

# FOXTON BEACH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

WEDNESDAY 25TH SEPTEMBER 2019

As the third term comes to an end, it is great to see that the weather is starting to warm up and the days are getting longer. This sets the scene for our children to be active during the term break and I hope they all get out and about and use our local environment.

During the term we were lucky to have the chance to work with members of the District Council and the Foxtton Beach Progressive Association around the development of the Foxtton Beach Community Plan. The feedback that we had was that our children had a really good knowledge of what we need in our town and they were really keen to contribute their ideas, especially to get children more active. Our students are also members of the community and it is good to see that the Council is keen to hear their views as well.

This term we have been working quite closely with Civil Defence as we create a plan to evacuate in the event of a potential tsunami threat. The Board of Trustees, staff and children have all looked at what we need to do and the next step is to meet with parents to keep you informed as well.

We are looking at holding a meeting on Tuesday the 15th of October in Team Kuaka with Andrew Howard from Civil Defence. We will be covering what we are going to do as a school and what parents can do to help in the event of an approaching Tsunami. Then on the 17th of October at 1:30 pm in the afternoon it is the NZ Shakeout drill and Tsunami Hikoi. All the schools around NZ will be practicing their earthquake drill and any schools in a tsunami zone will be carrying out a hikoi to evacuate to higher ground. We would really welcome parents to come along at 1:00 pm and join in.

## **Staffing Update**

We have appointed a new Caretaker. Ross McKay will be starting with us very shortly. He brings a lot of skills to the job and I am sure that people will welcome him into the school if you see him about.

As many of you will be aware, we are losing one of our teachers at the end of this term. Hannah Rowland has been teaching at Foxtton Beach School for 4 years and is moving up to Mt Maunganui to start a new page in her life. We wish her all the best and I am sure she will keep in touch. We will be farewelling her at this Friday's assembly. This position is currently advertised in the Education Gazette for Term 1 2020 commencement.

In Term 4, Room 2 will be taught by Kitty Harrison, who the children know quite well, and Bev Vernon who has just finished teaching in Tawa and is moving to the Horowhenua. It is a very short term but I am sure they will get to know all the children very quickly.

## **Facebook Page**

Please remember to check the school Facebook page for important notices and of course our school website has all the newsletters. These are emailed out to everyone now so if you have not received one, can you please check the details that we have. We do our best to keep everyone informed of important events. Please remember that the school Facebook page is not the right place for complaints. The best way to deal with any issues is to come in and talk with the teachers or myself.

Hamish Stuart,  
Principal



25 Sept	Interschool Cross Country
26 Sept	Mufti Day
27 Sept	Assembly, 9 am Last Day of Term 3, 2.45 pm finish
14th Oct	Term 4 Starts, 8.55 am
15th Oct	Parent Tsunami Meeting 5.30 pm
17th Oct	NZ Shake Out & Tsunami Hikoi 1.30 pm
27th Oct	Haunted Hall
11th Dec	Prizegiving Term 4 Ends

## 2020 Term Dates

Term 1	3 February - 9 April
Term 2	28 April - 3 July
Term 3	20 July - 25 September
Term 4	12 October - 15 December



# In and Out of Zone Enrolments 2020

## Important information regarding next years student enrolments

Foxton Beach School Board of Trustees invites applications from parents who wish to enrol their children at Foxton Beach School. Enrolment at school is governed by an enrolment scheme, details of which can be found on our website.

Applications can be made in writing by emailing the school office, [office@foxtonbeach.school.nz](mailto:office@foxtonbeach.school.nz) or by completing an enrolment form for 2020.

The deadline for receipt of applications for out of zone places is Friday the 25th of October 2019.

The Board has determined that up to 10 spaces are available in our new entrant room, up to 8 spaces are available in Years 2 and 3. There are no other spaces available in 2020.

If the number of out of zone applications exceeds the number of places, students will be selected by ballot. For more information on this process see the schools website.

If a ballot is required it will be held on the 1st of November 2019 at 3:00pm. Parents will be informed of the outcome of the ballot within three school days of the ballot being held.

Any queries please contact (06)3638331 or email [principal2@foxtonbeach.school.nz](mailto:principal2@foxtonbeach.school.nz)

Hamish Stuart, Principal

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