

FOXTON BEACH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

14TH SEPTEMBER 2022

Welcome to Week 8 of Term 3

I would like to start my newsletter this week by acknowledging the passing of Queen Elizabeth II. In the 70 years that she was the Queen she served the Commonwealth tirelessly. She is a very good example of someone who has dedicated their life to serve others and she earned the respect of millions because of this. We will continue to discuss her reign in our classes and we will watch for updates as to her funeral etc. It has been announced today that we will acknowledge her passing with a public holiday on Monday the 26th of September. This will mean that the last week of the term is a 4 day week.

The school production is rapidly approaching and there has been a massive amount of work going on behind the scenes. I know that we have had a number of children in and out of school with COVID and the flu so we will continue to support Mrs Standish and Mrs MacDonald as they put the last touches to the show. We would also like to thank the following sponsors for our production.

Ocean Beach Eatery
Libelle Lunches
The Loop Restaurant & Bar
Regs Takeaways
Mr Grumpy's
Beauty at the Beach
62B Cut Salon

This week is of course Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori. While our teachers are using Te Reo Māori in their classrooms all the time, it is important that we keep the Reo alive. If we are not using it the language will die.

Last night the government removed the traffic light system and has made changes to the mandates, effectively removing them. What it looks like for us is that we do not require children to wear masks in class, however they can choose to wear them if they want to. We would also like to remind parents not to send children to school if they are unwell. We have been really hammered with absences and we have also really struggled to ensure that we have a teacher in every class over the last few weeks. If children come to school and they are unwell, it has a massive flow on effect.

As we plan ahead for the new school year we would like to ask that if you are planning to move out of the area that you let us know as soon as possible. We need to look at numbers so we can plan for the makeup of the classrooms. If you could email us and let us know what your plans are that would be appreciated.

Hamish Stuart
Principal

Upcoming Events

Production - The X Factory
Queen Elizabeth II Memorial Day
End of Term 3
Out of Zone Enrolments by
Out of Zone Ballot

20th-22nd September
26th September
30th September, 2.45 pm
14th October
28th October

Production - HELP Needed !!!

Classrooms - Helpers are needed from 5.30 until 6.30pm. We will also need helpers on Tuesday for the Matinee show from 12 - 1pm.

Intermission - Helpers needed to serve tea & coffee 6.30 to 7.30 each night.

If you can help out please let Sue in the office know.

Team Kotare

PBL

For this newsletter we would like to show you snap shots of some Play Based Learning (PBL) in Team Kotare see below



Team Tarānui

Another fortnight and another great amount of learning. With production only a week away our team have had to adapt to a variety of situations with teachers coming and going and practices for our class item. So in amongst all this the learning has continued. We are still figuring out the world of fractions, with some of us moving to decimals as well.

Our persuasive writing continues to improve with some great reasons being justified for a number of different topics.

We have been practicing for cross country by making sure the kids are fit and ready. Winter is over, Spring is in the air, masks are optional and only 15 Saturdays to Christmas. Where has the year gone????

Kuaka Hub

Kuaka hub students have made some excellent progress with their basic facts scores recently. We have worked hard on the goals we had from our last test and it has been great to see the specific revision we've worked on pay off! We have used online websites and apps to help as well as targeted revision and maintenance of some of the trickier focuses. Some students practiced their goals as part of their weekly homework allocation, which was a great idea. Now we'll set new goals and work on them each week before we test again in term four. Well done Kuaka hub for taking control of your learning and directing it where you want it to go!