

Wednesday the 9th of May

This is officially my first newsletter for the year after having the first term off. During my Principals sabbatical I was lucky enough to go and look around some schools in the Rotorua/Taupo area. It was great to see some new ideas and it was also good to see that some of the initiatives that we have brought into our school over the last few years, that are really helping our students learn, are now being brought into other schools.

We are very lucky to have teachers who want to get on board with new ways of learning so that there are better outcomes for our students. We are constantly looking for new ways that will engage our learners as sometimes, one way does not suit everyone.

As many of you will know we use Play Based Learning (PBL) in our new entrant room. This is a great way for students to transition from the early childhood centres into primary school. It gives the children the opportunity to strengthen their oral language skills through play while also learning how to manage their interactions with other students. While the play is happening the teacher is withdrawing students for small group learning.

Once they move from Room 1 into Room 2 or 3 (or Room 23) they are working in more of a collaborative environment where the children tend to go between the two rooms. The children are working in a more mainstream classroom setting with small group teaching for reading, writing and maths and the students also have Must Do's and Can Do's to complete. By setting these up with the students we are getting them to take responsibility for aspects of their own learning.

In the two senior hubs they use a lot of technology where their work is shared out to them and they have a set number of days to make sure it is completed to the very best of their ability. They complete a lot of their work on devices and this is shared with the teacher and other students as well. This is quite an engaging way for our students to learn and it has certainly helped our boys get more motivated with their writing.

I would encourage parents to discuss the way their children are learning with the classroom teachers and if you want to come in and observe how children are now learning, please feel free to do so.

### **Sports Fees, Technology Fees etc**

Just a reminder that these need to be paid to the office as soon as possible. Sadly we can no longer give credit for uniform purchases etc unless your account is in credit. We have had a number of families book things up and then they have left the area owing quite a bit. We can't carry these losses. I am sorry if this inconveniences other families.

### **Winter Sports**

Recently we sent home our code of conduct for sports. This stated very clearly the schools expectations for our children when playing sports for the school and it also stated very clearly the expectations for coaches and adult spectators. I would love to get through an entire season where we do not have parents having issues with other parents regarding their behaviour.

Hamish Stuart  
Principal

**Friday Night Fever  
School Disco  
Friday 18th May  
5.30 pm - 7.30 pm  
Gold Coin Entry**



Local **FREE stop smoking support**, including FREE patches, lozenge or gum is available now in Foxton.

Maurice Manihera runs clinics on Thursdays from Te Waioira Community Health Services, 10 Lady's Mile, Foxton.

On Tuesdays he does home visits.

Call TOAM on 0800 40 50 11 and make a time to see Maurice and start your smokefree journey.

# Kotare Hub

Kia Ora, welcome back to Term 2.

We are very excited with our programme this term. Coming up in Week 5 we are having a schoolwide Wearable Arts Show... watch this space for more information. In the second half of the term we are focusing on making the environment better by looking at our rubbish and ways we can reduce it at school and beyond.

Last week we were very fortunate to have "Goody" in teaching us some Rad Rippa Rugby Skills: Here we are practising our 'burger' hands before practising our throwing and catching.



Keep an eye on your child's Seesaw account. We will be requesting old newspapers to help us make our WOW creations.

Have a wonderful week and weekend!

From the Team Kotare Teachers  
Mrs Apperley, Miss Rowland and Ms V

Everyone enjoyed their Rippa lessons with Goody from Horowhenua Kapiti Rugby last week. It was awesome to see everyone participating and contributing, and to see the progress of skills within a few lessons! We were lucky to have beautiful weather for these sessions too.



## Key Competency Awards

### Week 11 Term 1:

Brock, Tristan and Hokowhitu: Using Language, Symbols and Text.

Ross and Katrina: Relating to Others

Ryan J - Participating and Contributing

R.I.C.E: Kaya

### Week 1 Term 2:

Samuel, Kaylem and Molly - Managing Self

Amaia, Bailey and Maiah - Using Language, Symbols and Text

R.I.C.E: Tautahi

# Tarānui Hub

We have launched straight into our Term 2 focuses in the first week with a range of new learning. We have begun the papier-mâché process to create our wearable arts items and everyone is excited to see how these progress!

For writing, we wrote character descriptions and there was some incredible, descriptive detail used! Here are some snippets:

*Clive has blue eyes like the sea. Clive's hair is as blonde as a milky bar.*

Bailey

*My Grandmother is as bubbly as a bath full of bubbles. She is always kind and she loves to help people.*

Gracen

# Kuaka Hub

This term we are focusing on Wearable Arts as one of our inquiry topics. We have begun to fill out our planning and reflection documents and we are recording diaries of our progress and completion. The inspiration for our creations has come from our local environment and community, and thinking about the connection we have to where we live. Both teachers have been really impressed with the level of engagement our hub has shown towards this topic and it has been awesome to see all groups working together and learning about how to take on specific roles. Some groups are combining their cultural backgrounds for inspiration and others have already contacted local businesses for support and resources. Great effort so far Kuaka Hub!

## Key Competency Awards

Certificates - Mya-Jayne, Taliah, Ataahua, Max, Tezni, Campbell and Isaiah

RICE - Campbell