

FOXTON BEACH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

WEDNESDAY 22ND JULY 2020

Kia ora koutou whānau

Welcome back to the first week of term 3 for 2020

I hope that everyone enjoyed some well deserved relaxation time during the recent school holidays. It has been a challenging time for everyone in the first half of the year and it was definitely starting to take its toll in the last few weeks of the second term.

As teachers we are constantly monitoring the learning that the children are doing. For a child to be successful they need to be in a stable environment that is free of stress and other distractions. We are very aware that due to COVID-19 that many parents have had hours at work cut back or they have lost jobs. This can put a huge amount of stress on a family and our students.

What we are asking for is parents to touch base with us and let us know if there is anything we can do. We have a very good Social Worker in our School, Murray Woodcock, who is able to help parents and students in a number of ways. If it is a health issue we can get in touch with our Public Health Nurse. We are always here to do the best we can for all our students so please just send a text or an email to your child's teacher and we'll see what we can do to help!.

New Staff:

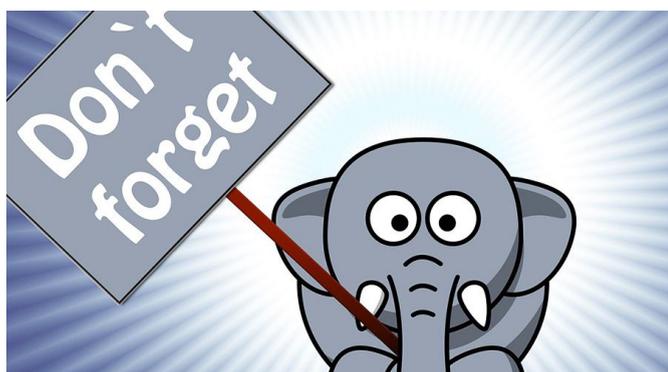
At the start of this term we are lucky to have our new Learning Support Coordinator begin her role. Many of you will know Whaea Ani Rauhihi-Skipper as she was the Principal of Foxton Primary for a number of years. This is an incredibly important role as it is aimed at helping the children in our classes that have moderate to high levels of needs that are sometimes not picked up. Ani knows so many of our students and their whanau so I am sure she will strengthen the link between school and the home.

We also welcome Heidi Atkins. She will be working in Team Tarānui for the rest of the year. It will be great to have three teachers working in this space and they will continue to be supported by Di Whittaker in her role as support staff for this hub.

Music Lessons:

On Friday the 31st of July we are having an assembly at 9 am. Coming along to that assembly will be the Epic Academy who will be showcasing what they do. They offer students music lessons during school time which parents pay for. They bring along all the instruments and also have work books and online content so children can continue to practice at home. Parents are always welcome to come along to assemblies so if you want to see what it's all about come along to our first assembly for the term.

Hamish Stuart
Principal



23 July	Class/Individual Photos 9 am
31 July	Assembly 9 am
	Epic Music Presentation
	Mufti Day
12 Aug	Sausage Sizzle
19 Aug	Butter Chicken Lunch (Order Monday)
16 Aug	Cross Country 11 am
2nd Sep	Sausage Sizzle
16th Sep	Bake Sale

ST MARY'S SCOUT GROUP

St Mary's Kea Group is taking new enrolments for Girls and Boys, aged 5 - 8 years. We have a fun and exciting programme with adventurous activities and earning badges as they learn new skills.

We are also offering to all new enrolments, who join Kea's, that term 3 will be free. Just come on down on a Wednesday night from 5.45pm to 6.45pm at St Mary's Church hall corner Cambridge St and Manchester St, Levin and have a look or txt Rachel 022 152 1661 or email stmaryslevin@group.scouts.nz

Kotare Hub

Welcome back everyone - we hope you all had a safe and enjoyable break!

This term Team Kotare are focusing on Material World Science with our big idea being "Changes". We have a lot of fun activities planned for the term.

Our first focus will be Matariki. We plan to make a trip to Te Awahou Nieuwe Stroom to visit the 'Matariki - Deep Space: A view of the stars and beyond' exhibition.

We will also get to explore the library.



We're also going to be running the Firewise programme and are hoping to visit the local fire station later in the term.



Tarānui Hub

First of all we would like to welcome Mrs Heidi Atkins to Team Tarānui! We are really lucky to have her join the team and we look forward to two fantastic terms together. Here is a bit of info from Heidi:

Hi everyone. I'm Heidi Atkins and am very excited to be teaching in the Tarānui Hub for the next two terms. I've been a teacher for quite a few years and have taught in schools in Auckland and more recently at Hunterville School and Halcombe School. I was brought up in Marton and have lived in Hunterville and Feilding for the past 15 years.

Last year I got married, and moved to Waikanae where my husband bought a house. I have two girls (who have now both left home), so now we're officially 'empty nesters'!

It was great to spend a wee bit of time in class at the end of last term to meet the Tarānui children. I'm looking forward to getting to know the children better, and be fully involved in the school. Please feel free to pop in and introduce yourself if you're able to over the next couple of weeks.

Term 3 in Team Tarānui: This term we are exploring **fire**, from a science point of view and also looking at fire safety. We will integrate this learning throughout our programme. We welcome any support from our families with this as we would love to get some experts in to share their knowledge and experience. Please let us know if you can help with this.

As we start this new term, please remember to name all belongings, especially school jerseys. Check in with your child if they need any new pencils or pens. If they don't already have a pair of headphones then

please look at getting a pair for school as there are some learning tasks with sound on their computers that we want them to be able to access.

Kuaka Hub

This term is set to be another busy one! We have the school cross-country race in Week 6 (August 26th, 11.00) at the Holben Parade Park. Kuaka Hub will be getting into training for this race from week one so bring along some extra sports gear to run in this term. In class, we have some really interesting focuses to cover this term. We are completing the Firewise program and are focusing on Fire as our Material World Science Unit. Our literacy learning will involve novel studies to promote reading for a sustained period of time and we are looking at narratives and script-writing as our writing focus. Our students have another two weeks to go on their Technology rotations at Manawatu College before moving on to the next one so it'll be great to see what they have been working on.

Upcoming Kuaka Camp Fundraising Dates

- Mufti Day Friday 31st July
- Sausage Sizzle Wed 12th Aug
- Butter Chicken Lunch Wed 19th (Order Monday)
- Sausage Sizzle Wed 2nd Sep
- Bake Sale Wed 16th Sep

Please support Kuaka in their fundraising efforts for their upcoming camp.



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