

FOXTON BEACH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

WEDNESDAY 16TH OCTOBER 2019

Welcome to Week 3 of Term 4

I'd like to start off this week's newsletter by acknowledging our Home and School group and all the helpers that pitched in to make the first Haunted Hall a real success. A huge thanks must go to Ruth Carr for all the time and effort she put into getting this off the ground. Ruth was a real driving force behind this initiative and I'd like to acknowledge the huge amount of time she and her helpers spent the week before setting up the hall.

As part of our ongoing planning and preparation for a Tsunami evacuation, Katie Clarke has been approaching local businesses to get certain things that we need to put together "Go Bags" in each hub. These bags will have equipment that we will use to help us keep the children safe. The school would really like to thank the team at Hometown ITM for the generous donations that they have made, to be able to set these bags up.



Tsunami Hiko

Recently we had a situation in Foxton where two of the local schools went into lockdown after an armed incident in the town. It was surprising to hear from the two schools that quite a few parents arrived at school to take their children. In the event of a full scale lockdown at Foxton Beach, we will be locking all doors and putting ourselves away from view inside the schools buildings. We will not be opening doors for anyone as technically this could be the offender at the door. We would use email, our school absences notification system and Facebook to let parents know that we are in lockdown. We will stay in lockdown until this is lifted by the NZ Police. We would then let parents know that it is now safe to come to school.

Please make sure we have your up to date cell phone number and email addresses.

After the Christchurch attack, all schools have been reviewing their procedures around lockdowns and we literally had ours sent back to us by the Police that same week of the Foxton incident. We will be discussing this at our next Board meeting and then as a staff we will be teaching the children the steps they need to take. We will keep you all informed.

Thank you to all the parents that have given some feedback to a document that was emailed out around planning for the next 3 to 5 years. I am going to email it out once more as I don't want anyone to miss out on the chance to have their say. All you need to do is to share your thoughts on what is going well and what could we look at doing better.

Absences:

If you send in a text message for a child being away could you please also state a reason. We have to record a reason for our tracking purposes and under the guidelines that the Ministry of Education provides

us with, if there is no reason then the child is classed as truant. I know that this is not the case so please let us know.

School Hours:

After a number of incidents at some of our local schools, Principals have met with the Police and we are now closing our grounds at 7:30 pm. There will also be more Police and community patrols around the schools and we have taken the steps to upgrade our lighting and have installed more security cameras. Your help with this would be appreciated.

Hamish Stuart
Principal

1st Nov	Assembly 9 am
4th Nov	Board Meeting 5.30 pm
8th Nov	Interschool Cross Country
15th Nov	Assembly 9 am
20th Nov	Junior Tabloid Sports
25th Nov	Board Meeting 5.30 pm
11th Dec	Final Assembly 10 am



Tea Towel Fundraiser

We still have a few tea towels left to sell.

\$12 each.

These make great gifts for family.

Available from the school office.

Kotare Hub

Kia ora e whānau, welcome back after our long weekend... lets hope our weather really starts to shine!

Our mini inquiries are underway with flight. Room 1 have been learning about Bumblebees and how their wings vibrate. Room 2 are investigating Rockets, their purposes, uses and mechanics. Room 3 have their own flight questions ready for investigation and have been looking at where they can find useful information.

Come in and see the beans we are growing in class. Room 2 and 3 have created castles for Jack.

Team Kotare are running assembly this Friday. Come and see our Room 3 interpretation of Jack and the Beanstalk, this will be interactive, so be prepared to join in!

Our amazing Student Teacher Terese Standish is finishing at the end of the week... we will be farewelling her at assembly. We wish her well in her teaching career.

Tarānui Hub

We've been very busy and productive this term! We have carried out 6 different **science** experiments, learning about the scientific process whilst doing so. It has been great to have our children making their

own hypotheses and backing these up with their prior knowledge. We are looking forward to our first science kit next week!

Our liquid density experiment. We discovered glucose syrup was the most dense and isopropyl alcohol was the least dense.



This Tuesday we had **Nutrition** Workshops for our Food for Thought Programme. We learned lots about why different food groups and vitamins are important for our health, especially in the long run. Our children were very excited to apply this knowledge at New World by reading food labels. Thank you to the whānau who helped make this possible.

We have been really impressed with the **leadership** from Oliver and Cooper T in organising a small lunch time rippa tournament for our year 3-6 children. As a part of our statistics learning, they did a survey on a sample group first to see which sport they should run. It is great to see our children take this on with very little teacher input and give up their time so that others can get more time playing sports.

Awards Week 1

Ana and Indikah - Using Language, Symbols and Text

Israel and Finn M- Managing Self

Brooke and Luca - Thinking

R.I.C.E: Taylor

Kuaka Hub

Over the next few weeks, it will be really busy throughout the school and in Kuaka Hub!

We are starting our science unit on Force, Mass and Motion which will be interesting and we are continuing with our Pause Breathe Smile/Physical Education sessions with different classes from around the school.

We also have our Off the Loop wakeboarding group sessions starting up this Friday, so plenty of chances for our students to get involved in some amazing opportunities.

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