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Home & School Newsletter

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I hope this finds you and your family well. Nau mai, Haere mai to all the new whanau. Here is how you can get involved in your child's school journey with Foxton Beach Home & School.

We have an exciting year ahead with a few irons in the fire, but need more ideas and people to do them. There are opportunities for getting involved as and when you can, so see if anything grabs you. We'll come out later in term with some planned events. You are automatically a member as you have a child here! Fantastic ay!!

Overview of Funds Raised in 2019

Last year we were able to fundraise around \$12,000, which is a tremendous achievement we are so thrilled with. A big **Well Done** to everyone who contributed in any way and who put their hand in their pockets for haunted hall, tea towels, cakes, raffle etc.

At the start of the year we were challenged by Mr Stuart to raise \$7,000 for the resources in planned upgrade for Kotare Hub and achieved it. The rest will be put back into the school for the wishlist from the teachers and contribution towards your child stationery costs.

Even though we had some great events and sales that raised some big money, it's a collective combination of the continual effort and smaller amounts that all add up. The monthly sausage sizzles (Sophia & Whetu), the fitness classes (Janelle), Tupperware sales (Nardine), Easter Fair Litter pick up (Jaymie & Jaime). Separate to the \$\$, but just as important is the support, headlice checks every term and breakfast club. Thank you, the team spirit has certainly helped me this year as President. Sincerely Katie.

What are our priorities for 2020?

This year Mr Stuart, Teachers and BOT have tasked us to fundraise for a Wishlist of resources and equipment for the hubs, updating our Athletics equipment, and aiming for a large amount to support the school vision for a Bikes in School's project the school will be embarking on this year. More details to follow in the meantime take a look, google bikeon.org.nz. The school is aiming to build a multi-use track that will need funding from a range of sources, and ongoing maintenance costs. An exciting project for our kids and our community, I hope you agree.

From the Principal Hamish Stuart:

We have been so lucky over the years to have a very active Home & School group, ever changing but always connected to the school. It is a key part of fundraising for those extra things that our school funding just doesn't allow for.

Sadly just like many schools, interest in the committee group has declined. These are elected positions that manage the group in accordance with the Government's Charities Services, and guide it for the year with the support and active input of other members. Our School needs your support to continue this; if we are unable to elect an executive team we run the risk of losing this registered asset which will impact greatly on the school resources, activities and ability to join parents in friendships and a bit of fun for the kids. Take a look at what they do or ask one of the team.

If you are able to come along to the Annual General Meeting (AGM) to vote, even put yourself forward for the elected positions of President, Treasurer, Secretary, and at least 2 other elected members, or just want to help out as and when, please do so. As Whanau of this school we need your support however you can contribute. Home and School isn't just for the few, it's a team working together for your children. We are grateful to have this wonderful asset to our school.

HANDS UP!!! Help needed.....



Breakfast Club – Runs each day at morning breaktime 10.30—11.10. If you have a spare few minutes once a week and you would like to volunteer let us know.

Monthly Sausage Sizzle— We need at least one more parent/grandparent to help manage this, once a month. Usually on a Wednesday for time in the morning to take orders and set up, and back to cook and serve for lunch, source food etc.

Easter Fair Litter Pick Up Sunday 12 April –Help us time slots through the day to help out managing litter and changing bins at the Foxton Easter Fair where we will earn money for our school. Let us know if you are available we are also representing our school in the community so please give some time to help as a family if you can.

Headlice Checks—Start of Term 2, easy peasy 1 hour once a term.

.....more things and events to help out with coming soon.

AGM & Meetings—Come along to the AGM and any of the meetings that happen throughout the year, you are very welcome and we'd love to see you and get to know you.

Keep Up To Date

Please be part of our Home and School **Facebook** page, search for **H&S Foxton Beach School** and join if you would like to keep up to date with what we're involved with at school and what help is needed, and to message us.

Its a way to keep your hand in without getting them dirty (not sure that's the best analogy! But sometimes we do need you to get them dirty).



Any questions or if you want to know more join the page or see Jo or Sarah around school who will point you in the right direction or see Katie.

AGM WED, 26TH FEB. 6.30PM, SCHOOL HALL

All very welcome. More info to come.
See teachers for why its so important to the school

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KEEP CALM AND JOIN HOME & SCHOOL
or just come to the AGM!