

# FOXTON BEACH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

WEDNESDAY 15TH SEPTEMBER 2021

Welcome to Week 8 of Term 3

I would like to firstly welcome everyone back from our Level 4 lockdown. I think that this time it was a bit harder on everyone as we weren't quite sure how long it was going to go on for. I want to thank everyone for the time that you put aside to work with the children on their distance learning. We tried to mix it up a bit this time so there were some fun things to do as well as the writing, maths and reading tasks that were set.

I have had feedback from teachers about how some of the children literally worked through all the tasks that were set for the week. Some took full advantage of the free subscription that we managed to get for Steps online and spent quite a few hours working away at the online tasks on this website.

Distance learning does not replace the face to face nature of teaching and it was really nice to hear the staff talking about how much they missed the interactions with their learners. I want to thank all the teachers for getting things set up so quickly at the start of lockdown. We had all the art packs and devices out to students on the first Friday and many were already online and undertaking their learning by Friday afternoon.

All the teachers took part in three Zoom calls a week and then spent time connecting with learners that needed some extra support. I know my Teacher Aides were also connecting with learners and helping where they could. An amazing effort by everyone.

We are now back under level 2 conditions. We have been here before, but with the Delta variant we know we have to do some things differently. It is hard for parents not to be able to come into classrooms and see what their children are doing but hopefully we will not be in level 2 for much longer.

If you are coming into the office, please remember to wear a mask, sign in and scan our QR code.

## Enrolments for 2022

**The Board of Trustees invites applications from parents who wish to enrol their children at Foxton Beach School.**

Enrolment at the school is governed by an enrolment scheme, details of which can be found on our school website.

Applications can be made in writing or by emailing the Principal, [principal2@foxtonbeach.school.nz](mailto:principal2@foxtonbeach.school.nz)

The deadline for receipt of applications for out of zone places is **Friday 29th October 2021**. Parents of students who live within the home zone should also apply by this date to assist the school to plan appropriately for next year. Students who live in the home zone are entitled to enrol at school.

The Board has determined that there are unlimited spaces available for out of zone students for next year. If the number of out of zone applications exceeds the schools capacity, students will be selected by ballot to be held on **Monday 1st November 2021**.

**Any queries please email the Principal, Hamish Stuart on [principal2@foxtonbeach.school.nz](mailto:principal2@foxtonbeach.school.nz)**

Hamish Stuart  
Principal



23 Sept Sports Team Photos, 9 am. (Please remember to return sports uniforms)  
24 Sept Mufti Day fundraiser  
29th Sept Cross Country

# Epic Music

Does your child love music? Are you looking for an awesome Holiday Program for your kids? Then we have the program for you! Epic Music Academy is running an OSCAR approved EPIC holiday program these school holidays. To check out all the info, our highlights video and to sign up, head along to [www.epicma.nz](http://www.epicma.nz)

## Daffodil Day Fundraiser

To support the Cancer Society we are hosting a mufti day on **Friday 24th Sept.** Please wear **yellow and bring a gold coin** to support this worthy cause.

## Team Kotare

Welcome Back!

What an interesting four weeks we have had with our learning term! Firstly, we would like to thank all the parents and caregivers for their support over the duration of our distance learning. Whether it be looking after everyone's Mental Health, the online Mahi, the ZOOM calls, or working together to sort out any IT challenges.

As a hub we are mostly in our base classes, our Play Based Learning is more important than ever to provide natural conversations for the team.



## Team Tarānui

Well, we wrote up a wonderful newsletter item for Week 4 that never made it to print! So we are going to use some of the material from that, as there was some great work being shared.

We were blown away with the efforts from many of our tamariki during lockdown. Some put in a massive amount of mahi on their maths, literacy and PE taskboards. We loved seeing learning shared on Seesaw too. A highlight was the class Zoom calls - these were such fun, especially with the different themes. We had fantastic engagement overall with these.

Before Lockdown, we were using the Census in Schools data we collected last term to explore in our statistics learning. The children are learning how they can display different types of data effectively and form conclusions about what this data is showing them. Some interesting insights so far - more than half of Team Tarānui children get to school by motor vehicle. There were suggestions from some students that we should try to get more biking, scootering or walking. They could see a few benefits here: less money on petrol, less environmental impact, more exercise, more fresh air, and possibly some social time if they organise to walk with others (maybe this one now depends on Covid levels!). Sounds like a win to us!

We have been working on writing to influence/persuade others. Our children are improving at using persuasive language and providing strong reasons backed with examples. Before lockdown, our topics were linked in with the two biggest current events: the Olympics and Covid. Well the crazy thing is, our kids were writing some great ideas about Covid, having no idea what was coming!

Here is one of Cartell's reasons in his persuasive writing:

*When covid is in our community I strongly agree that we should go into lockdown to stop the elderly and the vulnerable from getting sick and dying.  
To keep my family who are vulnerable safe from the virus. My nana and koro are elderly people. My cousin has asthma so she is vulnerable. I feel good knowing that my family is in lockdown. Because I know that they will be safe from covid.*

Here is Sammie's introduction to her persuasive writing:

*I strongly agree that the Olympic Games should not have been held. Covid is still spreading, so much money has been wasted on the games and a lot of Japanese people don't agree with the games going ahead.*

## Kuaka Hub

It has been great to get back into class and see all of our students again! It was awesome to see so many students engage in our Zoom calls and have a go with some of the tasks we had set! We have made a good start to get back into the swing of things this week and we aim to carry on with the learning we had planned for. Our Relationship and Sexuality learning will carry on from where we left off and our novel study work will continue into next term. Our students are working on a fun art focus at the moment - self-portraits! This is part of the Home and School Tea Towel art fundraiser so keep your eyes peeled in the coming weeks for more details.