

FOXTON BEACH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Kia ora

This term has been quite a full on term for everyone with our children, teachers and parents navigating the many different settings of the COVID framework. I really think that everyone has been incredibly patient and have shown a tremendous amount of empathy as we have had children and staff heading off into isolation. It has been good to see that children have continued to work remotely with the devices and workpacks and have slotted back into their classes when they were able to come back into school.

This term has had a huge impact on children's learning and quite frankly has been more of an interruption than both lockdowns put together. We have had a number of families keep children at home out of anxiety of what Omicron would mean for their family. We have had really good hygiene practices in place and the Ministry of Education have reported to schools that more children are acquiring COVID outside of school than they are at school. The reason for this is all students from Yr 4 to 8 are currently wearing masks inside and all our classrooms are really well ventilated.

One issue I do have is that the Ministry of Education has only just sent a shipment of RATs to the school. We have been dishing these out as it has been hard for families to get them and in some cases they have had to drive to Levin. This puts more of a financial burden on families. If these had been made available before we started back at school, it would have meant we could have got in front of a few cases before they came into school.

If you need RATs, please pop into the office and we can give you some.

Start of Term 2

One of the things we want to do in term 2 is ensure all our students are back at school and engaging in learning again. We know we have a few barriers to break down as well. So, in the first week back in the second term we are going to have a more laid back approach to the start of the term. We are going to have some activities where we mix them all up and do art activities, we will be heading down to the beach for an afternoon of activities and lunch and we will also be holding an afternoon of relays, fun activities and food.

We want to try and get parents back into school too. We are fully aware that over the last two years with restrictions in place parents have felt disconnected from their children's learning. We are hoping to turn this around by running these activities with an open invitation to all our families to join us.

We'll keep you updated on our facebook page.

Hamish Stuart
Principal

Caretaker Wanted - 20hrs/week

We are in need of a motivated, energetic Caretaker.

Immediate start. Role is predominantly lawns, grounds and garden maintenance, building repairs and outside building clean. Swimming pool experience is beneficial.

Police checks are essential.

Applications including CV can be addressed to:

The Principal
Box 23
Foxton 4848



Team Kotare

What an interesting term we have had. Our major theme of 'Working Together' was a great start to the year! Lots of beautiful weather enabled us to swim most days while our pool was open. We saw a lot of improvements in the student's water confidence and safety.



The Footsteps programme was a lot of fun for our ako. The integration of technology and physical activity was really engaging.

We just want to say a huge thank you for your support and understanding while we have been navigating these ever-changing times.

Team Tarānui

What a very busy term we have had. Numbers have been up and down in the class as expected, however the tamariki have been amazing at adapting to the changes we have had to make. Like everyone, we are hoping for a more settled time next term.

Tamariki have been working hard on numeracy facts and how to solve math problems in several different ways. It is great to see so many brains making connections with strategies they have been introduced to in the past and using them to solve unknown problems. Reading is progressing nicely with a lot of interest in the non fiction texts being presented as well as high interest fiction texts. Students are all working on a new spelling programme. We are teaching spelling patterns and rules and can see the value of this in their writing.

Connections have been made through art and Aotearoa and we have some great wall displays currently in place. The photo shows the winners of an art competition we entered.

Students have enjoyed swimming earlier in the term, the Footsteps programme which combined fitness with technology and playground games such as skipping and hopscotch.

Enjoy the break with your tamariki. It's been a term of many changes for us all and we look forward to seeing you all back next term ready for some new learning.



Kuaka Hub



The Kuaka Hub has created some awesome work recently. Our reading groups have used the Padlet app to complete their weekly reading tasks. This app allows them to record their answers, add digital content like images and diagrams, and even record their answers verbally. Great effort team to present your work using this presentation method!

Kuaka Hub has also worked on a variety of mapping tasks to improve their knowledge of NZ geography. Our students created digital snapshots of where they were born and raised that have been attached to our map of NZ in class. This activity showed the variety of different backgrounds and heritage we have in the Kuaka Hub! Great effort team!