

FOXTON BEACH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

11TH MAY 2022

Kia ora Whānau

Welcome to Week 2 of Term 2 for 2022. I want to start this newsletter off by thanking all the parents who came along and joined in with some or all of the activities last week. Our goal for last week was to get as many of our students back into school and to connect with their peers and their teachers. The second part of this was to have parents back into school now that we have moved into our orange settings.

Last week was one of the best weeks this year for attendance. On one day we only had 9 students away with 4 isolating, a couple of explained absences and the rest were sick. If children are attending school on a regular basis it is proven that this is good for not only their emotional wellbeing but it is good for children to be in regular habits as this helps for later in life.

This term we are going to look for other ways to have parents involved in the school again as we are fully aware that this has been hard over the last two years.

As we try and get back to some normal routines etc we ask that parents try to ensure that children are on time for school. If children turn up 20 or 30 minutes late for school they normally are uncertain of what they should be doing and this places them under more pressure. Please remember that we start at 8:55am each day.

Contact Details

This year when we hold our Board of Trustees elections they will be done electronically. This will mean that we need up to date contact details of everyone. This is also important as we are aware that cell phone numbers change on a regular basis and there are times when we can't get hold of parents. There is a form being emailed out with this newsletter. Can you please fill it out and return it to school as soon as possible.

Parking

Lately Carthew Terrace has been extremely busy at 2:45pm. There are so many cars that there is hardly room to move. We also have children that walk down the road and then cross over between cars. This is really dangerous and we just ask parents to be really careful. I encourage any parents with children in the two older hubs to use the parking bay on Thomas Place.

School Lunches

Please keep an eye out for the menus on our school Facebook page. Libelle that makes the lunches have increased the portion sizes for all Year 4 to 8 students and of course this term there are hot lunches as well. As I have mentioned in previous newsletters, this is a great way to save some money and put it towards things such as groceries and petrol.

Riding Bikes to school

It is great seeing kids riding bikes to school as this means they are being active. It is good for both mental and physical wellbeing. However, if children are riding bikes to school they must wear a helmet. We had an unfortunate incident last year where a child rode in front of a car. When he fell off it was his helmet that saved him from a serious injury.

School Uniform

Now we are into term 2 the children can wear the Canterbury stadium pants or the blue trousers that we sell at school. They need to wear a school polar fleece jacket and we are encouraging them to be worn inside class as we are leaving doors and windows open for ventilation. We are asking for parent support around uniforms as we seem to have a lot of tops at school that are not part of our uniform. This is mainly from our senior students who will be heading off to a High school with a uniform in the not too distant future. Your cooperation on this would be appreciated.

Hamish Stuart
Principal

Home & School Meeting
Tonight
Wednesday 11th May
6pm
Staffroom
All welcome!!



Coming up... come with something pink for

Pink Shirt Day

Join us on **Friday 20 May, 2022** as we Kōrero Mai, Kōrero Atu, Mauri Tū, Mauri Ora – Speak Up, Stand Together, Stop Bullying! Celebrated annually around the globe, Pink Shirt Day began in Canada in 2007 when two students took a stand against homophobic bullying, after a peer was bullied for wearing a pink shirt. In Aotearoa, Pink Shirt Day works to create schools, workplaces, communities and whānau where everyone feels safe, valued and respected.

Tug 'O' War - Pukeko vs Weka



Team Kotare

Wow Term 2 already!!

We got off to a busy start with our many trips during activity week. Here are some photos...



What did the children think?

"I liked playing in the sand and making my castle"
Carter (first week at school).

"I liked jumping my scooter on the pump track with
my friends" Corban (Year 2).

"My favorite was dressing up in green face paint
and going in the hop race (sack race) and pulling on
the big rope" Phoenix T (Year 1).

"I like the beach because we got to build
sandcastles" Luna (Year 2)

"I liked playing tug of war and playing with my best friend Alyssa" Irie (Year 2).

"Me and Luka did a smiley face and a mad face on our kite" Alyssa (Year 2)



A **huge thank you** to all the parents who came to join in and help us with these activities. It was really nice to get our parents back into school.

Team Tarānui

Activity Week Highlights

Our tamariki had a fantastic time during activities week. We enjoyed some quality time with our hub completing a STEM challenge, painting kindness rocks and creating autumn art.

We were really impressed with the teamwork during STEM and the perseverance shown. Getting out into the community was also lots of fun. As a class, we cleaned up rubbish at the estuary and enjoyed utilising the skatepark, pumptrack and surrounding areas. Thank you to the whānau from our class who joined us during the week, it was great to connect with you again.

Term 2 Focus

This term our big topic is space, and within this we are also looking at Matariki later in the term.

We will be integrating this into our literacy learning, with some exciting activities planned. We look forward to sharing some of this learning through Seesaw, so make sure your notifications are turned on and leave some encouraging comments on your child's posts.

Come in and visit!

We have really missed having whānau into our class, so nau mai, haere mai! Please come in to see your child's learning, get them to show you around the class and explain what they have been doing at school. We have an open door policy!

Managing Self/Reminders

Please remember the following:

- **Name all uniform**, especially jerseys which get taken off quite quickly during the morning.
- **Drink bottles** with water every day.
- Every student needs a set of **headphones**.
- We are a **healthy food school** - all morning tea and extra kai should be healthy (try to avoid the sugary packets of snacks and aim for some yummy fruit).

Kuaka Hub

It was great to get back into class this week and reconnect with all of our students! We had a lot of fun during the week with the pump track visit, beach activities, and house tug-o-war competitions mentioned as some of the favourites! This week we'll ease back into our normal learning programs, while still managing to have some fun. This term we have a science focus on astronomy which will be really interesting to engage in, as well as content on ANZAC Day that we'll focus on this week.

Thanks, Nick and Carly

Kuaka Hub

