

21st February 2018

Kia Ora whanau

Welcome to Week 4. Foxton Beach has certainly seen four seasons in one day recently.

Chengdu Visit

On Monday the 5th of February we welcomed the Chengdu Number 7 Primary-Middle School all the way from China. The exchange was a fantastic swapping of culture and learning. We welcomed them in with a Powhiri and they shared some of their unique dances, music and songs. The rest of the afternoon involved the students and teachers coming into the hubs sharing their tea ceremony, calligraphy and videos of their school and learning environments.

Meet the Teacher Evening

Last week we held our meet and greet evening on the 14th. A huge thank you to the Home and School for making the hot drinks, cooking and assisting with the cleaning. It was a great chance to meet with of families in an informal setting. We had members of the Board of Trustees attend and introduce themselves as well as the teaching staff.

Programmes

Learning programmes are taking shape across the hubs. It has been pleasing to see the crossover hub curriculum integration with our students. A big part of the beginning of the year is getting out school and classroom culture right from the get go. Classes have been working through the Kia Kaha and anti-bullying programme with their teachers. We are lucky to have Fiona Reid, our Community Police Officer coming in to support this valuable programme.

Car Park

To keep everyone safer in the afternoons we will be shutting the gates into the staff car park in the afternoon. Please respect our health and safety management and park on the road, then walk up the paths or create a designated meeting place for your tamariki.

Goal Setting Interviews

Notices have been handed out to students for their goal setting meetings on the 5th, 6th and 7th of March. Prior to these meetings, your child and their teacher/s would have had a discussion around their initial goals for 2018. It would be beneficial before meeting with your teacher/s to talk about these goals at home with your child. The meetings are scheduled for no more than 10 minutes, if your conversations need to take longer a different appointment time will be set up by your class teacher.

Triathlon Training

Thank you to Janelle Perreau, who has offered to run practices for any of our students enrolled in the Weet-bix tri on the 20th of March. If you would like your child to be part of this training session run on Tuesday lunchtimes please let the office know. Your

child will need to bring their bikes and togs for these sessions.

Felicity Apperley
Acting Principal

Kia Ora All

I would like to start by saying that we as a Board of Trustees are in full support of Felicity in her new role as Acting Principal while Hamish is on sabbatical and I strongly encourage all of us to extend to Felicity the support and assistance the Foxton Beach School community are famous for.

Like in all schools there are settling in issues at the start of each term, it is timely to remind parents of the procedures for dealing with issues or complaints. the process to follow is to see your class room teacher, if there isn't a satisfactory outcome book an appointment with Felicity. If you are still not happy, feel free to document your complaint and address this to the Board of Trustees with your contact details and one of us will make contact with you.

Mike Moses

Board of Trustees Chairperson

**Home & School
AGM**

21st March

7 pm

School Staff Room

All parents welcome

Kotare Hub

Team Kotare is such a wonderful space to be in this Term. We are a hive of activity - collaborating, learning and having fun of course. Our children have really got into the swing of things in each class and we are so impressed with the teamwork and learning that is happening daily.

We are loving our swimming in the afternoon's, making the most of this beautiful weather and improving our confidence in the water. We ask that you please make sure your child's uniform, togs and towels are clearly named. Our children are looking forward to inviting our parents to the Junior Swimming Display on Friday 23 February at 1.45 pm for years 1 to 3 combined and Thursday 22nd February at 1.45 pm for Room 1's swimming display.

Team Kotare welcomed visitors from Chengdu's Number Seven Primary and Middle School in Week 3. We enjoyed watching their poetry recital and dancing and we were fascinated by their tea ceremony - it is hard for us to imagine how different our class is to theirs.



A great example of collaborative learning - Maiah, Jimmy, Hadley and Luca.

Key Competency Awards

Pipi - for showing great initiative and being respectful of classroom routines and expectations.

Te Waipounamu - for continually doing the right things and methodically completing her learning tasks.

Finn - for being a great leader within Team Kotare.

Loni - K.C of Relating to Others by using her manners, kind words and always including others.

Tarānui Hub

Over the last two weeks we have spent more time working on our class culture and shared expectations for a positive, successful year for all team members. The vibe has been amazing and we are really proud of the way our team works together! Keep it up Team Tarānui! We have continued to work on our Kia Kaha learning and swimming sessions. Some new learning literacy learning tasks have been introduced slowly so that everyone is set up for success. One of the tasks last week was to choose a picture for descriptive writing. Here are some snippets of outstanding work!

Isaiah and Lucas

Once upon a time there was a dreadful witch who could summon monsters and use all kinds of spells. One night she was going to steal a piece of jewellery from the village of peace but she got caught and got sent away. She really was unhappy so she plotted a plan to kill all humanity. Ten painful years later the witch got out, she travelled through the rocky valley into the misty cliff...

Kendra-Lee

Wow. This all started when a little girl lost her temper and ran away on her old red bike. She was biking for days just to find she was lost in the unknown fields of Canada. Before you could see a flash she saw a rock and was biking full speed and had a big crash, she had bruises everywhere but she held her tears in. She had one graze on her shoulder and she noticed it had some blue in it. She touched the blue and it went everywhere. "Ew" she said scrunching up her face. The blue slimy stuff led to a trail...

Key Competency Awards

Ariyah - Managing Self

Thomas - Relating to Others

Zane, Cooper H - Participating and Contributing

Kendra-Lee - Thinking

Clive - Using Language, Symbols and Text

R.I.C.E: Jordan

Kuaka Hub

In the Kuaka Hub, we have been recently focusing on aspects of the Kia Kaha anti-bullying programme. Our students have brainstormed types of bullying and strategies to deal with it, and put together anti-bullying role-plays and mini-posters highlighting the use of these strategies.

It has been outstanding to see so many students involved in after-school sports this term. We have students playing water polo, soccer, hockey and year 7-8 basketball each week, which is great to see. We have year 4-8 school swimming sports happening next Thursday (March 1st) and our year 7-8s have been taking part in specific instructor-led swimming sessions at the Foxton Pools each Wednesday afternoon.

Key Competency Awards

Class Awards: Phil, Piper, Taine and Luke

RICE: Josh.L, Ryan and Isaac M

Senior Swimming Sports

Foxton Pools

1st March, 9.00 am

Years 4 to 8

Junior Swimming Displays

Kotare Rooms 2/3

Friday 23rd Feb 1.45 pm

Room 1

Thursday 22nd Feb 1.45 pm

Both at the School Pool

Years 1 to 3