



Celebrating Excellence – Our Top Students for 2011

2011 Dux

Christina Korebrits

Excellence
in Japanese

Distinction
in Biology

High Distinction
in Maths Calculus, Maths
Statistics, Physics

A+ Pass in University Paper
Introduction to Algebra and
Calculus

Peter Hampton Award
for overall excellence in Level 8 Science

David Johnston Scholarship Award
\$5,000 for University fees

Graduated with Honours



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Alexander Fanning

Distinction
in Biology

High Distinction
in English, History, Primary
Production & Marketing and
Geography

Geography Trophy

Graduated with Honours



2012 Scholarship Winners

We are proud to acknowledge the following students who have received scholarships for study at University in 2012.

Fraser High School's Teen Parent Unit is celebrating the success of two students, **Lisa Vincent** (right) and **Sarah Longman** (below right). Both students shared the He Puawai Scholarship for tertiary education in 2012.



Mrs Gineva, the Trust's chairperson said, "Both girls were so deserving we could not separate them".

Sarah intends to train as a primary teacher at Waikato University and Lisa intends to train as a nurse at Wintech.



The scholarships worth \$1,500 will help towards their fees. Sue Ford the Director said "we wish them well, as they have worked very hard and deserve this award."

In addition to the He Puawai Scholarship, Sarah also received the David Johnston Scholarships for study at Waikato University in 2012.

Natasha Forkert has been awarded a significant scholarship for study at Auckland University in 2012.



Mikala Watene is among twenty scholarship recipients selected for entry into the LENSscience Bio-Med Summer School programme at the University of Auckland.



Mikala's scholarship funding was provided by the National Research Centre for Growth and development and the Friedlander Foundation.

This is an important first step in

realising Mikala's goal to enter the medical profession.



2010 Dux, Tyla Armstrong, receiving her scholarship from past Principal, Colin Telford, at the 2011 Senior Prizegiving.

Fraser Cadets Commemorate 80th Anniversary

The Fraser High School Cadet Unit Commemorated its 80th Anniversary this year. To mark this occasion a formal parade march was held in Hamilton and attended by a number of distinguished guests representing the New Zealand military, local, national and community leaders.

The parade of cadets was made up of the Fraser High School Cadet Unit, Hamilton City Cadet Unit,



Te Awamutu Community Cadet Unit, No 7 (City of Hamilton) Air Training Corp, No. 31 (Morrinsville) Air Training Corp, No. 37 (Thames) Air Training Corp, No. 34 (South Waikato District) Air Training Corp, and Training Ship Rangiriri.

The parade marched down Victoria Street to Civic Square where they were reviewed and inspected by Air Commodore Peter Porter, RNZAF.



Cadet Promotions

During 2011 a number of Fraser cadets received promotion for their service, dedication, leadership, and loyalty to the Cadet Unit.

Logan King: promoted to the rank of Warrant Officer 2nd Class

Jozef Mendrun: promoted to the rank of Staff Sergeant

Cody Abellanosa: promoted to the rank of Sergeant

Daniel Reyes promoted: to the rank of Corporal

Sam Worthington: promoted to the rank of Lance Corporal

Ethan Clingin: promoted to the rank of Lance Corporal

Jack Aspin: promoted to the rank of Lance Corporal

Congratulations to all these cadets

We Farewell Our International Students

The International Centre at Fraser High School is a place of fantastic opportunity.

In 2011 the Centre hosted students from all over the world who have lived with Kiwi families, studied at Fraser and made lifelong friends with New Zealanders. This is, of course, a two-way trip. We, as the Fraser community, have also benefited from the rich mix of cultures that these travellers have willingly shared.

Thursday 3 November saw us hosting a wonderful evening in the school staffroom to farewell those students leaving. Students sang and played instruments to entertain us at the highest level. Heartfelt

speeches brought tears to our eyes. Host families were thanked for their generous time, effort, care and friendship. It is not easy to be miles from home, but our host families provide the next best thing to home. Sadly, we also farewelled Alex Davis, who has done excellent work as the Director of International Students for the past six years. We thank him for his contribution to Fraser High School and wish him well as he takes up his new teaching post at Wintec.

Regretfully, our homestay co-ordinator, Shirley Christie, is also leaving us to move to Australia with her family. Shirley has been pivotal in the hosting of the students,

finding homes for them, making them welcome and making sure they were safe and happy. We wish Shirley and her family every happiness in Brisbane and thank her for her care and hard work.



For 2012, Ms Jo Smith will be the leader of Learning in the International Centre, and Mr Peter Faulkner takes up the position of International Student Manager.



Calendar of Events

Wednesday 30 November
School Day finishes at 2 pm

Thursday 1 December
Deans Awards
Māori Achievement Celebrations

Friday 2 December
Teen Parent Unit Prizegiving

Mon 5 – Wed 7 December
Document Days for Seniors

Wednesday 7 December
Year 9 Prizegiving

Thursday 8 December
Year 10 Prizegiving

END OF SCHOOL YEAR

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

Gordon Crocker retires after 41 years at Fraser High

Tēnā Koutou

It is with a touch of sadness, nostalgia and nervousness I leave one chapter of my life and set off into a new chapter. After 41 years of involvement in education at Fraser, I wish to publicly thank you for the privilege.

Congratulations to our leavers on their academic, cultural and sporting successes. I leave knowing you will be an asset to our community. It is my hope you will retain, and live out the values of Taniwharau. My challenge to you is to continue to develop as respectful people, underpinned with integrity and armed with perseverance.

The following is a story about the 'Power of One'.

When New Zealand had just got TV, shops closed at 9 pm on Friday nights and few families had the chance of overseas travel, a small boy completed primary school and began secondary school.

On day one, I met Bill. His intervention began when he ruined a perfectly good chalk fight. I assumed the customary beating with the cane was to come. Instead of the cane, we were put to hard labour pushing and pulling a heavy roller up and down the cricket pitch.

Bill was my Form and Social Sciences teacher for the next four years. During that time his immaculate appearance, his beautiful wife, his red VW, his dry sense of humour

and his orderly classroom made an indelible impression upon me. The many conversations we had over the following years, on weekends sports, accepting increased roles, challenges and responsibility, further inspired me.

Bill never preached, he modelled his values. I wanted to be like him. I wanted to be a teacher, like Bill. His intervention did not stop there. Some years later he arrived in my classroom as an Ministry of Education inspector and later sent me to Christchurch to assist in a writing panel. Through his influence, I became an advisor and was awarded the Woolf Fischer Fellowship.

So why Bill? To the staff, many of you are 'Bills' to our young people. I know this because kids tell me. Your relationships with young people are far more influential and powerful than you realise. Keep striving to be a Bill, you never know who you inspire.

To the students, look for Bills. Bills are the

teachers, sports coaches, the leaders in performing and visual arts, people in community groups, cultural groups and churches.

If you have found a Bill, that is wonderful. If you have not, it is my fervent prayer that you do.

My time here has been a privilege and joy. I leave delighted with the clear focus and direction that Fraser is heading.

Ka Kite Anō



Top: Mr Gordon Crocker

Above: Gordon (3rd from left, 3rd row back) in his first year at Fraser in 1970.

Below: Bruce Farthing speaking of his and Gordon's time as Social Science advisors to schools.

Below left: Another of Gordon's favourite pastimes, growing and showing prize chrysanthemums.



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2012 Commencement Dates and Enrolments

Wednesday 25 & Thursday 26 January

Year 12 and 13 re-enrolment and course confirmation

Peer Support Training on both days

Tuesday 31 January

Teacher Only Day and Year 13 Peer Support Planning Day

Wednesday 1 February

Day One for all Year 9 and Peer Support students (8.30am – 3.00pm) and all new Year 10,11,12 & 13 enrolments (8.30 am – 11.00am)

Thursday 2 February

All Years 9, 10 and 13 students attend

Friday 3 February

Only Years 11, 12, 13 students attend

Tuesday 7 February

All school students attend

New Enrolments

Appointments can be made from Monday, 23 January 2012

Please phone the school (847 9044) for more information.

Our school has a limited number of out-of-zone enrolments available.

Uniform Shop

School uniforms can be purchased from **Direct Group Uniforms** at **115 Ellis Street Frankton**

Opening hours: Monday to Friday 8am – 5pm

Bulk shipment of uniform items available for sale from the Monday 23 January.



The PC4G is a Programming Challenge for Year 10 girls to introduce them to computer programming. Four year 10 girls; Candice Kite, Summer Bellem, Sarah Hope and Sharnejah Moana spent the day at Wintec taking part in workshops and programming challenges.

The afternoon saw the girls going head to head against other Waikato schools in a number of programming challenges that tested their newly



Above: Summer Bellem (left and Candice Kite with their gold medals.

learned programming skills and their problem solving abilities.

All four of our girls did very well but a particular mention must go to Candice and Summer who each gained a Gold Medal and a \$50 Te Awa shopping card.

Increase in Number of Cases of Measles

This year, New Zealand has recorded more than 387 cases of measles, the highest total since 1997.

Measles is a highly infectious disease and is more serious than many people realise. Symptoms include fever, cough, red eyes and a runny nose. A rash then develops around 3 days after the other symptoms start.

The best method of preventing measles is the measles, mumps and rubella (MMR) vaccine which is FREE to all New Zealand children.

If You Have Measles

Any student or teacher with measles MUST stay away from school for five to seven days from the appearance of the rash and until recovery, depending on the advice of the local medical officer of health.

If you think you or someone in your family might have measles, please phone your doctor. Or call Healthline 0800 611 116 for advice (Healthline is a free service that is available 24/7).

Shaunna Polley – Sportsperson Extraordinaire

Shaunna Polley has capped off a successful year by making the New Zealand Women's Volleyball Team.



At only 17 years old she is one of the youngest players to make a NZ women's team and adds this to an already impressive list of achievements:

- Winner of the Russell Polley Memorial Scholarship for Sporting Excellence – Sportsperson of the Year – Highest Achiever
- a member of the NZ under 19 Beach Volleyball team.
- a member of the NZ under 19 Indoor Volleyball Team.
- a starting player for the Waikato Women's Volleyball team that finished fourth in New Zealand at Nationals.
- a member of the NZ Womens' Volleyball Team

As if this wasn't enough, Shaunna found time to make the Waikato under 18 Hockey Squad.

FOR SALE FOR SALE

Fraser High School Materials Technology Department has the following items, surplus to requirements, for sale:

10+ Metalwork Vices - \$15 each

10+ Woodwork Vices - \$15 each

1 Auto Tester - (Make an offer)

5 work benches with vices - \$60 each

3 work benches without vices - \$30 each

1 Ryobi Drop saw (Wood) - \$40

1 Hitachi Drop saw (Wood) - \$60

1 Power Hacksaw (Red) Metal Cut off - \$75

To purchase any item, or for further information, phone:

Neil Henderson (HOD Materials Technology), 07-847 9044, Ext 851 or, Reo Itoi, 07-847 9044, Ext 825

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