

Wednesday the 27th of March

Welcome to Week 9 of Term 1

Very shortly there will be information sent home about the upcoming BOT elections. Being on the Board of Trustees is a very rewarding opportunity to be a part of the governance for our school. You might ask what is governance? This is ensuring that the school operates effectively and all staff, students and parents are using school policies and procedures accordingly. You will have input into the direction of school through the development of our strategic and annual plans and most importantly, you will be responsible for monitoring student achievement and ensuring that resources are being used to lift student achievement as that is what we are all ultimately here for.

The school is in a very strong position with our students achieving a lot of success academically, culturally and in our local area on the sports field. The students at Foxton Beach School have very good teachers who keep on top of new approaches to ensure that all students are having success.

It is a very rewarding opportunity to be part of the BOT and I would encourage parents to think seriously about seeking a nomination.

Inter-school Swimming:

I was able to spend a little bit of time at the inter-school swimming sports in Foxton and I was very impressed with how the team competed and how they behaved during the event. It was great to see our students doing so well. We have so many good swimmers and I would encourage all families to ensure that children get some sort of swimming lessons as this certainly pays off in the end. Sadly, trying to get 30 children through swimming lessons in the space of 45 minutes in a school pool is not sufficient time and teachers barely scratch the surface.

School Accounts:

Just another reminder that we would like to have all school accounts settled before the end of the term. There is still quite a bit of money outstanding from stationery, technology and sports fees. Please pop into the office to see what your balance is or you can pay online of course.

End of the day:

At the end of the day there are a lot of children who are waiting around the school and playing. At the end of the school day, we ask parents to collect their children promptly and if you are going to allow them to play on the playground, please supervise your own children. We have study centre running and teachers are involved in meetings etc so there is no supervision of students after 3:00pm. Your assistance with this would be appreciated.

Hamish Stuart
Principal

Sausage Sizzle

Thursday 28th March

\$1.00 each

Orders taken in the Hall before 9 am

what's Coming UP!!!

- 2 Apr Yr 1-3 Athletics 9.15 am
- 3 Apr Inter-school Athletics
- 5 Apr Gumboot Day
School Disco
- 12 Apr End of Term 1, 2.45pm

Home and School - We know that many people would love to contribute ideas and help with fundraising for our school but are unable to attend the meetings. Please join our facebook page if you would like to keep up with all the fundraising happenings! Search H&S FBS on Facebook and we can add you!
Thanks

Kotare Hub

Term 1 sure is moving quickly. We have been busy covering so much! Swimming, which is now finished. Fundamentals, where our learners are exploring the key skills and principles that lay the foundation to sports. Topic, where we are covering different life cycles.

We have our Junior Athletics coming up in week 10 starting at 9:15 a.m. on the 2nd of April - more information will be sent out closer to the time.

Here at school we have a big focus on the Key Competencies which are ***"the capabilities people have, and need to develop, to live and learn today and in the future, NZC."***

- Thinking
- Relating to Others
- Using, Language, Symbols and Texts
- Managing Self
- Participating and Contributing

Talks with your child at home around how they show and demonstrate these is a great link between home and school and reinforces what we are demonstrating here at school.

Awards

Daisy & Ezykiel- have been experimenting with a Stop Motion app and have made a great movie which they have shared on Seesaw.

Kenzie - Relating to Others in a positive, caring manner.

Tarānui Hub

We can't believe how fast this term is going, we are fast approaching the end! There has been some outstanding work being completed in our class. Something new and exciting we have been doing this term is called Chapter Chat. We are reading a book called Wonder and each week the children complete various activities based on what is in the book. Last week, one task was to write a poem. Here are a few samples of the amazing work produced!

Wow August is special

Oh dear here come Julian, Julian thinks
Auggie is ugly but he is actually nice and..

Nice is so powerful it can change
someone's whole entire

Day it is the best thing you could do

Everyone should be nice to August because
he is not contagious in any way he is

Rare, Wonderful and Amazing

- By Reretua

Amazing

Unusual

Generous

Unique

Silent

Trouble

- By Maiah R

We are hoping we get better luck with the weather this week as we try again on our pine cone collecting. We are aiming for Friday at 11am, so please remember to send a reusable bag along with your child that they can collect in.

We still have LOTS of bags of pine cones for sale. \$5 each, a real bargain for some great fire starters for those winter fires. Come and see us to purchase yours today!

Lastly, please remember that our children are expected to catch up on any Must Do activities they are behind in for their homework. This is usually reading follow ups, Chapter Chat activities, writing or maths contracts. If they don't have a device at home they can come in at 8.30am and get these completed. Keep checking in with your children to ensure they are using their time wisely as they are given plenty of class time to complete their various tasks.

Awards

Reretua, Taya, Josh W and Brell - Managing Self

Kiara and Oliver- Relating to Others

R.I.C.E: Jay

Kuaka Hub

We have seen some great oral presentations of our recent report writing focus on France recently. The students all presented with confidence and were keen to share the information they had researched. It was awesome to see some groups go above and beyond the expectations and create more content than was required. This showed that these students were really engaged in the topic and eager to push their own personal boundaries for what they thought they could do. Next week we have our Wellington Zoo class trip. This trip involves heading to Wellington on a bus and completing an education session at the Zoo and should be an awesome way to wrap up the term. Thank you to our Home & School Team for supporting us with this trip!

Ukulele Lessons - Some students from Kuaka hub have started learning ukulele on a Friday morning. We would like to welcome any whanau members who wish to learn, to come along and join in with their children too! Eventually we are aiming for all the students at school to learn want to.

Gumboot Up on Friday 5 April!

We're asking you, your teachers and parents to wear gumboots to school in support of Gumboot Friday. Put your gumboots on and bring along a gold coin donation (if you can). All funds raised on the day will help provide free counselling to kids who need it.

Gumboot Friday is a new initiative by New Zealander of the Year, Mike King, and I Am Hope. We're aiming to raise \$2million for kids who need some mental health support. You can find out more about Gumboot

Friday at www.iamhope.org.nz/gumbootfriday

Please encourage your friends, family and colleagues to #GumbootUpNZ on 5 April!

We will also have a gumboot throwing competition for each hub. 50c for one throw, \$1 for 3 throws with all funds going to the Gumboot Friday funds. There will be a prize for the winners plus a few spot prizes!



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www.cloud9palmy.co.nz Foxton Beach School is going to be one of the three schools receiving a charity donation from Cloud 9 during April. Every general admission ticket sold during April term time gets a \$1 value token to vote which school should receive the donation. The more tokens we put in the Foxton box during April, the bigger our school donation.