

FOXTON BEACH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

WEDNESDAY 16TH OCTOBER 2019

Dear Parents, Whanau

Tomorrow we will be undertaking our first Tsunami Hikoi as part of the National Shakeout Day. We are the only school in the Horowhenua that is situated in a tsunami inundation zone. This means we need to be prepared for this situation. At 1:30 pm on Thursday we will be practicing our drop, cover, hold - earthquake drill and then evacuate to our regular evacuation point (on the top field) where we will do a roll call and then head off to our tsunami evacuation point on Palmer Road. If parents are interested and want to be a part of it, please come to school around 1:00pm and just join in with the classes.

As many of you would have seen on the school's Facebook page during the break, the boys in the Hatch Cup hockey tournament had a massive tournament and were undefeated. They won the Hatch Cup after 100 years of trying. This is quite an amazing turn around as they finished 16th last year. This is a good example of what can happen when you apply yourself and work as a team. Well done to Revill Gardner, James Drewitt and Marshall Ward. I understand that all the other hockey teams that competed in tournaments around the North Island did very well and represented their community with pride.



The winning Horowhenua Hatch Cup team.

This week we sent out an email asking for parents views as part of our community consultation. This information is used to develop a strategic plan for the next 3 to 5 years for the school. We need your views as parents to help us ensure we are meeting the needs of your children and expectations of parents and the community. Please have a look at this document and add your thoughts into the columns. It won't take too long and all views are valued. Then just return it via email or hand deliver to the office.

Hamish Stuart,
Principal



Sydney, Eric, Ross playing in the Horowhenua Hockey Under 13 Curtis team in Hastings

HOME & SCHOOL NEWS

Tea Towels

We have a few of each hubs wonderful Tea Towels left over. If anyone would like to grab another one or missed out, they will be available at the school office from Thursday at a reduced rate of \$12 each. Limited numbers. Cash only. Thank you.

Next Home & School meeting Wednesday 30th October 6.30 pm

Haunted Hall

On Sunday the 27th of October there is going to be the Haunted Hall for a school fundraiser. Make sure you get your tickets as soon as possible to get the time you want. Tickets are \$6.66 each or \$20 for a family of 4. You must buy your tickets online. Here is the link: <https://www.trybooking.co.nz/CJJ>
No door sales.

Stationery for 2020

Home & School are pleased to be able to again support parents in the purchase of next year's school stationery by sourcing it in bulk and subsidise the cost.

There will be a nominal cost to parents which will be confirmed shortly. This is optional but we would highly recommend that you do not opt out. This means that every child will start the school year with the correct stationery, ready to work on the first day back at school.

If you haven't paid your 2019 stationery of \$15, please pay it to the school office.
We hope this helps.

Home & School.

17th Oct	Tsunami Hikoi 1.30 pm
18th Oct	Assembly 9 am
21st Oct	Powhiri 9 am
	Rippa Rugby Tournament
22nd Oct	Netball Competition Starts
28th Oct	Labour Day - School Closed
1st Nov	Assembly 9 am





Foxton Beach School participated in a new fundraising programme that also raises awareness of plastic bottles and sustainability within our community.

Thank you for your recent donation of \$254.16.

Kotare Hub

Welcome back to our sunny, summer term. A huge, big welcome to Mrs H (Harrison) and Mrs Vernon who will be team teaching in Room 2. We are lucky to have our student teacher Mrs Standish continuing in Room 1 until the end of week 3. If you see our lovely team around please come in and say hi.

Our big unit focus this term is called 'The Nature of Science through Flight'. We will be doing a number of mini inquiries around flight and this will follow the students interests.

We will be weaving our reading and writing through our topic as much as we can. Our story telling focus will be 'Jack and the Beanstalk' with a spin! Imagine you are Jack and you need to save yourself from falling... what kind of flying technology will you make to save yourself...? We will be planting beans and seeing how quickly they grow, this will be part of our statistics unit for mathematics.

We have a full, exciting physical education and physical activity programme this term with lots of soccer, netball, skipping, hopping and gymnastics. There will be an emphasis on throwing and stability. Later in the term we will be joining the other Year 1-3 students in the Kerekere Cluster to have a Junior Tabloids fun day. More information about this to come.

If you have any construction boxes e.g. egg cartons, cereal boxes and cracker boxes, Room 2 would love to have them.

Tarānui Hub

Welcome back to Term 4!

We have a short but action packed term ahead of us, and we have hit the ground running with lots already achieved so far in week 1.

Science

This term our focus is Kitchen Science. We are exploring a range of different areas such as density, dissolving different substances and states of matter. Our students have already started this and they are really enjoying the different science experiments.

Nutrition Workshops

In week 3, we are very lucky to have a couple of Nutrition Workshops run by Nova Martin. Team Taraanui is very excited to learn about all of the different types of food and what they should be eating to get the nutritional benefits. This will be very interesting to see what types of food our tamariki eat.

Sunsmart

Since it is now Term 4 our students are expected to wear their school hats. It has been made very clear to them that these are brand new and it is their responsibility to look after them. If they lose their new hat then their parents will end up being charged for it.

Kuaka Hub

Wow, Term 4 already! This term we are very busy and have a range of interesting learning focuses to work through. In the Kuaka Hub we are using science kits from the House of Science to study force and friction and forensic science! Our students will explore everyday examples of pulling, balancing and friction activities as part of the 'May the Force be with You' unit. They will also learn four different forensic techniques - fingerprinting, handwriting analysis, fibre identification, and white powder tests as part of the 'Who Dunit' unit.

In the Kuaka Hub this term our students will also have the opportunity to engage in a range of digital technology learning. They will explore these five options - computational thinking, Sphero robotics-coding, Scratch online-coding, Website design, and Google Tour Creator.

REMINDERS:

Technology, sports, stationery fees are all due. Accounts must be clear by the end of November please!

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