in extra co-curricular activities, aiming to enrich their educational experience at Fraser.

For example, Ms Michelle Tupper, who works with the boys hockey team most mornings in freezing temperatures and again in the freezing evenings; Miss Ruth Love and Mrs Abby McCrae, who were always there for the Stage Challenge students during after school practices and late into the evening; Mrs Karen Porton, who drives students to so many events, returns them safely to their home, feeds and sometimes clothes them; Mrs Jocelyn Auld, who has the energy and stamina of an Eveready battery as she manages netball, basketball and 7.15am

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## Another Successful Market Day held

A term's work of setting up and running a small business culminated in the Year 10 Accounting/Economics Market Day held in the school library on Thursday, 24 June.

A huge thank you to parents, caregivers and teachers who supported the event.

A wide range of quality products at affordable prices were available for purchase.

A great afternoon and evening was had by all.



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classes. Most Saturdays you will find Mrs Auld at the netball courts for the entire day; Ms Nicole Hardy, who is the teacher in charge of the 1st XV Rugby team. We struggled to field a full team this year and Nicole worked very hard along with the Coach to ensure we have a rugby team on the field every Saturday.

There are so many other staff who make a significant contribution to your child's educational experience at Fraser on top of their regular teaching workload.

Along with those staff are the stalwart parents and caregivers who are always there to either

wash uniforms, provide transport, bake a plate of goodies, paint props, sew costumes, coach, manage, supervise sausage sizzles, sell pies and buy raffle tickets. But best of all, they show up at school events to appreciate their child's participation.

Thank you to those parents and caregivers for supporting the school and our students.

### Term 3 Achievement

Term 3 is often the last opportunity for senior students to achieve most of the credits offered in each of the learning areas. It is absolutely crucial for all students to persevere and stay focussed,

by taking every opportunity to achieve. Last minute remorse in term 4 is too late.

If you and your child require further information or assistance to plan the next stage of their progress to achieve NCEA, please contact your child's House Dean or House Deputy Principal.

If you have a specific subject concern, contact your child's subject teacher.

I hope every student has a safe and enjoyable break, in readiness to learn and achieve when they return to school.

**Virginia Crawford, Principal**

### Board of Trustees Election

## Declaration of Parent and Staff Election Results

Parent representatives votes:

BATES Craig	111
CHASE Jade	29
CUTHERS William	69
DAVIS Daphne	39
GREEN Jeff	50
HOOD Evelyn	92
JENSEN Nan	75
LEONARD Ruth	77
MORGAN Brendon	34
NIKORA Tuti	32
ROW Gus	40
STROTHER Howard	96
TAWHA Gayle	48
WILLARD Paul	70
Invalid Votes	18

*I hereby declare the following parent representatives elected to the Board of Trustees:*

**Craig Bates, Howard Strother, Evelyn Hood, Ruth Leonard and Nan Jensen**

At the close of nominations, as there was only one valid nomination for staff representative received I hereby declare **Jennifer (Jenny) Probert** duly elected:

**Paul Kyle, Returning Officer**

## Former Student Successes

Hamilton's Fraser High School is pleased to congratulate the following former students who graduated from Auckland University in May this year. Their final year at Fraser is shown in brackets.

**Melissa Clark** (1996) Master of Urban Design

**Sara Humphreys** (2003) Postgraduate Diploma in Science. Sara has also been awarded a **Fulbright Scholarship** to travel to the USA and study for a PhD in Plant Biochemistry

**Yu-Hao Lou** (2005) Bachelor of Engineering (Honours)

**Yatawarage Perera** (2006) Bachelor of Science

**Sharyn Pilkington** (1993) Postgraduate Diploma in Health Sciences

**Kelly Pinfold** (2006) Bachelor of Nursing

**Karly Retimana-Whatu** (1989) Postgraduate Certificate in Health Sciences

**Sharon Wilkinson** (1985) Postgraduate Diploma in Business

**Nicola Wright** (2004) Bachelor of Arts.

*Ever wondered how you can contribute?*

### JOIN FRIENDS OF FRASER

This new committee will give you a voice and an opportunity to support your school.

- Coaching • Committees • Teacher Support • Knowledge
- Skills to Share • Parent Supervision • Field Trips
- Fundraising • Costume Design • Cultural Activities • Ideas

We are not just another fundraising body and provider of cups of tea, **WE INVITE YOU** to come along to our next meeting and join in with this fun and friendly group.

**Thursday 29 July 2010 at 7.00pm**

**Hamilton's Fraser High School Library**

*Light refreshments will be available.*

For further information contact:

**Chairperson, Tracey Willard**

**tracey@loudas.com** or phone **07 829 8883**

**STUDENTS MUST BE IN THE SCHOOL GROUNDS BY 8.30 am EACH DAY**

# Official School Uniform Policy

With the onset of winter, we would like to confirm the parameters of Hamilton's Fraser High School's uniform. In Term 3 the breach of uniform becomes a big issue for the school and takes up a large amount of administrative time.

Major issues thus far include:

- 1) **Incorrect footwear.** To simplify the issue of shoes for parents and caregivers, new rules were introduced at the end of last year. All Year 9 and 10 students were informed of the new rules at assemblies and these have been published in school newsletters at the beginning of the year. For Years 9, 10 and 11 students, there are two options: **black roman sandals** or **plain black LEATHER lace up shoes**.

The definition of leather for the school is that, *should* the shoes need it, they *could* be polished. This option is for both boys and girls. This ruling was made for practical reasons. For Year 12 and 13 students, the rule is **plain black leather shoes**. Again the polish rule applies.

- 2) **Incorrect jerseys and jackets.** Due to the colder weather a large number of sweatshirts, "hoodies" and jackets are worn to school. **These are not part of school uniform.** Any jersey,

sweatshirt, or jacket that is worn at school **must be purchased at the school uniform shop.**

While we realise that these items maybe expensive for some families, we would hope that families would plan for the colder months and purchase what is needed. The No.1 Shoe Warehouse at The Base and Hannah's in town currently have a good range of inexpensive leather shoes for sale.

What we find most frustrating is when parents and caregivers purchase the shoes their child wants, rather than what is required by the school's Uniform policy.

**We would ask that from the beginning of Term Three, all students are wearing the correct uniform. ANY STUDENT WHO IS NOT IN CORRECT UNIFORM MAY BE WITHDRAWN FROM CLASSES UNTIL THE UNIFORM IS RECTIFIED.**

If financial pressures are the reason for incorrect uniform, we would ask that you contact the Deputy Principal in charge of your child's House to come to some arrangement.

Please do not hesitate to contact the school if you have any queries, or would like a copy of the uniform regulations.



CORRECT Junior uniform



CORRECT Senior uniform

## Support a Whanau Forum at Hamilton's Fraser High

*Assist the school to achieve the aims and aspirations of Māori students and their whanau.*

To establish whanau endorsement, students and their caregivers are asked to express support in principle for the forum.

If you wish to make contact or receive notices regarding the forum, contact Linda Keogh at school or by email at [l.keogh@fraser.school.nz](mailto:l.keogh@fraser.school.nz)

## YWCA Leadership Course

Several times a year, the YWCA runs an excellent confidence and multi-skill enhancing programme for up to twenty Year 9 and 10 girls from Hamilton schools. If you'd like to find out more, see Ms Summers or Mr Fry at the school Health Centre. Here's what Brooke Muir (pictured) says about going on the programme.

"I have just finished an 8-week leadership course through YWCA and have had the time of my life. Alongside ten other girls from different schools around the Waikato, I have experienced makeovers, rock climbing, self-defence, attitude and self-esteem programmes, and many more wonderful things.

Keeli Ward Franklin and myself were recommended by the Hamilton's Fraser High School Guidance Counsellor, Mr Fry, to take part in the 8 week course as it is a goal of mine to one day become Head Girl.

The course is for Year 9 and 10 students. This was a wonderful opportunity to gain some valuable leadership skills and was 100% free. The makeovers were done by a famous makeup artist who has previously done work on Shorthand Street's TK.

I recommend those of you who are in that age group, get involved and take the opportunity if it is offered to you - I got to meet new people, develop new skills and gained a lifetime experience.

Great things come from these courses, so get involved and take my word for it - it's amazing!"

– Brooke Muir



**STUDENTS' CELLPHONES MUST BE SWITCHED OFF AT SCHOOL**

# Senior Council attend Prefects Training Program Summit at AUT

On Friday 4 June as part of the Prefects Training Program (PTP) run by Auckland University of Technology (AUT), our Senior Council travelled to Auckland to attend the 2010 PTP Leaders Summit.

This year's summit titled "The Changing World", was held in Auckland's Aotea Centre and included many guest speakers such as Tamati Coffey, Martin Snedden and Jacinda Adern.

The summit was aimed at encouraging student leaders to take up opportunities the changing world presents them with, and to remind them that leadership roles don't end once you finish school.

Similar to the PTP Leaders Camp hosted by AUT which we attended at the start of the year, the Leaders

Summit was a great opportunity to network with other schools and share ideas and opinions with other like-minded students.

Throughout the day we were able to catch up with the friends we made while at camp and continue to make connections with other schools.

Overall, it was a great day.

**Amy Patrick - Senior Council**



Fraser High and other students at the PTP Summit.

## More High Achievements in Sport

Hamilton's Fraser High School is once again celebrating the sporting achievements of one of its students. Mark Christensen, 1st XV Rugby Captain and Fullback, was invited to take part in the Chiefs U18 Development Camp taking place the first weekend in July at St Pauls Collegiate.

This has been Mark's goal since the start of the rugby season and we are very proud of both his perseverance and focus leading up to his selection. During the upcoming camp, Mark will take part in the trials for the Chiefs U18 team who will play the Hurricanes U18 team the following weekend. Alongside Mark, Sila Siufanga and

Cody Walker have been invited to trial for the Waikato Harlequins U17 squad.

We are proud that our rugby talent at HFHS is continuing to be acknowledged and wish all of the boys the best of luck in the coming weeks.

## Maths Exam Results

Mid year Mathematics exams for Years 9 and 10 students were held after student reports had been mailed. A letter with these results has been sent home with your student. Do feel free to contact your child's teacher to discuss progress, appointments for parent interviews, or tutoring opportunities.

## Time to learn something new!

The advertising is out in the community now for Adult Learning in TERM 3. The Community Education office has been very busy putting together lots of new learning opportunities. There are many FREE places on many courses.

To see if you can access these look on the ACE website

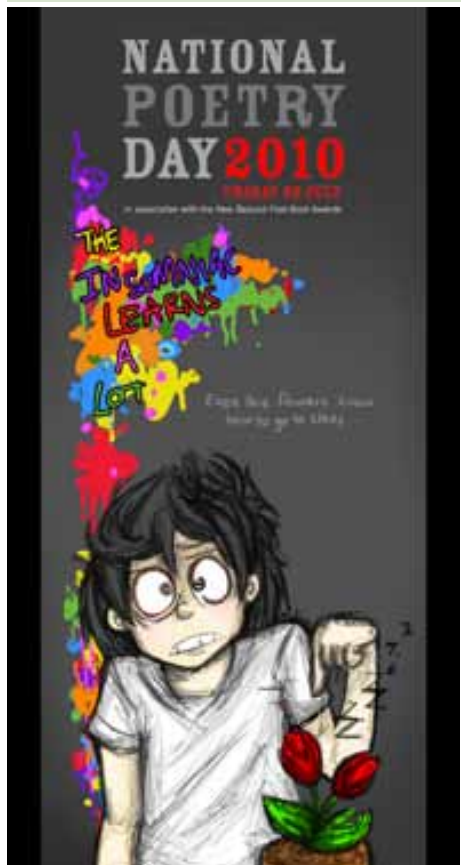
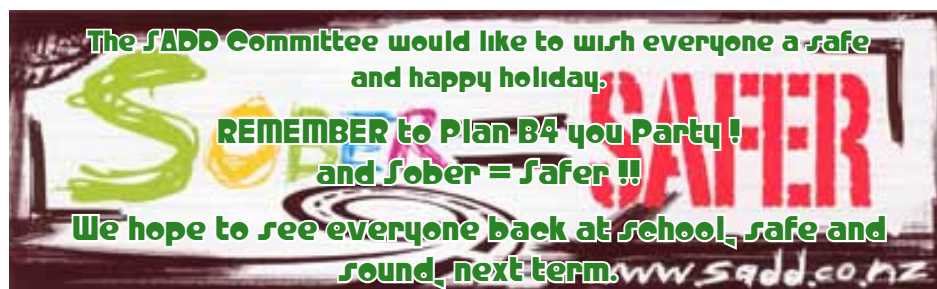
[www.fraserace.ac.nz](http://www.fraserace.ac.nz)

or call the office on **847 1074**.

Fraser student, Daniel Sitivi, will be leading the **NEW Zumba** course on Thursday evenings from 6.30 – 7.30. Book quickly as it looks as though it will be a full class.



There is also a **Defensive Driving** course in the school holidays. This is a great opportunity for young drivers to become a safe and confident driver.



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