

Wednesday the 21st of November

Welcome to Week 6 of the fourth term.

As this is the last normal newsletter for the year (the next one will be a community newsletter) I'd like to firstly thank all the parents who took the time to go with the Year 7 and 8's to El Rancho for their camp. I was lucky enough to spend some time down there myself and all the parents were really involved with all the students, it was great to see. I'd also like to thank Carly and Nick for getting the camp together. Each time a camp is put on, it basically takes a year to put it all together with planning, fundraising, activities etc. In these times of teachers trying to get a better pay deal and better conditions it is interesting to note that teachers who take camp their daily allowance is a little over \$1 an hour yet they are responsible for nearly 50 students, 24 hours a day for 5 days. I'd also like to thank the students who made it quite an enjoyable experience for everyone involved.

The staff, children and parents would like to acknowledge the sudden passing of Christine Easton and her husband Keith on Monday. Christine did a lot of our relieving over the last two years and was really looking forward to coming back to us next year after recovering from a broken arm. She has taught in every class at our school and was well liked by all the children. We send our thoughts to her family at such a sad time.

Christine's funeral will be held at 11am on Monday at the Levin Salvation Army Hall. If parents would like to take their own children to the funeral, please feel free to collect them and take them in.

Stationery Packs

Last week a notice was sent out to every family with information about stationery for 2019. The Home and School is funding quite a large chunk of each pack but there will be a cost of \$15 to parents. If we do not receive a notice back from each family we will take it that you will be accepting this offer.

The books the Home and School are ordering are good quality and it would make everyone's life a lot easier at a busy time of the year. If you could please return the notice as soon as possible or even just a handwritten note stating you are going to take care of your own stationery for next year.

Final Assembly

This is on Friday the 7th of December and it will start at 1:00pm in the school hall. We could not do it on Monday as the Yr 8's are at their college orientation and people are unavailable on Tuesday and Wednesday. School will close for the year on Wednesday the 12th of December at 1:30pm.

Classes for 2019

We will be running the same year groupings in each hub as we have had this year. Team Kuaka will be made up of all the Year 7 and 8's and a small number of Year 6 students. The rest of the Year 6 students will be in Taranui with the Year 4 and 5's. Team Kotare will have all the Year 1 to 3 students. The Year 6 students moving forward will be told this week.

2019 After School Study Centre

We have vacancies for two days a week starting in Term 1 next year. This group runs from 2.45pm to 4.45pm with the expectation that homework is completed. If you are interested, please contact Sue in the office.

Hamish Stuart
Principal

Upcoming Events

22nd Nov	Junior Tabloid Sports
23rd Nov	Assembly 9am
1st Dec	Gala Day 10am - 2pm
7th Dec	Prizegiving 1pm
10th Dec	Yr 8 Manawatu College Orientation Day
12th Dec	Last day of school 1.30pm
28th Jan	Term 1 starts 8.55am

Gala Day

Saturday 1st December. 10 am - 2 pm. Come along and support our fundraiser. Stalls, games entertainment, school uniform sale.

Hangi Tickets

Saturday 1st December 1pm
Tickets \$10 a meal and must be pre purchased from the school office or the Beach Four Square.

Amazing Bake Competition

Sat 1st December 9.30am
Sponsored by Foxton Beach Four Square
First Prize SMEG Stand Mixer
Entries will be auctioned after judging
For more information contact Katrina at Four Square

Sports Uniforms

Please return these as soon as sports have finished for the year. Netball uniforms will be collected at the courts on the last day of games.

Library Books

Our school library closes soon for the year for stock take.

If your children have books at home, please send them back to school.

2019 Term Dates

Term 1	28 Jan to 12th April
Term 2	29th April to 5th July
Term 3	22nd July to 27th Sept
Term 4	14th Oct to 11th Dec.

Kotare Hub

Week 6 already, most of the term has gone! Our learners are well underway with their ideas and community groups they are focusing on for their **Community Kindness** activities. Room 1 have been working on the Christmas Shoe Boxes and Rooms 2 and 3 have been looking at the community groups which help us at Foxton Beach.

Throughout the term we weave our **Key Competencies** into everything we are doing. It has been fantastic to hear our students using these in their everyday school life.

We are nearing the end of our school **sports**, watching the students skills developing from the first games of Soccer and Netball to now has been really great. We have continued with the Fundamental Skills of catching and throwing using a wide range of equipment. So many students have taken the opportunity to be involved in sports for our school.

Our **Firewise** unit has been really interesting, a lot of learning about how to be safe and what to do if we see smoke or fire. Next week will have the Fire Brigade coming in for some fun activities to finish our unit.

A reminder we have our Junior Tabloids on Thursday. If you have said you can transport, please be at school by 9:30a.m. More information can be found on Seesaw.

Key Competency Certificates

Maycee - excellent use of topic specific vocabulary during class discussions.

Rhys - making great choices and managing self.

Tarānui

Kia ora Whanau,
It has been super busy in Team Tarānui these past couple of weeks.

Our Healthy Kids, Healthy Community Inquiry is coming to an end this week. We've had a blast with our pedometers and seeing how many steps we do daily. We've really enjoyed exploring different ways of becoming more healthy and active.

The Student Volunteer Army Inquiry is now in full force. We've split our Team into two groups. A Miss Lock Platoon and a Miss Gloyn Platoon. Both platoons have very different projects however, everyone is really invested in their specific roles. Miss Gloyn's Platoon project is about cleaning up the Beach and Estuary. Miss Lock's Platoon project is working in the forest for a general clean up and to raise awareness of this local resource.

Miss Gloyn's Project is on Wednesday the 28th of November from 9:30am - 12:30pm.

Miss Lock's Project is on Tuesday the 4th of December from 11am-1pm approximately.

We've just finished Netball and our skill level has improved significantly. We are now moving onto Cricket and developing our students' skills and understandings.

We are continuing to work hard to push the Key Competencies within our hub, especially Managing Self, Participating and Contributing, and Relating to others. Feel free to have discussions with your children about these concepts.

Kuaka Hub

Wow! what a busy week. It was an awesome time on the camp at El Rancho last week. It was great to see so many students having a fun time and pushing themselves to do things that they were nervous about. The students got to take part in activities like rock wall climbing, raft building, tubing down Waikanae river, and visiting the Waikanae River Estuary. Our camp was a success due to the parents we had helping us out. Thank you to Hati, Les, Mark, Greg and Hayden (and our transport parents) - your efforts in the kitchen and as part of our activity groups made it easy to manage everything else: so thank you for taking time off to be there with us. Finally, thanks to our Year 6's and Teacher Aides for having a great week back at school and organising everything that we couldn't do. The Kuaka Hub Teachers are extremely grateful for the time and effort that Sarah and Jo put into our students - what an outstanding team of motivated adults we have working with the Kuaka Hub students!



FUN at Camp!!

