

FOXTON BEACH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

WEDNESDAY 31ST JULY 2019

I'd like to start this weeks newsletter with an update on our staffing. Sadly, we are going to be farewelling Hannah Rowland at the end of Term 3. Hannah has resigned and is going to be relocating to the sunny Bay of Plenty. We wish her all the best and we will be farewelling Hannah at our final assembly of the term. Due to an increase in numbers we have also been successful in securing more staffing for the rest of the year. Jody Perfect is going to be working in Team Taraanui as the third teacher in the hub and she will still do one day of release in Mrs Apperley's class.

I hope everyone managed to get a decent break during the school holidays and have the opportunity to bounce back from some of the colds and flues that were doing the rounds near the end of last term. I would once again like to thank everyone who assisted the teachers, children and Home and School with our school production. The shows were amazing and we got so much positive feedback.

Some of you may not be aware that Foxtton Beach School is a Sunsmart accredited school. What this means is that the Cancer Society have looked at our policies and procedures, our shade areas and our curriculum to see that we are giving clear messages to our students about the importance of being sensible in the sun. We also applied for funding to replace all the school hats as many had seen better days. We have been successful with this grant of just over \$2000 and we would like to thank the Cancer Society for this money.

Absences:

Please remember to contact the school if your child is not going to be at school. Can you please give a reason as well. If there is no reason given then under the Ministry of Education guidelines that we have to follow, your child is marked as truant.

At each BOT meeting I have to report to the board on the level of attendance. Near the end of term 2 it had dropped to 92% for the year which is one of the lowest levels it has been for some years. Please remember that days off for shopping, haircuts or long weekends are not justified.

If parents can please work with us on this matter it would be really appreciated.

Eftpos at school:

After some feedback from parents we have looked into having Eftpos in the office. This will allow parents to pay for stationery items, uniforms and to settle outstanding accounts without having to go off and get cash and return to school. At the moment we are just ironing out a few kinks in the set up process but when it is working, we will let people know via our Facebook page.

Uniform Code:

We have a uniform and dress code for our students and are currently noticing a few non uniform sweatshirts creeping into school. Please ensure your child is wearing the correct navy fleece whilst at school.

Please also remember our policy on hair colour, which needs to be a natural colour and all nail polish needs to be removed during school times. We would appreciate parents helping us out here to ensure our policys' are adhered to.

Manawatu College Open Evening:

On the 1st of August from 6 to 8 pm, Manawatu College is holding an open evening where parents of Year 8 children can spend some time looking at what our local college has to offer. Please meet in the college hall. It is well worth looking at as many options as possible as parents need to find the right college for their child's needs.

Speed Around Foxtton Beach

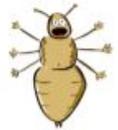
Recently there was a meeting of concerned residents with Council and Police about the speed of vehicles around the Beach. One area that was brought up was the roads that lead up to school. There are a number of parents driving quite quickly before and after school. Please remember that we want to encourage children to walk, scooter or ride their bikes to school and we want to make sure it is safe for them. Please slow down along these roads. The Police are going to have more of a presence and there may be a few tickets handed out if speeds warrant it. Just a heads up.

Hamish Stuart,
Principal

What's Happening

2 Aug	Assembly, 9 am	4 Sept	School Cross Country
9 Aug	Yr 5-8 Manawatu Mathex	10 Sept	CWI Flower Show
16 Aug	Assembly, 9 am	13 Sept	Assembly, 9 am
26 Aug	Board Meeting 5.30 pm	23 Sept	Board Meeting 5.30 pm
29 Aug	Basketball Tournament Yr 5-6	25 Sept	Interschool Cross Country
30 Aug	Basketball Tournament yr 7-8	26 Sept	Futsal Tournament P Nth
		27 Sept	Assembly, 9 am

Headlice Checks



Previously, Home and School parent volunteers have checked and treated children for headlice at school each term; however this service is now proving to be unsustainable in its current form.

Unfortunately long gone are the days of the nit nurse. We will aim to continue providing head checks **only** each term but no treatment. If headlice are present a pack will come home with instructions and treatment from [KidsCan](#) (depending on supplies). However, it is extremely important to manage the impact on the children and school, and if left untreated this can be very uncomfortable for the child lead to poor concentration and spreads quickly within a classroom. Headlice are extremely common in schools, particularly as children are working closely together, so please be assured that this is nothing for your child to be embarrassed about. Check your children regularly.

Advice and treatments are available to purchase from pharmacies; also you can talk to your medical centre as you may be able to get free treatment.

Kotare Hub

Term 3 is shaping up to be a really busy learning term. Last week we all started our Keeping Ourselves Unit, next week we have our friendly Police Constable Fiona Reid coming in to work with us on part of this topic. A new focus for us will be the Netsafe unit. We will be looking at how we can be safe accessing the internet and what to do if we feel uncomfortable online.

Pause, Breathe, Smile is still happening in classes but, this term we are picking the Mindful parts that we really enjoyed to continue with and reinforce our Red Zone to Green Zone behaviours.

Fundamental skills this term involved implements and skills with our feet. Our two activity themes are with Mrs Apperley who is running circuits and Ms Rowland who is helping to get us ready for our Cross Country. All classes are working through some process Art. Part of this is honing our observational skills and making some amazing masterpieces for the Flower Show.

We are all excited about the great learning themes for all tamariki this term. Keep an eye on Seesaw and our walls to see our learning in action!

Tarānui Hub

Kia ora, welcome back to Term 3. We hope everyone had a nice break with their families. We would like to formally announce that we have another teacher in Team Tarānui. Her name is Jody Perfect and she has had a range of different teaching experiences both full time and part time. Many of you will already know Jody as she has been relieving in our school for awhile now, and she knows our children well. Yet again, we have a jam packed term filled with various topics.

Maths Focuses

We have two focuses this term for our mathematics programme. The first one is called 'Using Symbols and Expressions'. This is all based around algebra and how to interpret a range of different problems.

The second focus is called 'Measurement Sense'. This is about learning how to measure different objects and areas by using different measurement units.

Reading Focuses

We have two focuses for our reading programme this term. The first one is called Synthesising. Synthesising is putting together information from the text with your own prior knowledge to develop new ideas and understandings.

The second one is called Making Connections. Making connections is when we make links between what we already know (our prior knowledge) and the text. There are three kinds of connections we can make.

We are also doing another Chapter Chat this term. Our text is called Holes. Make sure you ask your child about this.

Writing Focuses

We have a range of different writing focuses going on this term. The two key ones are writing to influence others and communicating knowledge and understanding. Many of our writing experiences involve a range of persuasion and explanation.

Inquiry Focus

We have started our health education inquiry, where the Year 6's are with Miss Lock and the Year 4-5 's are with Miss Gloyn and Mrs Perfect. Both groups are learning about how to keep themselves safe and learning about how their body grows and changes.

Physical Education Focus

We are focuses on two key fundamental skills this term. The first one is called striking with feet. This is all about developing skills around control, space awareness, trapping and kicking. The second skill is called striking with an implement. This is learning how to use different implements to strike various balls.

Taranui Awards Week 10 - Term 2

Tarynn, Mekah, Tyler and Kaya - Managing Self

Jack and Maiah K - Thinking

R.I.C.E: Kayla Yalden

Kuaka Hub

It has been great to see so many students keen to be back into their learning in the Kuaka Hub. This term we're focusing on the Health Units of Sexuality Education and Keeping Ourselves Safe. Our PE unit is based upon learning the fundamental skills of using implements (hockey sticks, padder tennis bats, softball bats). With literacy, we're covering explanation and persuasive writing. Our maths focus will involve wrapping up our geometry and measurement units and moving into patterns and relationships. We have our school cross-country race in week 7. The Levin sports of hockey and basketball have about 4 games to go and they will be finishing up. It looks like this term will be another busy one!

Home & School

Well I think we were impressed by and thoroughly enjoyed the production at the end of last term. What a cracking job, well done kids.

With a very successful raffle and cake sale during production week, this raised just over \$1,300. Thank you for your support. We have a recording of the production (big thank you to Paul Dodge) that we are going to show one evening so those parents who missed the show can come along. Details to follow.

This year Home & School are working hard towards a substantial donation towards resources and equipment as part of the planned renovation of the Junior Kotare Hub. The money raised from the cake sale along with monthly sausage sizzles and other events will keep us on target with this.

COMING UP: Quiz Night coming up, details to follow, so get your thinking caps on and start putting feelers out for a team, its going to be a fun evening. School Tea Towel, yes your children will be drawing a self portrait that we will be printing as a group on a tea towel for a lasting memento of their time at our school, ideal for presents. 'Creepin it Real' Haunted Hall coming up later in the year and a community Car Boot Sale.

Please join the Home & School Facebook page, search H&S FBS. Join in where and when you can. If you are unable to or just don't want to, no worries, but still join the page to make sure you're in the know! (P.S. also make sure you have joined the school FB page!). Warm regards Katie 'n' Co.



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