

Wednesday the 30th of January

Welcome to Week 1 of the new school year.

It has been good to catch up with a number of children and parents regarding their holiday break, it sounds like everyone had lots of time with family and friends during Christmas and New Years, and lots of people were able to spend some time away from Foxtton Beach.

The term break disappears very quickly and we are now right back into the swing of things. It was very nice to welcome all our new families on Monday morning. It's such a nice way to start the term with a powhiri for the new students and their family. It is about the entire family now being a part of Foxtton Beach School.

I thought I would take this opportunity to tackle a few of the admin things that we normally address throughout the year now, as we want to start the year the way we mean to carry on.

**Uniforms:** Since we are at the start of the year we require the correct uniform to be worn. If you are missing shorts etc, come into the office and purchase them. Over the next week or so you may receive a phone call regarding any non uniform items. Hats are part of our uniform in Terms 1 and 4. School hats are issued to each child and the numbers are recorded. These hats do not go home. If your child loses their hat and they need a replacement, they will be charged for a new one. Please make sure uniform items are clearly labelled, especially since we are swimming in this term. Just a reminder there is to be no jewellery except for cultural pieces and ear studs and hair colour is to be natural.

**Absences:** If your child is going to be away for the day(or 2) then please let the school office know by 9:00am. You must also give us a reason for the children's absence or otherwise it is recorded as truant. We do monitor the children's attendance and we communicate with parents to discuss how improvements can be made. From time to time we have also had to bring in the attendance services to work with families.

**Accounts:** If you would like to set up an automatic payment for the expenses that pop up from time to time the school bank account number is 03 0633 0003973 00 (Use child's name as reference). This is a good way to stay on top of accounts.

**Scooters/Bikes:** If you are riding these to school can children please put these in the racks provided. Just a reminder that scooters and bikes are not to be ridden in or out of the school grounds. This is purely a safety issue as there is always a lot of people around.

**Contact Details:** Can parents please update the details we have on file. This is very important for when we have to contact parents if children are unwell or in an emergency. Cell Phone numbers change all the time and we need to have these updated.

**Friday Lunches:** This Friday there will be no lunches available through the 4 Square as they are catering at the golf course and will not have the staff available. They will be available from the 8th of February.

Fish and chip orders will start this Friday 1st February. Order from the hall before 9.00 am on Friday. Packs cost \$4.

**Study Centre Vacancies:** We currently have a few places available for Yr 3-8 children in our after school study centre. If interested, please see Sue in the office for more information.

Hamish Stuart  
Principal

## Kotare Hub

Nau mai, Haere mai, Welcome back to Foxtton Beach School 2019.

We extend a warm welcome all the new whanau to our hub and hope you are enjoying our environment and life here at the beach! To our returning whanau we hope you have had an amazing break with your families, we are ready to go and are excited about the learning opportunities Term 1 brings.

This term we have Swimming and Fundamental Skill learning for PE. Our big Science focus is Living World and our theme is "Life Cycle of a ...?" where our students will be choosing their topic of interest. It could be the life cycle of an insect, mammal, plant or whatever they choose.

Our literacy programme will be woven into topic as much as possible.



2019 will see us trialling a new marking structure in Team Kotare. We are going to provide daily feedback on Literacy and Mathematics using the concepts of 'Green for

Growth and Tickled Pink'. This will be in line with the students individual goals which we will meet about early in the term.

If you are available to support the teachers in any way please come in and see us. We will have regular times for support with topics, reading with students, swimming in the afternoon, helping with learning games as well as any times you may have a spare 10 - 30 minutes to put away books, create resources etc. Any time gifted to us is a huge help and very much appreciated.

Please name all your child's clothes (including underwear). We are swimming and it is very difficult to find the owners of clothing if it is not named.

Felicity Apperley, Rebecca van Der Zwan and Hannah Rowland

## Tarānui Hub

Kia ora koutou! Welcome back to 2019! We hope everyone had a great summer break with time to relax in the sun or enjoying getting out and about!

In our class this year we welcome back many familiar faces, and are excited to be working with 17 new students moving to us from Kotare or other schools. Please don't be shy to come in and meet us.

This term we have lots of fun things planned. We are going to learn about our local estuary, it's not just a bunch of water and sand, but a very important place for living things - and our tamariki will explore different aspects of this that interest them.

We will be swimming, at least for the first five weeks of school. It is vital our children are confident and capable swimmers given we live at the beach, so we need your support in ensuring that togs are brought to school everyday.

Please remember to be Sunsmart this term, it is

wise to put on some sunblock before school and we always have some for reapplication during the day.

We look forward to sharing learning, experiences and information on Seesaw. If you need a notice to sign up to our class, please let us know, as we know with phone updates sometimes access has been lost. We will send these home with our brand new students.

Rebecca Lock and Gabby Gloyn

## Kuaka Hub

It has been a great start to the term so far in the Kuaka Hub! We have an awesome group of energetic students who are ready to make great use of their time at school this year! The weather looks like it is going to be very hot over the next few weeks so make sure you bring togs every day and we can also swim at lunchtime, so don't forget Kuaka Hub students! We also have technology beginning next Tuesday at Manawatu College. This year, our year 7-8 students are getting the chance to do robotics as well as the usual cooking, woodwork and science. Both teachers and Sarah will also be attending. All students will need covered shoes for this every Tuesday. We have summer soccer and twilight hockey coming up this term in Levin, with information for these sports coming out as soon as it is available.

Thanks, Nick Baker and Carly Lanham.

## Upcoming Events

6 Feb	Waitangi Day, school closed
8 Feb	Assembly 9 am
14 Feb	Yr 7/8 Basketballs competition begins
20 Feb	Meet the Teachers evening, 4.30 pm
22 Feb	Assembly
25 Feb	Yr 4-8 Swimming Sports 10 am
26 Feb	Goal Setting Parent meetings
1 Mar	Room 1 Swimming Display 1.30 pm
8 Mar	Assembly
14 Mar	Inter-school swimming
22 Mar	Assembly
25 Mar	Yr 4-8 Athletics