

7th February 2017

Welcome to Week 2 of Term 1

Kia Ora Parents, Grandparents and Caregivers

A warm welcome back everyone, and a sunny Foxton Beach welcome to all our new students and whanau. I hope you all had an enjoyable Christmas and were able to have a break with your families.

I would like to acknowledge a few changes in staff. Firstly we welcome Gabby Gloyn who is teaching in Team Tarānui. We also have two changes in Team Kotare, Jenny Brown and John Apperley are covering in Room 3 while I am Acting Principal during Hamish's sabbatical leave.

Stationery

The children and staff would like to thank the Home and School for providing their initial stationery packs. These were given out to all our students who enrolled prior to the school year starting. At the beginning of the year, while the stationery shops are having sales, it is a good opportunity to check your child's headphones and pencil cases are good for use.

Meet the Teachers Evening

On **Wednesday the 14th of February** we will be having an opportunity for whanau to informally meet with the teachers. Join us for a light tea from 5 pm.

Child/Parent Goal Setting Meetings

Our Goal Setting meetings with parent/child and teachers will be held on the 5th, 6th and 7th of March between 3 p.m. and 6 p.m. We will send home a booking slip closer to the time, however in the meantime if you wish to book a time, please ring Sue in the office.

Attendance

If your child is absent from school, please contact the office and let us know they are going to be away, and the reason for their absence. If we don't know why a student is absent then a text message is sent out by our school management system by 9:20 a.m. For medical absences longer than three days we require a medical certificate.

If you're planning on taking time off during the year, we ask you have a discussion with your classroom teachers so we can plan ahead. If students are working in an electronic platform we can share their work with them. Contact numbers for school are 363 8331 or text 027 363 8331.

Arriving and Leaving School

Children can not come into the school grounds until 8:30 a.m. unless parents have organised this with the classroom teacher. At the end of the day we also need all children to leave the school grounds straight away. If your child is late to school they must be signed in at the office and if you need them to leave early you must come into the office and sign them out. This is very important for everyone's health and safety; in an emergency we need to have accurate records of people on site.

Uniform Expectations

Since it is the start of the year we would like to take this opportunity to remind everyone of our uniform policy. These are included as part of the information in our enrollment packs and they are very clear. During our summer terms the students wear their jade polos, navy cargo shorts or skort and their fleece when it is cold. In the winter terms, they have the opportunity to wear their Canterbury stadium track pants. Please check their uniforms before they leave home, if they are in the wrong uniform parents may be rung and asked to bring in their correct uniform.

Since the beginning of school some students have been coming to school with a variety of earrings, the only items of jewellery to be worn to school are studs (one in each ear lobe).

During this term we are swimming as often as the weather permits, please ensure your child has their togs and towels each day. With so many students getting changed it becomes difficult tracking down lost or missing uniforms, to make sure there are no mix-ups in the changing shed please make sure all your child's belongings are named.

Amnesty - Sports uniforms

We have been doing a stocktake of the Sports Uniforms, we have noticed a number of items missing, particularly the shorts. If you have any at home please return these as soon as you can, no questions asked.

Bikes and Scooters

Bikes are kept in a designated area which is out of bounds during the school day. Helmets must be worn and bikes are not to be ridden in and out of the school grounds. If a child brings their bike to school without a helmet they will need to ring home to get one before they leave. We will not allow children to leave the school grounds without their helmets on.

If your child is walking or scootering to school, it is a good idea for them to walk with their friends and make a 'Walking School Bus'.

Assembly Dates

Assembly will be held every second Friday at 9 a.m. in the School Hall. Our next assembly will be on Friday the 16th of February. All whanau are welcome to come along and support our tamariki.

Consent Forms

Attached to the newsletter is an updated consent form. This form covers permission for various happenings around the school involving your child and updated contact details.

Please pay particular attention to the checking and treatment of headlice. All children will be checked for headlice. Children will not be treated at school unless updated permission is granted. Treatment will therefore be requested to be done at home at a cost to parents. Please return the permission slip to the school office.

Felicity Apperley
Acting Principal
Foxton Beach School
Board of Trustees

Casual Vacancy for an Elected Trustee

A casual vacancy has occurred on the Board of Trustees for an elected parent representative.

The Board has resolved under section 105 of the Education Act 1989 to fill the vacancy by selection.

If ten percent or more of eligible voters on the school roll ask the board, within 28 days of this notice being published, to hold a by-election to fill the vacancy, then a by-election will be held.

Any eligible voter who wishes to ask the board to hold a by-election should write to:

Chairperson
Board of Trustees
Foxton Beach School
Box 23
Foxton
By: 6th March 2018

Kotare Hub

Welcome back for 2018 and what a great start it has been! We have been really impressed with how well Team Kotare students have settled back into learning with such positive attitudes...it's fantastic!

Our big focus is **Kia Kaha** and this has linked in nicely to our first week back at school where we have been reinforcing our school values of **Respect, Innovation, Confidence** and **Excellence** where our students are learning the importance of building a class culture based on all of these values in order to make the most of teaching and learning.

Swimming has been a hit with this fantastic weather! Remember to bring togs daily and make the most of it while the weather is warm. If your child owns a rash vest could you please include this with their togs. With the weather being so warm this is a safer option and allows the children to have less skin exposed to the sun.



Lucas, Isaac M are enjoying learning in our school pool.

Tarānui Hub

This year we welcome Miss Gloyn to Team Tarānui! Miss Gloyn has been teaching for a few years, both as a reliever and full time teacher. She was born in the Manawatu and has lived on a dairy farm most of her life. Some of her hobbies include: running, dancing, showing cows and baking. We look forward to an exciting year with you Miss Gloyn!

Team Tarānui has been doing a lot of work around class culture over the first week of term. What do we want for our class culture? There has been a lot of collaborative work to get everyone's ideas together, and the end result has been our class treaty. The three underlying ideas in our treaty are respect for others,

respect for our equipment and environment and respect for ourselves.

Our children worked in small groups to create a presentation about respect. This was done in the form of posters, Google Slides and even through a song. We were so impressed with the in depth thoughts that were shared and we look forward to seeing these in action throughout the year. Here are some ideas some of our team came up with about respect:

Respect is:

- *Saying nice words to people.*
- *Looking after and protecting your classmates emotionally and physically.*
- *Respect their needs and do not ignore them when they are talking to you.*
- *Using your manners when you are talking.*

Key Competency Awards

Finn - for stepping up and being a great leader within Team Kotare

Brooke - for using her initiative and being a great leader.

Jackson- for managing himself by learning the routines of the classroom and having his learning tools ready to go.

Erik and Katelyn B - Managing Self

Cooper T, Jay and Tarynn - Relating to Others

Kaan - Participating and Contributing

R.I.C.E: Oliver

R.I.C.E: Evelyn Tua for encouraging our Junior students to make good choices

Kuaka Hub

It has been a great start to the year in the Kuaka Hub! We have a great bunch of students that are keen to be involved in the learning that will be delivered to them. This term we are beginning with setting up our class culture, system and routines. We have created personal profiles and a coat of arms that represent us and our interests. We have brainstormed some of the ways we aim to show respect in the classroom this term and created role-plays that highlight this thinking. We are also focusing on the Key Competency of 'Managing Self' this term. We have thought and shared how we can show 'Managing Self' throughout the term and we are working on summarising this thinking and presenting in the form of an animated digital presentation using the Powtoon app. This activity will be shared through See-Saw when completed.

Thanks from the Kuaka Hub - Mr Baker and Miss Lanham.

Senior Swimming Sports

Foxton Pools

1st March, 9.00 am