

FOXTON BEACH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

WEDNESDAY 11TH MARCH 2020

Welcome to Week 6 of Term 1 2020

I would like to start off this newsletter by passing on my thanks to the parents of our school community for their understanding of the situation around a family going into self quarantine. It was really nice to see that we had some communication from a couple of families hoping that the family were okay and wondering if they could do anything to help. This is greatly appreciated by everyone involved.

As I stated in the letter that went out on Friday, the family are not showing any symptoms of the virus and this is purely a precaution. As you can imagine, we have been getting regular updates from the Ministry of Education which we are following carefully. It is important to note that in all the cases World wide, and the last time I read an update it was over 100,000, that children have been least affected. In fact it is only 0.2% of all cases for children that have become critical and in all these cases they had underlying health issues.

At school we are taking all the necessary steps that we can. We are reminding children of how they need to be coughing and sneezing and we are encouraging regular hand washing. Before the children eat at morning tea and lunchtime, they are also getting a squirt of hand sanitiser to help. We have discussed the situation with our cleaners and they are taking extra steps to ensure that surfaces and door handles etc are given an extra wipedown.

All we ask is that parents keep pushing some of these messages at home too.

Swimming Sports:

Last week we held our senior swimming sports. It was a great day with a lot of action. I was really impressed with the number of children getting in and really pushing themselves. There were a few children who I know were quite nervous about trying some of the longer races but they got in and gave it a go. This was awesome to see.

We have also re-established the school houses and we had these going for the swimming sports. It was great to see all the children getting in behind their house and it was quite amazing to see that they were still cheering for their house right up until the last race of the day.

They will be in houses again for our senior athletics which is coming up shortly.

After Hours Use of the School Grounds:

We seem to have quite a few people using our courts etc after school which is great. Just a reminder though. We expect the same school rules to be used by our students when they are up here. Can you remind the children not to ride bikes and scooters on the turf as these are expensive to replace.

Hamish Stuart
Principal

FOXTON BEACH SCHOOL PROUDLY PRESENTS WORLD BOOK DAY

BOOK CHARACTER

Dress up day

Dress up as a character from your favorite story book. Prizes for best costumes for each hub.



FRIDAY 20 March

To raise funds for our school library.
\$ Donations gratefully received.

FOXTON BEACH SCHOOL PROUDLY PRESENTS SCHOLASTICS

BOOK FAIR



MONDAY 16 - FRIDAY 20 MARCH

Details to follow

DATES TO REMEMBER



It's finally here !

Our new school van has arrived. What a fantastic asset for our school, children and the community.

With a big thank you to both Eastern & Central Community Trust and The Southern Trust in funding this alongside our local 4 Square, our School and our Home & School 2019.

12 March	Tarānui Sleepover
13 March	Assembly 9 am
16 - 20 Mar	Book Fair Week
17 March	Kotare Swim Display 1.15 pm
20 March	Mufti Day & Book Fair
25 March	Yr 4-8 Athletics Day
27 March	Assembly 9 am
1 April	Interschool Athletics
7 April	Kotare Athletics 9.15 am
9 April	Term 1 Ends 2.45 pm
28 April	Term 2 Starts 8.55 am
23 July	Class/Individual Photos
17 Sept	Sports Team Photos

House Points



Pukeko 3030



Kiwi 2930

Takahe 2740

Weka 2690



Kotare Hub

There is a lot of great learning happening in Team Kotare! If you come into the hallway our Water Cycle publishing is going up. Ask your child to talk about this... we are learning how to explain 'groundwater', 'evaporation', 'condensation' and 'precipitation'.

Room 2 has been working through its water kit activities.

Room 3 has been exploring the concept of 'surface tension'. We are designing, building and racing rafts as part of this learning. If you would like to help with this please come in and see Mrs Apperley.

Team Kotare Swimming Display will be on Tuesday the 17th of March from 1:15 pm. Room's 2 and 3 will be first up at 1:15 pm and Room 1 will come over at approximately 2 pm. Please be aware these times are just an indication and they may differ on the day. Please arrive early to avoid disappointment.

Team Kotare Athletics - We will be holding our junior school athletics on Tuesday the 7th of April from 9:15 a.m. Parents are welcome to bring a picnic morning tea to share. We will be having our bean bag toss, high jump and long jump before morning tea and our sprint races after morning tea. Students can wear mufti for their events but will need their uniforms for the rest of the day.

Tarānui Hub

Get NZ Writing

Every year we like to get involved with the School Kit Get NZ Writing project. This year there are around 96,000 children across the country involved in this. They have released a completely new kit and we are having lots of fun writing our poems for it and learning about the pathway to our partner school. Miss Gloyn's group have Dargaville School and Miss Lock's group have Kokopu School (near Whangarei). To read some of our work we had to put on some special red glasses, and the idea here was to be able to understand that people can view things in different ways. A highlight has been writing our 'This is Just to Say...' poems, they have been hilarious!

Here is an example of these poems:

This is just to say...
I have stolen
the chocolates
that were in the fridge
and which you were probably saving for later
forgive me
they were so delicious
so slimy
and so cold
-Rubilee



Sleepover

As this reaches you, there will only be one sleep to go until our sleepover! We are very excited about the events we have planned. A massive thank you to all our parents who have volunteered their time to help with the estuary trip and cooking, and we are stoked to have so many of you coming along for dinner and the quiz night. Please ensure that you carefully check the gear list so that your child has everything they need for these two days. We are looking forward to sharing about this in the next newsletter!

Managing Self

We really encourage you to keep pushing this Key Competency with your children as we are still focusing on it at school. Some ways this can be supported:

- Encouraging your child to be responsible for charging their Chromebook every night. We are having too many come in with flat batteries.
- Checking in with your child and asking if they are getting their Must Do tasks done and what strategies they might need to use to ensure this is done (sitting away from friends etc).
- Reminding your child that they need to take responsibility for their homework, collecting it on Monday and returning it for marking on a Friday.

Of course there are many other ways, these are just a few that we have noticed some need support with.

Tarānui Awards Week 4

Pounamu - Relating to Others

Luca, Theo, Rubilee, Ruby - Managing Self

Niesha- Participating and Contributing

R.I.C.E: Kate

Kuaka Hub

It has continued to be a busy term in the Kuaka Hub! Our students have put in an awesome effort with swimming so far this term. Our swimming sports were a success and it was brilliant to see our Interschool team perform so well at the local swim meet. Our students have created some really impressive visual presentations recently - creating videos using Powtoon on Managing Self and creating websites using Google Sites on their recent Beach Education learning. It has been great to see our students develop their digital technology skills this term.

Big thanks to Sarah in the Kuaka Hub for managing and coaching our senior water polo team that plays in Levin. They are undefeated this season and this is the first time we have competed in the Levin Competition which is always hotly contested, and all of the students are having an awesome time. Thanks Sarah for giving up your time to help to provide this opportunity for our students.



*Water
Polo
Training
Session*

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