

FOXTON BEACH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

WEDNESDAY 19TH AUGUST 2020

Kia ora koutou whanāu

It has been somewhat of a rollercoaster ride for the country over the last two weeks since my last newsletter. We are now back at Level 2 in our country's fight against COVID-19. I want to let parents know that we are constantly reviewing the situation in the background and we have plans in place if we need to move to Level 3.

The first thing we are doing is monitoring the cases and assessing whether or not they are spreading from the one cluster. As I write this newsletter the situation is that all new cases have been traced back to the connection with one family. If things get worse we may take the step to allow the devices that the children are using at school to come home again.

This will allow us to move to Level 3 very quickly and it will mean that there will be consistency in learning. If we do go back into Level 3 or higher we have taken a lot of feedback on board from parents and students that completed the survey about distance learning when we came back to school.

If we have to provide distance learning we are going to ensure that there is more of a mixture of activities with some being hands on things that can be done with parents as well. We are going to ensure that there are more face to face meetings during the week via Zoom and we will put the times of those class Zoom calls on our school Facebook page and email it out so families know.

As we learnt from last time, we do not want work to turn into a battle so we just want to remind parents to do what they can and above all, keep it fun and lighthearted or it becomes a huge stress on everyone.

If we move to Level 3 we will endeavour to contact all families by phone to ask whether or not you require the children at school. It will be for those parents who are essential workers only.

We will try and contact each family by phone first and then if we can't make contact it will be via email and then text.

I'd like to thank everyone for their swift acknowledgement of our Level 2 procedures. Everyone was back on board with them straight away and the children are dealing with the situation like it is just another day..... Albeit with lots of sanitizer.

At the moment all after school sport has been postponed under Level 2. However, we have continued our House sport within each hub. Over the last two weeks I have been running a hockey competition with Team Kuaka. It has been fiercely competed for but there has also been quite a lot of fun along the way. It was good to see some children who weren't really into it to begin with were so eager to play for their house by the end of it. The next competition will be run by the house leaders and I. We will be running an inter-house competition for Team Kotare.

Until we know for sure what is going to happen with COVID-19, look after each other, check on your neighbours, stay safe, stay healthy.

Hamish Stuart
Principal

Home & School Meeting Tonight

Wednesday 19th August, 7pm via Zoom

Meeting ID: 735 0813 1139

Passcode: CU66Zz

24 Aug Turbos Visit 12.30 pm
Board Meeting 5.30 pm

26 Aug School Cross Country 10.30 am

28 Aug Assembly 9 am, School Hall

8 Sept FB CWI Flower Show, School Hall

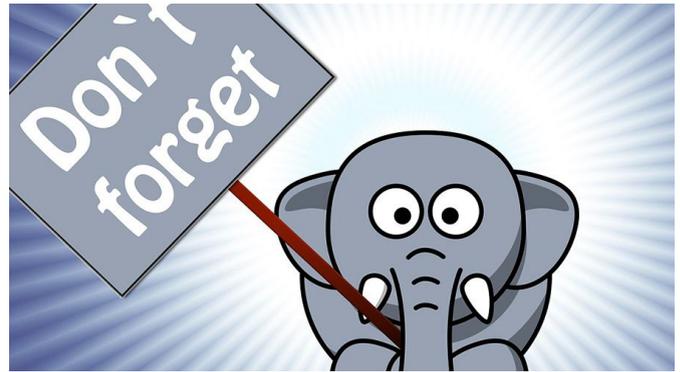
10 Sept Ryeli Gulliver Talent Show, Manawatu
College TBC

11 Sept Assembly

23 Sept Kerekere Interschool Cross Country

24 Sept Last Day of Term 2.45 pm finish

25 Sept Teacher Only Day



Kotare Hub

We are all busy getting into our Science learning for this term. Our big idea for science is CHANGES! Room 1 and 2 have really enjoyed our HOUSE OF SCIENCE Sweet and Sour kit and we have learnt about chemical reactions in our mouths by making our own sherbet.

"The sherbet was white and tasted like orange". By Rydge

"My sherbet tasted fizzy like coke". By Tanner

"My sherbet tasted like orange and it fizzed in my mouth". By Maddison

We also had a play around with test tubes and pH paper to see how it reacted to the different chemicals we used. Then we made our own colour changing liquid by using red cabbage. Room 1 also explored the reactions between vinegar and baking soda in the test tubes which then flowed into the sandpit by making our own volcano! It is Room 3's turn this week!



Reminders

Please send a water bottle with your child every day! This is very important as the drinking fountains are turned off due to level 2 precautions.

Also please drop your child off as close to 8.55am as possible as they cannot play outside before school.

Tarānui Hub

Welcome to Week 5! Almost halfway through the term already! That's crazy!

Our **It's Lit** fire inquiry is going great so far. We have learned lots of new vocabulary and concepts about fire science and safety. We have seen some amazing collaboration and teamwork from many as they explore this new learning. This week we are getting some practical science with a few experiments being carried out to showcase different ideas around fire. Soon our children will begin to explore an area of fire that is of particular interest to them, for example maybe the Australian bushfires, the history of fire, fire in different cultures, the list goes on. Have a chat with your child about an area that they might consider investigating further.

Unfortunately, we cannot go ahead with our planned trip to the Palmerston North Fire Station due to Level 2 restrictions within the Fire Service. This is postponed and we hope that once we are back to Level 1 we can find a new date, whether this be at the end of this term or even early next term, so that we can go ahead with this trip. Thank you to all the whānau who had offered their help on the day.

Last week for writing, each group did part of the StoryTelling in Schools process. This was a fun and interactive writing activity, and the creativity in this was impressive. Some students had an incredible oral recall of the story we were working on, adding their own descriptive details. Ka pai tō mahi!

We have been really lucky with the wild winter weather over the last few weeks, and our kids have had plenty of time outside enjoying a variety of PE lessons and fitness. Remember the Cross Country is coming up very soon, so make sure that you do your own training for this if you want to build your fitness up.



PE Skills from Tarānui

Kuaka Hub

Over the last few weeks, Mr Stuart and the school leaders have run hockey tournaments for the middle and senior hubs (juniors coming up soon!). This has been an outstanding opportunity for the leaders to organise and run these events and it has led to a lot of fun and competitive spirit in the playground each lunchtime. Well done to all of the leaders for being involved in the management of these games and to all of the students that have stepped up to compete.

In class, over the last few weeks, the Kuaka Hub has worked on novel studies. This literacy focus has gone really well and we're impressed with the engagement our students have shown when reading classic texts like Charlotte's Web, Holes, Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, and The Giver.

Awesome effort Kuaka Hub!

Do you need Eggs? Order you eggs and collect from school on Fridays. Support a local business and help fundraise for school.



ATTENTION FOXTON BEACH SCHOOL!



This term we are supporting a local business you might have seen over social media during lock-down The Little Organic Egg Co with a new initiative called

"THE EGG PROJECT"

For every dozen of eggs we buy, The Egg Project will give us back \$1.00 for fundraising

Please jump onto the brand new website below and check it out! Place your orders by Wednesday Midnight, or set up an easy Subscription and your eggs will be here ready to collect, by a parent or caregiver from the School Hall every Friday before school from 8:30 am or after school between 2:45 and 3:15 during term. NO STUDENT COLLECTION PLEASE

IMPORTANT -WHEN YOU GO TO THE WEBSITE BELOW, MAKE SURE YOU CLICK UP THE TOP OF THE PAGE WHERE IT SAYS "DO YOU HAVE A GROUP CODE? CLICK HERE" THEN ENTER YOUR CODE BELOW

Get your neighbours, family, work colleagues and friends involved as well. Remember, you will have to deliver to them though. They sign up with our code, order and pay and we get the \$1.00 from their eggs too!

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