

FOXTON BEACH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

WEDNESDAY 17TH FEBRUARY 2021

Welcome to Week 3 of Term 1.

The first two weeks have flown by and all the children are now into their routines and programmes are happening. We have a handful of new students and families that have started at Foxton Beach School and it has been good to see that our children have made them feel welcome.

School lunches have been going down a treat with most of the children. They have been introduced to some new foods and of course it has all been healthy. I would really like to thank parents for their support and cooperation with sending along the healthy options for break times and to top up their lunches as well. We are trying to move away from the amount of processed foods that the children eat. Many of these are high in colouring and extra sugar and this is unhealthy for our children in a number of ways.

Our school Facebook page has the menus posted up. We are listening to the feedback from children and we are passing that back to the Libelle Group who make the lunches.

Last week the Year 5 to 8 children took part in the Beach Education training at the Surf Club. I'd like to thank all the parents who gave up their time to help on the day. Without parents giving up their time these experiences would be impossible.

Mr Baker has sent home information for a number of sports last week. We really encourage children to take part in as many opportunities as they can when they are at school as it helps build connections with peers and they get to have some fun too. We need parent support for these sports too. Please send any notices back to Mr Baker.

Teacher Only Days this term:

On **Monday the 8th of March** we need to hold a Teacher Only Day so Central Demolition can work on the junior block and remove hazardous materials. They will be on site from Friday afternoon and will be working all weekend and into Monday. We are not allowed to have people onsite while they do this work. Therefore school grounds and the pool will be closed.

On **Friday the 12th of March** we also have a Teacher Only Day where we will be joining a number of other schools in our area at Kereru Marae as we all continue to learn about the history of Kereru Marae and Ngati Raukawa tikanga.

We will not be able to look after any children as we will be off site on both of these days. Our apologies if this is inconvenient for families, especially those that are working. We do not call Teacher Only Days very often because of this reason.

Couple of reminders:

Can children who have long hair please make sure their hair is tied up. We have not carried out any hair checks and if children wear their hair down they are at more risk of catching head lice.

Please also remind your children that bikes and scooters are not to be ridden into school. This is purely a Health and Safety aspect and we are constantly reminding children. If children continue to do this we will be having some conversations with parents.

Building update:

There has been a lot of demolition happening inside the junior block and all the concrete has been removed. The next step will be to build the deck out the front as they want to take advantage of the fine weather while we have it.

Hamish Stuart
Principal

New to Foxtton Beach School? Or perhaps your child has just moved through to a new hub

The staff, board and I invite you to...

MEET THE TEACHERS!

TUESDAY 23 FEBRUARY 2021 4.00-5.30PM

RSVP - Number required for refreshments

from Hamish Stuart, Principal



Epic music lessons have kicked off for term 1, 2021! We have lots of exciting things happening this year, including our second online concert, a live concert and even some performances in schools. This is for all the instruments we teach (drums, guitar and keyboard). For more information or to sign up head along to our website : epicma.nz

22 Feb	Board Meeting, 5.30 pm
23 Feb	Team Kotare Swimming Demonstrations Meet the Teachers, 4 pm
1 Mar	Senior Swim Sports, 9.15 am Foxtton Pool
3 Mar	Home & School AGM
8th Mar	Teacher Only Day
12 Mar	Teacher Only Day
18 Mar	Term Tarānui Sleepover
29 Mar	Board Meeting, 5.30 pm
2-6 Apr	Easter Holidays
7 April	Kotare Athletics
16 April	End of Term 1, 2.45 pm



Kotare Hub

This term is proving to have all seasons rolled into one! With the very changeable nature of our days at present, please pack your children's togs and towels. Our hub doesn't usually swim until after lunch and we will make the call on whether or not we will swim.



It has been great to see how many students have been practicing their sounds at home, both reading and writing them. We have seen a big improvement and these are essential for all literacy tasks.

We are working on our hub waka at the moment, when this is complete we will upload a photo onto Seesaw. If you are having difficulty logging into Seesaw please let us know.

We are all really excited about our Literacy presentation this Wednesday and hope you can make it, there are still spaces so please get in touch with us to book in.

There is a lot of buzz in the hub about the Wildbase trip to Palmerston North Esplanade. The permission slips were sent home Friday - please return these asap, if you need a new note please see your classroom teacher.

There are many ways to contact us if you want to talk: Seesaw, school phone, or emails.

Tarānui Hub

Well what a great start to the year!

Students have been busy getting to know the class routines and expectations. Teachers are getting to know the students and how they like to learn.

We have taken advantage of the warm days to swim everyday and we have some really great swimmers in the hub. Please remind your children to continue to bring their swimming togs everyday.

It was a great day at our Beach Education. The students learnt so much about beach safety and asked some awesome questions of the Lifesavers who were leading the sessions. We were so proud of the students' behaviour. They really represented Team Tarānui well.

A few reminders:

- A drink bottle of water at school everyday.
- Remember to talk to your children about sanitizing and healthy habits during Level 2.
- To encourage your child to try the lunches which are being provided to our school.
- There are a number of children still without their own headphones. Currently KMart have them for \$4 a pair. They don't have to be an expensive pair at all.

As always please contact us to discuss any concerns.

Kuaka Hub

Wow, what an awesome beginning to the year in the Kuaka Hub!

It has been great getting to know all of our new students and finding out about how best we can all use the unique space we're in this term. Our technology sessions have started at Manawatu College each Tuesday morning. This is where our year 7-8 students take part in robotics, woodwork, and textiles with the cooking rotation beginning next term. Stay tuned to see what amazing creations are made throughout the term!



Kuaka Hub had a great day at the Foxton Beach Surf Club for our beach education focus last Thursday. Thanks to all of our parent helpers we could all get in the water and have an awesome time down on the beach.

Kuaka Hub has recently worked on some Treaty of Waitangi learning in class. With help from Whaea Ani, we learned about some of the issues surrounding the signing of the treaty and we looked at what the three p's (partnership, protection, and participation) mean for us as New Zealanders.

Feel free to come in and check out our visual presentations on this learning in the hall!

Foxton Beach Home & School *"WE NEED YOU!"*

STUDENTS
Make a difference

AGM WED, 3RD MARCH 2021 6.30PM STAFF ROOM

community
Whānau
School
events
Fundraising

All parents/caregivers very welcome. Please we need your help to continue. Join in and put yourself forward for the elected committee or a volunteer.

Chat to the teachers and come along for more info.

Elected Committee Members Needed:

- President
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Communication
- Ordinary Member

PARENTS
Inclusive

H&S Mission: To assist the school community through support and fundraising.

Objectives, To advance education by:

- Actively engaging with and encouraging parents/caregivers to be involved in the education and school journey of their children.
- Raising funds to provide improved facilities, resources and educational opportunities for members of the school community.
- To carry out other activities consistent with the charitable mission and objectives of the organisation.
- To align fundraising to benefit the students on behalf of the school with reference to Foxton Beach School's strategic plan, and relevant needs.
- To promote goodwill and co-operation between families and school

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Fundraising
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