FAIRLIE PRIMARY SCHOOL

SUPPORTING THE JOURNEY - DISCOVERING THE POTENTIAL

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From the Principal

Miss Vanessa Galbraith

A warm welcome to everyone in our school community - *Kia ora, Bonjour, Konnichiwa, Bula, Namaste, Goeie dag, Kumusta, Hola, Nǐ hǎo, Nei hou, Ayubowan*

I feel a bit like a broken record always talking about how the term is flying by, but wow! The years seem to go faster the older I get. The past two weeks alone have been filled with quite significant events such as Athletics Day, swimming, Imagination Station, and the Caroline Bay relay for some of our Year 5 and 6s. The rest of the term is looking busy, with lots of fun events planned alongside awesome classroom programmes.

I absolutely love reading the different classroom's "Week that was" posts each week. I've said this before, but you get lots of information about what your children are learning about in their classes. Hopefully this helps you to talk about different things at home - particularly useful when you ask your child - "What are you learning about in maths?" Does anyone else get a shoulder shrug and/or a grunting sound? By knowing some snippets about what they are doing, hopefully you can slip these conversations into car rides, meal time chats, or bed time routines.

Teachers are currently working on your child/children's school reports. Lots of time, effort, and consideration goes into these as teachers try to sum up every child's learning in a few pages. Earlier this year, we trialled Hero's new reporting templates and there were some things we identified that could be improved. Hero went through a rigorous feedback process and made some changes to their reporting templates. Most of these are more noticeable for teachers, but you might find some little tweaks on your end, especially around the wording of the next steps and how you can help at home comments. We are always looking for ways to improve, so please let us know if you have any ideas.

TERM EVENTS

19 NOV
- Grocery Raffle Drawn
- Assembly @ 2.30 hosted by Pīwakawaka

20 NOV
Teacher Only Day - SCHOOL CLOSED

23 NOV
Wool in Schools on site

24 NOV
Yr6 Orientation at College from 11.30

25 Nov
SC Athletics Day

26 Nov
NE Visits @ 2pm

27 NOV
- Year 4 Camp
- Sausage Sizzle

Imagination Station:
In Week 4 we welcomed Anna and Rachel from Imagination Station who ran sessions with the junior classes about robotics. Students used an iPad and a LEGO app to code a small driving robot, then build it.

Once the class completed the basic build, students investigated a motion sensor and experimented with their code, producing sound, changing direction and speed.

The senior classes worked in pairs or individually to create a stop motion animation film using the LEGO and iKit movie software. Anna and Rachel gave the students tips to help them make a smooth film.

Huge thanks to Anna and Rachel from Imagination Station for coming all the way to Fairlie (from Christchurch) and giving our students an awesome two days of fun and learning!





Mackenzie Schools Athletics Sports:
After making the call to postpone our Athletic sports on Monday 9 November, we had more luck with the weather on Thursday 12 November. All of the Mackenzie Schools came together for a beautiful day. Thank you to Aoraki Mount Cook, Albury, Lake Tekapo, Cannington, and St Josephs Fairlie for coming along and being part of this great event. Huge thanks to Pip Oliver for all of her organisation - lots of work and preparation goes into these events and we really appreciate the mahi/work you do!

The senior students tried their hand at traditional Athletics events such as high jump, long jump, discus, shot put, sprints, and the 200m race. A number of students met the qualifying standard for different events and will represent their schools at the upcoming South Canterbury Athletics Day in Timaru. It was wonderful to see everyone giving their best effort and all of the students cheering each other on, regardless of which school they were from.

The junior students participated in a range of Run, Jump, Throw activities. In Years 0-3, students take part in activities to help them learn the skills required for the more traditional events they will do in future years. They had a lot of fun and it is great for them to get to know students from neighbouring schools.

ASSEMBLY CERTIFICATES

PĪWAKAWAKA

PB4L
Georgia

STAND OUT STUDENT
Grace

KORIMAKO

PB4L
Conor M

STAND OUT STUDENT
Effie

TŪĪ

PB4L
Mac

STAND OUT STUDENT
Gurupdesh

Thanks to all the teachers/principals who helped run the different athletics events. We couldn't have done it without you.

A massive thank you to BX Foods and Cloudy Peaks Butchery for supplying the sausages and burger patties for our BBQ at Athletics. Thanks also to the Fairlie Home and School for putting on the barbecue, baking, and iceblocks and raising money for FPS.







Swimming:
This week, we started our swimming lessons. Two classes go to the pool at the same time and take part in some water confidence, safety, and fun activities. Classes go to the pool on Monday and Wednesday afternoons.

Thanks for supporting your child/children by sending them along with their swimming gear on these days.



TAKAHĒ

PB4L
Olive

STAND OUT STUDENT
Lily

KEA

PB4L
Ted

STAND OUT STUDENT
Digby

KĀKĀPŌ

PB4L
Chloe

STAND OUT STUDENT
Oscar

KERERŪ

PB4L
Ben

STAND OUT STUDENT
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Caroline Bay Relay:
Huge congratulations to our 8 students who represented Fairlie Primary at the Caroline Bay Relay in Timaru on Tuesday 17 November!

Seeing so many current and former students out running was a great reminder of how strong our local community really is!

Well done to all competitors, and a massive congratulations to our girls team for taking out 3rd place overall!

Well done Ieuan, Henry, Harry, Max, Ruby, Zoe, Chloe, and Gracious. Our school and community are all so proud of you!

Many thanks to all the parents who helped manage and transport students.



Generous Donation:
A massive thank you to Heath from New Zealand Hunting Adventures for their generous donation to our school!

Thanks to your kindness, we were able to get some sturdy waratah safety caps for our waratahs in time for this year's Ag Afternoon, as well as a couple of brand-new agility courses that we can't wait to set up for next year's event!

We are so grateful for the ongoing support from our wonderful community, our tamariki (and their pets!) are going to love putting all of this gear to good use!



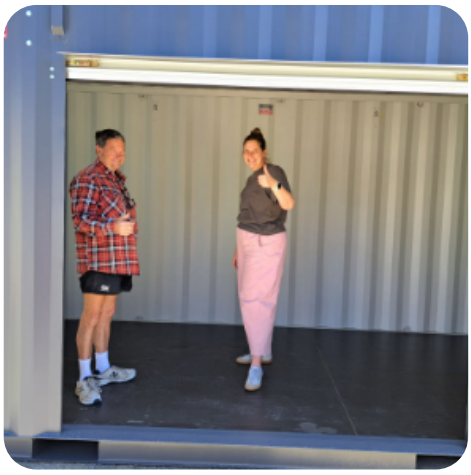
New Sports Shed Container :
Look what has arrived!! We lost our old sports shed/garage when asbestos work was done on the old building in the last school holidays. Since then, we have been temporarily using 2.5 (in the old block) to store our sports gear.

The school has recently purchased a 20 foot container from Heartland and there was much excitement as this was delivered today. Over the next couple of months our caretaker (Jim) will work with our Sports coordinator (Pip) to kit out the new sports container. Once it has been kitted out it will be moved and ready to be used from the start of 2027.

Huge thanks to Hamish Wallace (our presiding chair) for organising the purchase and delivery.







Opening of our new senior block:
We are very excited to be able to invite our community along to the official opening of our senior block. Please see ad below for details. All welcome.

Thank you for your feedback around the direction of our kura/school for the next two years. We are in the process of developing our 2027/2028 Strategic Plan based on the non-negotiables through the MOE, and suggestions from students, staff, whānau, and the wider community.

Ngā mihi
Vanessa Galbraith
Tumuaki / Principal

WELCOME TO FAIRLIE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Fairlie Primary School extends a warm welcome to Maeve who has joined Pīwakawaka.

We are delighted to have you with us!



RERENGA O TE MARAMA

phrase of the month
Whiringa-ā-rangi | Noema | November

Kei hea te pene?
Kei konei te pene.

Where is the pen?
The pen is here.

At F.P.S we practise different phrases each month to improve our te reo māori. We encourage you all in the community to practise alongside us.
Karawhiua! Give it heaps!

PB4L -POSTIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING

- We respect that someone has provided our lunch and make an effort to eat it.
- We keep our cloak areas and toilets tidy.
- If we find something we return it or take it to the office.
- We listen to others.

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Our Values Focus
WHAKAUTE- RESPECTFUL

OTHER NEWS, NOTICES, REMINDERS from around the school



SERVICE SUPERSTARS
We invite you to become a secret agent in our community...

SERVICE SUPERSTAR CHALLENGE

Bake something and give it to a local business or someone in the community.



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We would like to invite children turning 5 between December 2026 and February 2027 to enrol for our....

SCHOOL GROUP VISITS

GROUP VISIT DATES: 2PM-3PM

- Thursday 26 November
- Thursday 3rd December
- Thursday 10th December

MORE INFORMATION

- These students are due to begin school at the start of the 2027 year.
- Parents are welcome to stay for these visits.
- Please contact ***Jane Wilks*** to confirm your child's attendance or to find out more!
- If your child starts after these dates please get in touch for visit information.







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jane@fairlie.school.nz

LEN SMITH SCHOLARSHIP FUND

The Fairlie Primary School Board of Trustees is proud to offer the Len Smith Scholarship. This scholarship is designed to encourage and support students to pursue opportunities to help extend themselves, grow in confidence and reach their potential.

Scholarships may support:

- Sporting participation or development
- Cultural activities
- Academic or leadership programmes
- Arts, music, or performance opportunities
- Outdoor education experiences
- Community involvement or special projects
- Other activities that contribute positively to
- student growth and development

Applications:

Students, parents/caregivers, or staff may subm a simple application outlining:

- The opportunity being applied for
- Why it is important to the student
- The benefit to the student and/or
- school community

Applications will be considered based on:

- Alignment with the scholarship purpose
- Student benefit and impact
- Financial need
- Effort and commitment
- Available annual funding



The scholarship aims to ensure fairness, inclusiveness, and broad access to opportunities across the school community.

For more information, please contact our Board of Trustees representative Rachel Callaghan on 021420352 or rachelc@fairlie.school.nz

If you would like to fill out an application, please click on this link - Len Smith Application Form

SCHOOL POLICIES UP FOR REVIEW

SchoolDocs
Policies and Procedures

Each month various school policies are up for review on a rolling 3 year cycle. We encourage you to participate in reviewing the policies that require parental input. If you are interested please visit:

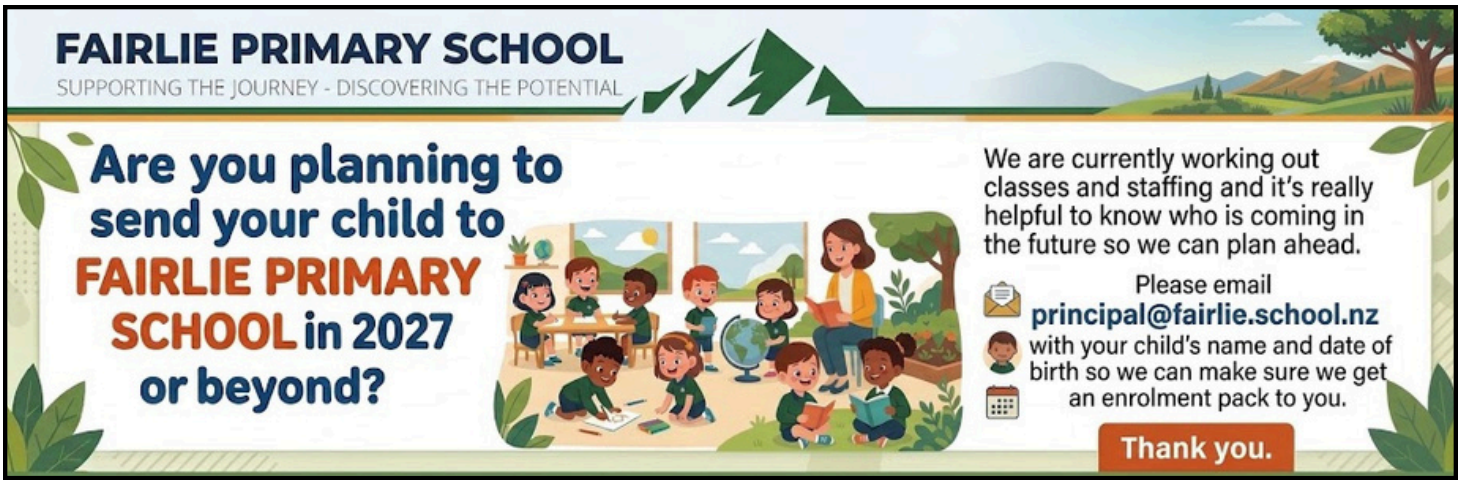
1. Visit the website http://fairlie.schooldocs.co.nz/1893.htm
2. Enter the username (fairlie) and password (7925)
3. Follow the link to the relevant policy as listed
4. Read the policy
5. Click the Policy Review button at the top right-hand corner of the page
6. Select the reviewer type "Parent"
7. Enter your name (optional)
8. Submit your ratings and comments

If you don't have internet access, school office staff can provide you with printed copies of the policy and a review form.

KEY POLICIES FOR TERM 4

- Curriculum and Student Achievement Policy
- Reporting about Student Progress and Achievement
- Learning Support
- Māori Educational Achievement
- Religious Instruction
- Health Curriculum
- Privacy Policy

COMMUNITY NOTICES





How to Complete Your Enrolment

- **Paper Form:** Prospectuses have been distributed to most families. Please complete the enrolment form located in the back of the prospectus and return it to the College Office as soon as possible.

- **Online Enrolment:** You can quickly complete your enrolment online by visiting mackcollege.school.nz/enrolment.

If you have not yet received a prospectus, please reach out to the College Office so they can provide one to you.

TERM EVENTS

1 Dec
- Opening of new block
- Board Meeting @ 7pm

2 Dec School run Top Teams (Yr3-6)

3 Dec NE Visits @ 2pm

4 Dec
- Sausage Sizzle
- Assembly @ 2.30

9 Dec Transition session/2027 class visits

10 Dec NE Visits @ 2pm

11 Dec Sausage Sizzle

16 Dec
- Year 6 Leavers Lunch @ 11.15
- Celebration Assembly
- END OF TERM





2027 - Term 1

29 JAN TEACHER ONLY DAY - SCHOOL CLOSED

1 FEB Student Conferences

2 FEB START OF TERM 1



Hi - I am your Public Health Nurse Brielle Stoddart.

As Health Nurses we aim to offer the students information, advice, assessment and referrals where necessary. I also provide education on puberty change, hygiene and sneeze safe. Students may see me for a myriad of health concerns or issues, including mental health/behavioural concerns, anxiety related, weight issues/monitoring/guidance, skin issues, general health concerns, puberty change, referral to specialists via DHB, family support etc.

I look forward to getting to meet you all and helping you as needed.
Feel free to contact me on my cellphone or via the school office.

Brielle Stoddart 027 280 4843



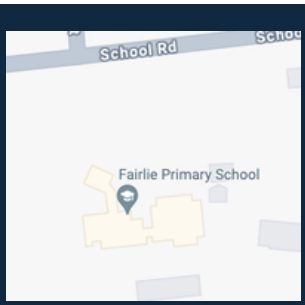
TERM DATES 2026

TERM 1
Tuesday 3 February to Thursday 2 April

TERM 2
Monday 20 April to Friday 3 July

TERM 3
Monday 20 July to Friday 25 September

TERM 4
Monday 12 October to Wednesday 16 December



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