

Wednesday the 13th of February 2019

Welcome to Week 3 of Term 1

Everything is now in full swing in the classrooms. We have children working really hard in groups with teachers, setting learning goals for the term ahead and getting back into the rhythm of being back at school. Last week was a short week with Waitangi Day included in it so this week will be a full week. With the hot days and nights, please keep an eye on how much sleep and water the children are getting. We have had a few that have wilted a bit by the end of the day.

This week a number of parents have come in to carry out a recheck of the children for head lice. There have been a few children that have had to be re-treated as they still have head lice. Each time the head checks are done, a note goes home with the children and we also send home the Mr Nits so parents can treat at home as well.

We are finding that it is mainly Tarānui and Kuaka hubs that have had the most. It is also a task for the children to be brushing their hair or combing it each day as this will break the legs of the head lice. If they need to be treated it will also pay to change sheets and pillow cases and towels as they survive for some time off the head.

Your cooperation with this would be really appreciated.

Meet the Teachers

On Wednesday the 20th of February we will be holding a meet the teachers evening starting at 4:30pm. There will be a few games set up and we will also have the pool open for swimming but we would ask that parents supervise this. We will also be firing up the BBQ and cooking sausages etc and supplying a few salads. However, if people want to bring along some shared food that would be helpful as well. We will be looking at having dinner at approximately 5:30 pm /5.45 pm.

This is a great opportunity for parents to meet the teachers, especially if you are new to the school and to have an informal chat etc. We look forward to seeing everyone there.

School Pool

If you have a school pool key, please remember that there is no swimming after 8:00pm. After this time the levels of chlorine etc are increased to prepare it for the day ahead. It may be harmful to your eyes if you are to swim in these higher levels.

Attendance

Now that we are back at school it is a requirement under the Education Act that we monitor attendance and put steps in place to ensure all children are at school. Unless the children have a legitimate illness, they must be at school. Currently we monitor attendance levels every three weeks. From here we then send letters out to let parents know if there are any issues with attendance or lateness. After this step, if the attendance continues to be of concern, we forward our concerns on to the attendance services. If you have any questions, please feel free to pop in and see me.

Study Centre Vacancies

Are you struggling to get your child to do their homework? Why not send them along to Study centre after school. If interested, please see Sue in the office for more information.

Hamish Stuart
Principal

KIDS BIBLE KLUB

After school on Mondays for Primary School students. Starting on Monday 18th Feb.

We pick up from the school gate, run the programme at Foxton Bible Camp, provide afternoon tea, games, stories, competitions.

Children will be dropped home about 5pm. Contact Trevor & Mary Lineham, 3638814 or 0274660140 for more information.

DISCOVERERS

Run's every 2 weeks on a Thursday evening, 7pm. An active programme of games and Bible lessons for **Year 6-8** young people.

We pick up from home and drop back by 9pm.

Contact Trevor & Mary Lineham, 3638814 or 0274660140 for more information

Kotare Hub

What a great start to the year we are having! Sun is out, smiles are on, and learning is taking place! It has been great that we have been able to make the most of the school pool. It has been really neat to see the water confidence in all our learners and they are able to show their water safety skills.



Our inquiry focus is around the Living World and we are starting off exploring the Life Cycle of Butterflies and Frogs. From this we have had lots of discussion around the transformation process of the butterfly.

Please name all uniforms to avoid any mix ups. We've had a few already!! Also, please encourage your child to walk their scooters and bikes around the school. Homework books are sent home on Mondays and are returned on Fridays. If your child is away for whatever reason their homework book is in the same place in their classrooms. Any left over notices will be pinned to the Team Kotare Notice Board in the hallway.

Class Awards

Theo, Wiremy and Bella.

R.I.C.E Award

Amara

Tarānui Hub

Kia ora koutou! We are now back into the swing of things in Team Tarānui.

Over the last two weeks we have spent time working on our class treaty and shared expectations to ensure we have a positive classroom environment. There have been some excellent ideas suggested by our students to enable them to strive to be the best they can be. We've been really impressed with how our older students have been stepping it up and role modelling appropriate behaviour in our hub. We have been slowly introducing our new learning tasks for literacy and mathematics. This is to ensure students understand what the task is and how they need to set up their books.

Swimming is in full action now! Our students have been swimming four times a week and are becoming more confident and capable each day. It is a very important skill and our swimmers do live at the beach, so we need your continued support by ensuring their togs are brought everyday to school.

This Friday, we are technology free! This means no one will be on their devices, so we thought what a great opportunity it would be for our students to get out and about. We are wanting to go down to the beach and collect a few items of interest for our artwork. However, we need a few parent volunteers to come along with us from 11:00am. Please let us know if you can help.

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.

Class Awards

Jimmy, Max , Israel, Kaya and Katrina - Managing Self

Stevie - Participating and Contributing

Tyler - R.I.C.E

Kuaka Hub

This week in the Kuaka Hub we're beginning our science focus on the Living World. Miss Lanham is focusing on mammals and Mr Baker's topic is Fossils. Throughout these units, the Kuaka Hub students will get to engage in learning activities around clarifying what is a fossil, why are they rare, where are they found, and how do plants and animals become fossils, the basic features of mammals, the classification of mammals, and an in-depth focus on NZ sea mammals.

Upcoming Events



14 Feb	Yr 7 / 8 Basketball Competition Begins
20 Feb	Meet the Teachers Evening, 4.30 pm
22 Feb	Assembly 9am
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 9am
14 Mar	Inter-School Swimming
20 Mar	Home & School AGM 6.30 pm
22 Mar	Assembly 9am
25 Mar	Yr 4-8 Athletics
12 April	End of Term 1 2.45 pm

Home & School AGM Annual General Meeting of the Foxton Beach Home & School Committee will be held on **Wednesday 20th March 2019 at 6.30pm in the School Hall**. Refreshments provided.

Our main purpose is to fundraise for our wonderful School, to enhance resources, facilities and experiences for our children.

Come to see what we have done over the last year and how you can help out this year.

Positions on the Committee up for grabs! Would you like to put yourself forward for a elected position on the committee?? President, Treasurer, Secretary and 2 Elected Members?

Support our School, Come along.

Further information contact Katie on 02102681630.