

FOXTON BEACH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

WEDNESDAY 14TH AUGUST 2019

Welcome to Week 4

I would like to start my newsletter this week by acknowledging the sad passing of one of our parents. Kylee Hughes passed away on Saturday night surrounded by her family. Kylee had been unwell for some time but was making progress. She will be missed by Alex, Noah and Cooper, and I am sure everyone will rally around the family to support them. It was a huge send off in Foxton on Wednesday and it shows the number of lives that she touched.

As I mentioned in a previous newsletter, we will be losing Hannah Rowland at the end of this term. We are in the process of advertising and trying to get suitable applicants for the position, but it is incredibly hard with a large teacher shortage across New Zealand. For those parents who are in Room 2, please don't panic regarding term 4. We have a plan in place. I have asked one of our relievers Kitty Harrison, who has taught a number of times in Room 2, to job share with me for the 8 ½ weeks of Term 4. Kitty will be teaching for 3 days and I will teach the class for two days of the week.

We are also on the lookout for a new caretaker as well. Sadly John Hatsell has now suffered an injury to his knee which has really affected his ability to keep doing the job. If you are interested in the position we need a covering letter stating the skills that you have that could be good in the job and a CV. It is for 15 hours a week.

Attendance

Sadly the attendance for some children has not improved since the start of the term. It has now got to the point where I will be asking to meet with parents to look at what some of the issues could be and what we can do to improve attendance moving forward. Please do not be offended if I call as I have a responsibility to ensure that all children enrolled at Foxton Beach School are attending every day.

School Van

Just an update on this. We have been lucky enough to secure a grant from Eastern and Central and the Southern Trust. With the money that the school has put aside and the donation from Home and School, we are now in a position to purchase a new school van.

If you are interested in looking at the current school van to purchase from us, please drop into school and you can have a look and take it for a test drive.

Rugby at Lunchtime

At the moment there are a few issues around the children playing rugby at lunchtime. If there are any Dad's that would like to take the children for rugby at lunchtime, we would love any help. It would just be for the 30 minutes that they are playing before they sit down to eat.

Also, from now on we need any child playing rugby to bring a rugby jersey or a t-shirt to play in as there has been a bit of damage to uniforms. The children must also bring a mouthguard from now on, or sadly they can't play.

School Photos

Photos taken recently are now available online on the photolife website www.photolife.co.nz. Please check bags for the shoot keys to access your child photos.

Orders need to be completed by Sunday 8th September for free delivery.

Eftpos at School:

Eftpos is up and running at school for purchases and payments on accounts.

Hamish Stuart,
Principal



Reretua, Skyla, Joshua & Ryan

The questions were very challenging with some secondary school algebra thrown at the Year 7s which was a real challenge!

A massive thanks to Caroline, Al and Kurt for your help on the day.

Mathex Competition

On Friday August 9th, four teams from Years 5 to 8 entered in the Manawatu Mathex Competition in Palmerston North.



Callan, Heidi, Jessica & Revil

What's Happening

16 Aug	Assembly, 9 am
26 Aug	Board Meeting 5.30 pm
29 Aug	Basketball Tournament Yr 5-6
30 Aug	Basketball Tournament yr 7-8

4 Sept	School Cross Country
10 Sept	CWI Flower Show
13 Sept	Assembly, 9 am
23 Sept	Board Meeting 5.30 pm
25 Sept	Interschool Cross Country
26 Sept	Futsal Tournament P Nth
27 Sept	Assembly, 9 am

Kotare Hub

Wow, what an incredibly busy start to the term!

Our classroom programmes are well underway and all going well. We were very lucky to have Constable Fiona in last week to help us with our Keeping Ourselves Safe unit. We can all correctly name our body parts and learned that people name the same body part with many different names. We also learnt that we can make our own rules for our bodies.

Week 1 for Squawk Squad was fun - we have been learning about Predators and how we can keep our native birds safe. In Week 2 we are learning about New Zealand Birds of Prey.

Our Art is coming along nicely for the Flower Show which will be held on the 10th of September. We are all very excited about our Tea Towel art... this will be a fantastic keepsake for many years to come. If you are thinking ahead, they make a great Christmas gift.

Kotare Awards

Lucas H for being organised during learning times

Tarānui Hub

Cricket sessions - We have been lucky to have two cricket awareness sessions with Bailey and Chad from Horowhenua/Kapiti Cricket Association. The children were engaged and enthusiastic during these sessions and we hope it has sparked an interest in cricket for some of our children, as it is a great way to keep up with some sports over the summer months.

Health - Our health sessions are currently focused on Keeping Ourselves Safe and Sexuality Education. We are covering some important but also intense topics, so please be prepared for your children to come home with questions. We also encourage them to put any questions into the 'question box' if there is something we haven't answered for them.

Cross Country - With the school cross country coming up in September, we have been building fitness into our PE sessions and going for longer runs on Fridays. Anyone is welcome to join us for these runs, usually around the block, at 2.15pm on Friday afternoons when the weather is good.

Tarānui Awards

Amaia, Pounamu and Hadley - Thinking
Riley and Pipi - Managing Self
R.I.C.E: Ryan J and Ryan M

Kuaka Hub

Some great work has been created in the Kuaka Hub recently. Some students have worked on Emergency Preparation posters, learning about how to get ready for a natural disaster and what precautions we can take to remain safe. Our students have also been working on Explanation writing over the last week. They are learning about using time connectives to structure their sentences and about the 'cause and effect' relationship when describing important details. Awesome job, guys

Good luck to our sports teams who are competing in finals either this week or next!!

Kuaka Awards

Luke, Molly, Liam, Ryan.M, Sydney, Jack.D



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