

Wednesday the 25th of July 2018

Welcome to Week 1 of the third term.

I would like to start off this newsletter by welcoming all our new students who started on Monday. I'd also like to acknowledge a couple of new members to our staff. We have employed Dawn Iopata who will work alongside Rebecca Van der Zwan in our new entrant room. On the first day of this term the numbers shot up to 21 in this class. Having two teachers in the class now gets this back down to a 1:10 ratio which should be really beneficial to these children starting school. Dawn has recently worked at Coley Street School and I am sure that she will bring a number of strengths into our school.

We also have a new Social Worker in Schools or SWIS worker, his name is Murray Woodcock. Murray replaces Roseanne Kuiti who was the SWIS worker for a number of years. Murray will be making contact with families that were using Roseanne and I am sure he will be very good to work with.

Last term I had to put out a reminder regarding the behaviour that we all expect from the children. I would like to thank many parents who took the time to discuss this with their children and some fed back to me that their children had been getting a bit stropky at home as well, so they felt it was good timing. This is a great example of how we are all on the same page and we only want what is best for the children.

We will be starting the term with a focus on the Managing Self Key Competency as this comes through in so much of what we want our children to be doing.

Parent Interviews

We are holding parent interviews/goal setting meetings on the 1st of August which is next Wednesday. We are trying something a bit different to see if we can get a bigger uptake with these meetings.

The children will not be coming to school during the day. We will be holding interviews from 8:30 am until 6:00 pm. The meetings will go for 20 minutes and we would expect parents to bring the children in for their meeting. The goals are formed with the students so it is crucial that they are there.

Please return the notice for interviews as soon as possible. We will be putting the times for interviews on the School Website, Seesaw and sending home a note to confirm the times.

Working Bee

On 4th August we are going to have a working bee around the school. There are a number of jobs that we would like to get sorted out and need a few willing hands. We would like to get all the branches that have been placed in a pile onto a farm to burn, the old green shed pulled down and the school vegie gardens weeded and dug over as I would really like to see children using these. We'll look at starting at 9:00am. If you have some tools that might be of assistance with these jobs such as rakes, a trailer, shovel etc please feel free to bring these along as we only have limited gear. If you can help out, please let us know in the office.

Hamish Stuart
Principal

School Photos

Class, individual and family photos will be taken on **FRIDAY 27th JULY 2018. 9.00 am**

WANTED

Home and School Committee need a new Secretary. This is a voluntary position, if interested contact Caroline 021 1475948



SPORTS!

Netball

If anyone is interested in playing netball in Term 4, and has not had a notice last term, please see Miss Lock to sign up. These teams need to be finalised ASAP so that we can get team training underway. We are also looking for some more coaches, this is vital in being able to enter all teams.

Hockey Results

Year 5/6 - Kahawai lost 5-6 to Manakau
Year 5/6 - Eels won 6-2 vs Koputaroa
Year 7/8 - Greenfins won 9-2 vs Ohau

Kotare Hub

Welcome back whanau to another term filled with great learning, fun and engagement.

This term we would like to introduce our new teacher Whaea Dawn, she will be working in Room 1. Please give her a big Foxton Beach School welcome when you are in next.

Introducing Whaea Dawn...



My Interests are:

I enjoy teaching Te Reo Maori & Maori Performing Art (Kapa Haka, Maori Dance & Drama)

Favourite thing about teaching:

Teaching our Maori Culture to our tamariki.

A little bit about me:

I have taught all around Shannon, Foxton, Levin and Palmerston North for 30 years.

I enjoy... Cooking, Musical Festivals & Art Festivals

We have a full term planned, check out below for our Term 3 topics and learning



Science our big theme is "Physical World Explorers".

Throughout the term we will be exploring everyday examples of physical phenomena, such as movement, forces, electricity and

magnetism, light, sound, waves, and heat. We will be using this theme within parts of our Literacy, Maths and Key Competency development.

P.E. - we are going to do a lot of work this term around the fundamental movement skills as well as preparing for our Cross Country.

The Arts - Within the three class spaces we will be studying three different artists and creating work in their styles; Vincent van Gogh, Hundertwasser and Piet Mondrian. Towards the second half of the term we will be moving into Dance, Drama and Music.

Kapa Haka - We are getting ready for the Kapa Haka Festival in Week 6. We are very grateful for the ongoing support of Whaea Whetu and Whaea Sam.

Tarānui Hub

Welcome back to Term 3! We have a busy term ahead, as always, with lots to look forward to.

Our big topic this term is 'Renewable Energy' as a science and technology unit. We have some great experiences planned including a trip to Te Manawa for some hands on fun (a notice about this will go out very soon). A massive thank you to Vector Energy for sending us their Sustainable Energy booklets to help support this learning. If anyone in our school community has expertise about renewable energy forms and is keen to share this with our children, please get in touch.

Later this term we have our Cross Country, so we will be doing some fitness training in preparation. However, what we can do at school is only one part of training, so if children are setting their goals high for the cross country they will need to consider doing some training outside of school too.

We are looking forward to some hockey sessions with Hockey Manawatu this term. We worked on some hockey skills last term and look forward to consolidating these and learning new skills.

Kuaka Hub

We have a lot of interesting learning and opportunities coming up this term.

In the Kuaka Hub, we are learning about Insulation and Weather as part of our Science Inquiry. These units will involve hands-on activities and experiments like testing which materials are most useful to store heat, and we will be creating our own clouds!



We are learning Japanese this term, for our language focus, which will give our students introductory learning on how to speak and read the language, and we will find out about Japanese culture too.

Another learning opportunity in the Kuaka Hub this term is our focus on music. Our students will learn about the elements of music, create their own music using online tools and research different music styles and artists.



It should be another great term in the Kuaka Hub!