

# FOXTON BEACH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

WEDNESDAY 27TH MAY 2020

Welcome to Week 7 of Term 2 2020

I couldn't start this newsletter without thanking all the parents of Foxtan Beach School who worked with their children to complete their distance learning during lock down. I am fully aware that for some this was difficult to begin with, but once everyone got into a bit of a rhythm it all started to fall into place.

For those that struggled with distance learning or feel they didn't get much achieved, please don't stress about it. We always stated from the outset that it was there if children wanted to use it. If it was going to create more stress in the house we did say just to leave it.

I have had some really positive feedback from parents regarding distance learning and would appreciate more parents feedback via a survey for the Board of Trustees.

The survey link is <https://forms.gle/YQUQhXa7NVxFurq5A>

It has been great to have the children back for just over a week now and it seems that everyone is into the new way of doing things. We have seen a huge uptake in the use of hand sanitizer and it is now becoming normal practice within the classrooms.

I would like to thank parents for their patience regarding the guidelines we have had to put in place for starting back under level 2. It seems that everyone just accepts that things will be done differently for the mean time and that there is a very good reason behind this.

This is a good example of everyone, and in this case the entire country, coming together and working towards a shared goal. If we look at other countries around the world it just makes us appreciate the way that we have handled it all.

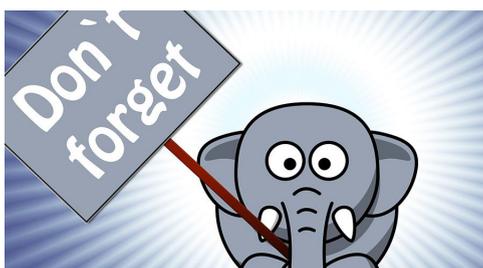
We are also aware that many families have been affected by the financial flow on effects of COVID-19 and some families have lost jobs or have had hours reduced. During level 3, I was able to get food etc out to families and I could see the toll it was taking. Please let the school know if you are under pressure. We may be able to source some help for your family. It will also give the teachers more of an insight into any difficulties students may be having. We are here to help if we can.

As the government announces changes to alert level 2 we will slowly bring in changes. I feel that if we make changes too quickly it just adds to confusion. We will be sending out a new update next week.

## Reporting to Parents

Due to the fact that so much school has been lost this year we are going to approach the mid year reporting differently just for this year. We will not be sending home written mid year reports, instead we will be meeting with parents face to face to develop goals for the rest of the year. We will cover how they have settled back into school and discuss how distance learning went. These interviews will be carried out in the last week of the term, the 29th/30th of June and the 1st of July. More information will come home on these interviews in the next week or so.

Hamish Stuart  
Principal



2 June	New Entrant Cohort Entry
	Board of Trustee Meeting 5.30 pm
29 - 1 July	Parent Interviews
3 July	Term 2 Ends 2.45 pm
20 July	Term 3 Starts 8.55 am
23 July	Class/Individual Photos 9 am

# House Points



**Pukeko 3030**



**Kiwi 2930**

**Takahe 2740**

**Weka 2690**



## Kotare Hub



Welcome back to school Team Kotare whanau! What an interesting end to Term 1 and start to Term 2 we have had. Distance learning provided a lot of different learning styles and ways for both teachers and students.

This term we are very lucky to have Cam working with us on our Rippa Rugby skills.

So far we have been reminded about our catching 'hamburger hands' and our throwing 'elephant trunks'. We can all grab the rips, hold them high, and yell 'RIP!'.

We have had two sessions so far. At the end of our unit we might have a mini tournament to show how well we have learned our fundamental skills.

Our Topics will be around being safe online and the Kia Kaha unit. Kia Kaha enables students to develop strategies for respectful relationships where bullying behaviours are not tolerated.

Reminders - please make sure your child has their water bottle. We have been encouraging brain juice throughout the day.

## Tarānui Hub

Kia ora, welcome back!

We can't believe we are already in Week 7. It is so great to be back in our learning environment and seeing our students.

We know that it has been a roller coaster of emotions for a lot of us and understand that some students are feeling a little anxious about being back at school. Last Friday we celebrated with our students, those who put in a huge effort with their distance learning. If you check out Seesaw, you'll be able to see who earned some certificates.

We have been slowly easing ourselves back into a routine in Team Tarānui. Our students have had the opportunity to reflect on their lives and things that make them grateful by writing a gratitude journal. They've also had a chance to re-establish our routines and classroom expectations. They were given a role-play scenario where they had to apply our classroom expectations and routines to solve the problem.

Here is our treaty below, it would be a great time for you to have a discussion with your child around these shared expectations.

### **Class Treaty:**

- Show RESPECT to all adults in the room.
- Use your WORDS - communicate any issues.
- Use KIND actions and words.
- THINK before you act or speak.
- Take CARE of everything and everyone
- RESPECT our shared belongings and other people's belongings.
- Put things BACK where they came from and clean up after yourself.
- MOVE away from people who are distracting you from listening and learning.
- Have PATIENCE and be HONEST.
- Have a GROWTH MINDSET, always give things a try and believe in yourself.
- Use INITIATIVE - be willing to get things done and be responsible.
- Use the KEY COMPETENCIES and RICE

### **Rippa Rugby**

This term we are lucky enough to have Cameron in from Horowhenua Rugby teaching our students some Rippa Rugby skills. It is so great to see the enthusiasm our students display when giving this a go. We are always very encouraging with our students to try new things. Hopefully, during the term at some stage, there will be a mini Rippa tournament within our hub.

## **Kuaka Hub**

The Kuaka Hub would like to start with a big thanks to all of our students! They have managed to operate without concern with our new seating and sanitizing arrangements and we have had an awesome (late) start to the term. Our students have enjoyed getting back into the swing of things and have been working on some new focuses - using the Epic! Reading website to develop an interest in reading for pleasure and creating their own shoe designs as part of a art/inquiry project from Miss Lanham. This project involved designing their own shoe, creating an attractive Slide presentation to advertise it, and including key details like - price, stockists and information on the special features their design has. Awesome effort Kuaka Hub! We appreciate the creativity and engagement you have shown with this task!



Thanks, Mr Baker and Miss Lanham

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## Design & Print

- › Logo & Brand Development
- › Business Cards
- › Corflute Signs
- › Flyers / Posters
- › Catalogues & Booklets
- › Caravan & RV Decals
- › Stickers & Labels
- › Garden Art Panels
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