

# FOXTON BEACH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

17TH AUGUST 2022

Welcome to week 4 of term 3

Today as I write this newsletter we have 44 children that are away from school. This is still a pretty high number of students that are off school. We ask that you either email the office [office@foxtonbeach.school.nz](mailto:office@foxtonbeach.school.nz) or text the school number 027 3638331 or get a sibling to let the teacher know why students are away. We are trying to make sure that we get a reason for each student so we can continue to make informed decisions. At this point we will continue to wear masks in our two older hubs for the next two weeks. We will relook at this then.

I want to thank the students, staff and parents that have been coming into school for wearing masks when they are inside. I know that it can be frustrating but we are trying to make it work for everyone.

Since our last newsletter we have held our Goal Setting meetings with students and parents. I want to acknowledge everyone who came along to one of these meetings as it is really important that we have some clear goals for our learners between now and the end of the year.

I would also like to acknowledge the parents who filled out our quick survey on the night as well.

I read some really nice comments from parents about the teachers and the work they do with their children.

*"That the school is a small school with smaller classes so I believe students get more time with the teachers."*

*"Being part of the community and growing through the school with peers I feel is key to support in the growth of my child , a sense of belonging first and then the challenge of learning. Happy that this happens. Love the small size."*

*"Great relationships between kids and teachers"*

*"I like the way the kids and teachers are so helpful when you arrive on the premises"*

We also valued the feedback that we got from parents about what we can do differently to continue to improve the students' time at Foxton Beach School.

*"More community events e.g. Matariki was a great opportunity to come together. More of this"*

*"Different types of sports"*

*"Outdoor activities or possible bus trips to places they can learn about"*

## Teacher Only Day

On Friday the 26th of August we are having a Teacher Only Day. Staff will be travelling down to Wellington to visit some schools and look at some of the initiatives that they have underway. We will not be at school at all on the day as we will be leaving before 8:00am. We don't do this very often but if we want to see things in action then we have to do this during school time.

## House Sports

If parents want to check in on the house sports on a Friday afternoon please feel free to do so. We are running some house sports as we want to get children playing team sports again. Then next year when some of these sports come up we might get a few other students that want to have a go.

Hamish Stuart  
Principal

## Upcoming Events

House Sports Y 4 - 8 1.45 pm

**Teacher Only Day**

Tarānui 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

21st-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](mailto: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](mailto:principal2@foxtonbeach.school.nz)

## Team Kotare

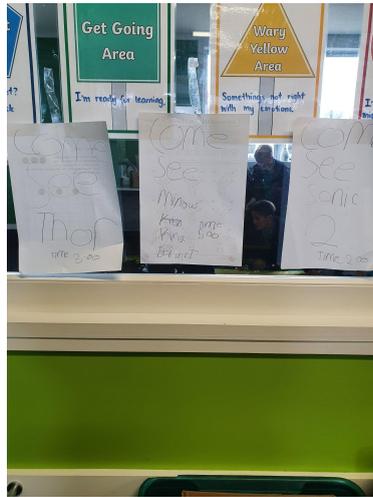
### Production

It has been really great to see all the costumes coming into the hub in named bags, we need these **by the end of this week** (19th August). We have been practising our item daily. If you want more practice at home, the link to the dance was put onto Seesaw.

Last week was Maths Week. Here are some photos of MathsWeek Activities in Room 3. We went 'fishing' for our number bonds and we had some exciting learning tasks to earn our Math Dollars.



**Play Based Learning** (PBL) is such a good way to reinforce our learning around positive relationships. There are so many creative ideas our Tamariki have... last week we had a Movie Theatre, and students created movie posters, sold tickets, and printed money. We even had a food stall to buy treats while we were at the movies. A group of students then performed some items in the movie. What fantastic imaginative and creative ideas in Team Kotare!



## Team Tarānui

### Our Learning

This term we have a focus on building our confidence, self esteem and ability to foster positive relationships. We are working on some different focuses around this. Something we have covered so far is what makes an ideal friend so that they can relate to others inside and outside the classroom at school. This week we are looking at what makes me special. Every child in our class is unique

We have been working on fractions in maths and getting into some challenging learning here. Hopefully you can look for fractions in the real world with your children - especially in cooking or baking.

There is an amazing art project in the works that integrates geometry - Tapa Cloths. This has so far been a great learning experience, and we can't wait to see the final pieces!



For literacy we have been trying to integrate texts from our different topics, such as texts about accepting differences and about Tapa cloths. We are writing persuasive pieces and reading some texts around this too. So your child might come home trying to persuade you to get a new pet - hopefully they do a good job of it!

### Come and visit!

Just a reminder that whānau are welcome to come into class and check out their children's learning at any point. Pop in before school and have your child show you what they've been doing, whether this be on their Chromebook or in their books. We would really love to see more whānau coming in when you can.

### Managing Self/Reminders

*Please remember the following:*

- **Name all uniform**, especially jerseys which get taken off during the day. We are ending up with a few mix ups here.

- **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 - we are seeing lots of packs of chips coming in lately. Try to avoid the sugary packets of snacks and aim for some yummy fruit.

## Kuaka Hub

The Kuaka Hub has been doing some great work with Cheryl Murphy from Manaiakalani. She is working with both of our classes every Monday this term, helping us to become cyber smart and more digitally fluent. We're learning to use the Learn, Create, Share concept which emphasises whānau involvement in students' learning. We've worked on a class website that we use as a portal for the students to visit to find resources and we're writing our first class blog posts at the moment. Next term our students will be writing their own blog posts each week, so keep your eyes peeled for the links to check them out!