

FOXTON BEACH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

8TH AUGUST 2022

Welcome to week 2 of the third term for 2022

I would like to start off the first newsletter for the term by thanking all the children in Yr 4 to 8, staff and parents for supporting the children who came back to school with the news that they will be wearing masks again. We all struggle with this but we went for an entire term of masks in term 1. I fully support the advice that the Ministry of Health and Education have given to schools as the effects of COVID and this years flu season have been horrendous on the students and teachers.

We have been really lucky that we have been able to keep the school open for the year to date. We have had a really reliable group of relievers who have stepped in at the drop of a hat and we also have amazing teacher aides who have been able to step in as well and be supervised by a teacher. Besides asking Tarānui hub to work from home for the last two days of term 2 we have kept everyone at school.

While we are back wearing masks I want to make sure that everyone knows they are still welcome in school to check out their children's learning and be a part of their schooling. We discussed this as a staff and there are some great opportunities for parents to come in and join in if you want. On a Monday the year 4 to 8 children have the opportunity to have a go at boxing. We have a couple of coaches that come in and work with the children. The focus is on fitness and body movement. This term we will be doing our cross country training and it would be great for parents to come and join in with the training sessions. You could ride a bike if you wanted to. We are also going to be running house sport every second Friday afternoon for our Year 4 to 8 students. The focus of this is to lift the number of children playing sports. If you are able to help out please let us know.

With all of these things I have mentioned the teachers will update you via Facebook or Seesaw.

Parent Phone Calls

Recently I have asked the teachers to share with me the names of children in their hubs that are working really hard or who have made some amazing progress. I want to take the time to contact parents and let them know this straight away. Sometimes the only times I get to talk to parents is when there has been an issue and we want to turn that around. There are so many students that turn up to school and work hard, get along with others and love being at school, I really want to celebrate those amazing students. So if you see the school number on your phone, don't ignore it, it might not be bad news.

Board of Trustees

Congratulations to Terasa Barber, Jordan Dunweg, Lisa Matena, and Amy Nicklin who have been elected to the Board. I'd also like to thank the outgoing board members for their dedication and support as board members over the last three years.

Hamish Stuart
Principal

Upcoming Events

House Sports Y 4 - 8 1.45 pm

Teacher Only Day

Tāranui Catch Up Class & Sports Photos

Board of Trustee Meeting 5.30 pm

Cross Country

Production - The X Factory

End of Term 3

Out of Zone Enrolments by

Out of Zone Ballot

19th August

26th August

29th August

29th August

14th September

21th-22nd September

30th September

14th October

28th October

(please remember to bring sports uniforms)



Enrolments for 2023

The Board of Trustees invites applications from parents who wish to enrol their children at Foxton Beach School.

Enrolment at the school is governed by an enrolment scheme, details of which can be found on our school [website](#).

Applications can be made in writing or by emailing the Principal, principal2@foxtonbeach.school.nz

The deadline for receipt of applications for out of zone places is **Friday 14th October 2022**.

The Board has determined that there will be up to **20 spaces for out of zone enrolments in years 1 to 5**. If the number of out of zone applications exceeds the number of places available, students will be selected by ballot.

If a ballot is required it will be held on
Friday 28th October 2022.

Parents will be informed of the outcome of the ballot within three school days of the ballot being held.

Any queries please contact the
Principal, Hamish Stuart
principal2@foxtonbeach.school.nz

Team Kotare

A big welcome to all our Team Kotare whanau for Term 3. What a great start we have had to the term.

This term we will be covering three major topics: Relationships, Kia Kaha and our Production.

Production

Thank you to those parents who have helped their child gather and hand in their costumes. Remember as we put on Seesaw in the holidays we need these **by Week 5** (22nd August). If you have any questions please refer to our Seesaw post during the holidays or come in to see a Kotare teacher if you still have questions.



Play Based Learning in Team Kotare.

The pictures below show just a fraction of the creative play that is happening in our hub. We have garages, horse houses, adventure parks with ball pits and towers being constructed.



Maths Learning Activities in Room 1 focusing on Number Identification and Addition.



Team Tarānui

We have had a productive start to the beginning of the term. Lots of great fraction work has started, so feel free to talk about fractions with your kids. On Thursday we had the honor of attending a concert at Waiopahu College. We saw some great acts and I think it has inspired some of our students to pursue their interests in the performing arts.

We are starting fitness circuits and cross country training this week and look forward to the school cross country event on the 14th September.

Hopefully we have a settled term with less illness of both teachers and students.

Feel free to call in and see what we are up to in the mornings. If you want to talk to a teacher it's best to catch us in the morning, or make an appointment after school.

Kuaka Hub

It has been a great start to the term in the Kuaka hub. We have begun our novel study focus which is based on all students engaging in a longer narrative story for literacy. We read a set amount each week and work on group activities, comprehension questions and a vocabulary study. We are also focusing on the Commonwealth Games at the moment too! We are going to learn about what the Commonwealth is and find out more about the range of sports that are played in the competition. We have the school cross-country run coming up, so the Kuaka hub is aiming to get fit before then! We're working on a daily fitness routine that involves skipping and jump jam(dance).