

# FOXTON BEACH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

WEDNESDAY 4TH DECEMBER 2019

This is officially the last newsletter for the 2019 school year. We have had a really successful year and it is time that everyone involved with the school had a decent break, especially the children. This year has seen our children continue to be involved and have lots of success in the numerous sports they play. Many of our children played in regional representative teams also. I would like to thank all those parents who have helped coach, manage or transport children to sport. Without your involvement we would not be able to offer our children these opportunities.

We have had another huge year with the performing arts as well. The school production was massive. We had children involved in all aspects from lead roles to managing props behind the scenes. A huge thanks must go to all the parents who helped out with this as well. Without your ongoing support we would struggle.

Our school kapa haka group have had another amazing year. They continue to represent themselves, their whanau and the school with pride and I am amazed at how much they continue to develop every time they perform. A huge thanks must go to Mike and Hati for all the work that they put into this group.

Alongside all of these successes is the fact that 90% of all our students are currently learning at the correct curriculum level for their year. This is a massive statistic as we continue to grow on this level of achievement each year.

I would like to thank my teachers for all the amazing work that they do for our students. They have been involved in all of the areas above and they have continued to grow as teachers themselves. We are very lucky to have the teachers that we do.

I hope the children have a well deserved break, and get out and about to enjoy our local environment. I would love to see children fishing, swimming at the beach, going for bike rides or walks along the beach. Parents, please don't let them vegetate on their devices for 6 weeks. I am looking forward to hearing all the tales of adventures around the Beach when we start back next year.

Have a safe and happy Christmas. Enjoy time with family and friends and we will see everyone back in 2020 on the 3rd of February where we will be starting the year with a powhiri for new staff and students.

Hamish Stuart  
Principal



*Surprise Airforce Visit Enjoyed by All!*

## **Term Dates 2020**

Term 1	3rd Feb - 9 April
Term 2	28 April - 3 July
Term 3	20 July - 25 Sept
Term 4	12 Oct - 15 Dec

## **Uniform Sale**

**31st January 2020**

**1 Day only**

**9am - 3pm**

**Eftpos or cash only**

## **Sports Uniforms**

Please return all sports uniforms by Wednesday 11th December.

## **Office Hours**

The office will be closed from 10 am on Wednesday 11th December and reopen 30th January 9am

## **Pool**

Our school pool will be closed until school returns 3rd February. Pool keys can be obtained from the office for a limited season from the 30th January onwards.

## Kotare Hub

Wow, what a very busy year! Full of lots of great learning and laughs.

Quotes from our little ones!!

*My best thing has been playing on the little fort - Star, Room 1*

*I love playing on the tiny park and PBL - Arwyn, Room 1*

*I love playing soccer for school - Braxton, Room 1*

*I have really enjoyed the PBS sessions - Theo, Room 2*

*I have really loved going to the PBS in different classes - Kenzie, Room 3*

*I like Story Telling Schools, I love Story Maps and retelling the stories - Jackson, Room 3*

*I have liked working with the Science kits, my favourite one was the flight Stomper, my one went on the roof and then came down, it was really funny! - Cruz, Room 3*

*My favourite thing is PBS, we got to do some Mindful Eating and I ate some chocolate - Azariah, Room 2*

*My favourite thing has been playing netball for school - Amara, Room 2*



*Boston constructing a microscope*

## Tarānui Hub

### Term 4 Highlights

#### **House of Science Kits**

We had a great time working with the Sweet and Sour kit and the Food Science kit. Our children learnt about acids and bases, chromatography, chemical reactions and many other scientific concepts.

#### **Pause, Breathe, Smile sessions**

Our children have thoroughly enjoyed moving around to work with each teacher on their different PBS sessions this term. It has been great to practice all of the concepts PBS is based on such as being mindful, grateful and kind.

#### **PE, Sport Tournaments and Cricket**

We have had an active term! Our children have enjoyed improving their fundamental skills in PE and also working on their fitness in our high intensity fitness circuits. Some of our year 4/5 students have been lucky enough to do some extra cricket skills sessions once a week with Horowhenua Kapiti Cricket Association.

We want to thank all of our families for their support on all education outside of the classroom opportunities this year.

## Kuaka Hub

This year has been filled with some amazing learning opportunities for the students in the Kuaka Hub and a lot of fun too! Some of the highlights throughout the year have been our Zoo Trip to Wellington, our involvement with the and performances with the school production, our focus on Maori myths and legends, and some of the work we completed with our science kits from the House of Science. We have had the chance to learn some awesome skills as part of our digital technology focuses on green screening, making Google websites, and using Google Tour Creator. We have also had the chance to see and hear about some great sporting achievements throughout the year from the students in the Kuaka Hub, including outstanding team sports performances and some brilliant individual achievements in regional representative basketball and hockey teams.

Overall it has been another outstanding year and thanks to all of our students for all your hard work! Also a special thanks to Sarah and Jo, our Teacher Aides. These two are a brilliant addition to our hub and make our job so much easier!

Have a great holiday and enjoy the summer break!



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