

FOXTON BEACH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

WEDNESDAY 3RD FEBRUARY 2021

Welcome to Week 1 of the first term.

I would like to welcome everyone back to the new school year and I extend a warm welcome to our new families. We hope your time at this school is a memorable one and we look forward to getting to know you all.

As you have seen the building work is well underway in the junior block. This is a massive project and it is scheduled to be completed in May. Therefore we have a number of months in our current setup with the Kotare Hub based in the senior block and the Kuaka Hub based in the hall. It will require a little bit of patience on everyone's part as we don't have any other spare areas where we could have moved classes. I will provide you with a few photos along the way to try and keep you updated on the progress. As this is a construction area we ask parents and children to stay out of this block.

Due to the number of Tradies on site at any time, teachers are parking behind the senior block and we will be closing the gate into the carpark in Carthew Terrace. We ask parents to use the Thomas Place drop off and pick up zone or park on the road in Carthew Terrace and walk up to school to collect children.

Uniforms etc

At the start of the year we just want to make sure that everyone is clear on our uniform policy and our policy on natural hair colour and jewellery. We have a pretty clear uniform policy and we would ask parents to please ensure that your children are wearing the correct uniform to school. In the first and fourth term the children are asked to wear shorts or skorts with their school polo top. Track Pants and tights are only to be worn in the second and third terms.

If your daughter has her ears pierced they can only wear studs, This is purely a safety issue so we ask parents to please follow this. If your child wears a bone carving or pounamu it needs to be worn inside their shirt. If any other jewellery is worn they will be asked to put it in their bags. Please don't be offended by this as it is purely for safety.

Computer User Agreements for Yr 4 to 8 students.

We have updated our user agreements this year as we have found that some students were not using the technology as it is meant to be used. We are asking parents to ensure that all games and extensions that have been downloaded onto the Chromebooks are removed before they come to school on Monday. What we have found is that children are playing games that are downloaded onto devices and then we can't see them.

In the agreement we have clearly stated that if they waste class time being on a site or a game they will be expected to make this time up in their own time. This would be morning tea time or lunch time. We ask parents to monitor this and support the teachers.

It does not take long to download games again and their accounts will still be active so they won't have lost anything.

Bikes

Please ensure bikes are not being ridden in and out of the school. There are too many pedestrians in these areas for bike riding.

Hamish Stuart
Principal

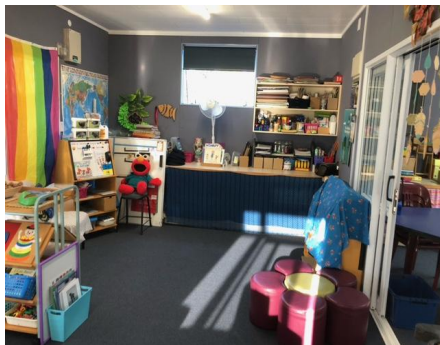
EPIC Music Lessons are available in your school! If you would like to register your child to learn an instrument at school check out our Facebook page ([fb.com/epicmusic.pn](https://www.facebook.com/epicmusic.pn)), website (www.epicma.nz). Lessons are \$15.00 per week and spaces are limited.'

4 Feb	Powhiri, 9 am
8 Feb	Waitangi Day - school closed
10 Feb	Yr 5 & 6 Beach Education
11 Feb	Yr 7 & 8 Beach Education
22 Feb	Board Meeting, 5.30 pm
23 Feb	Team Kotare Swimming Demonstrations
1 Mar	Senior Swim Sports, 9.15 am Foxton Pool
12 Mar	Teacher Only Day
18 Mar	Term Tarānui Sleepover
29 Mar	Board Meeting, 5.30 pm
2-6 Mar	Easter Holidays
7 April	Kotare Athletics
16 April	End of Term 1, 2.45 pm



Kotare Hub

We have temporarily taken over Team Kuaka's hub and the kids are already enjoying the modern learning environment (which will continue when we move back to Team Kotare Hub later this year).



Our key themes this term are Living World Science and the Pause, Breathe, Smile Programme. We are breaking our Living World into bite sized learning opportunities looking at creatures within our Theme of 'Feathers to Fins'. We will be going on a trip to Palmerston North in week 5 (2nd March), please keep an eye out for our permission and transport help notices.

Swimming - We swim each day in the afternoon. Please remember to check your children have their togs and towels each day, even if the weather doesn't look good - teachers make that judgement on the day. Rash shirts and goggles are optional, but encouraged if possible.

Monday was the first day with our School Lunches. We sat in our nice shady space to eat our yummy lunches. There was lots of interest in what they were eating and discussion about our kai!



Tarānui Hub

Welcome to 2021!

We have some exciting changes in Team Tarānui this term. We welcome Mrs Frances McDonald to our teaching team, and also Mr Lyndon Cooney on Thursday and Friday (when Miss Lock is doing her Kāhui Ako role). After two days we can already see that we have a great bunch of kids, who are eager to learn and grow!

Next week we have our Beach Education day for our year 5/6 students (Weds 10th) and it is vital that we have enough parent helpers so that our children can get in the water for the practical component. Please get in touch ASAP if you can help.

We have two different topics of focus this term. One is the Pause, Breathe, Smile programme which Miss Lock will be teaching with a group at a time. This is a mindfulness programme that covers topics such as gratitude, kindness and emotions. The other topic is a living world science focus with Mrs McDonald. She loves science and is excited to explore it with Team Tarānui.

A few standard summer/start of year reminders:

- Please make sure you have a drink bottle of water to keep hydrated all day.
- Name all uniform items and swimming gear (which needs to come everyday).
- Please source a pair of headphones for learning on Chromebooks.

Please feel free to get in touch or come and see us if you have any queries. We are looking forward to an amazing 2021!

Kuaka Hub

It looks to be another exciting term in the Kuaka Hub! Due to the renovations in the junior block, the Kuaka Hub will be working from the hall. We have turned the hall into a teaching space with lots of different areas to operate in. We have our programme organised so it is often, only one class is working in the space at a time and we have a variety of rotations and group learning so we can take advantage of the space we're in. Our major focus this term is around science - the living world. We are focusing on NZ Native Birds, birds in the Manawatu Estuary and looking at Moa and Haast's Eagle as well! Some of the other areas we'll be working on will be report writing, mindfulness and wellbeing, and we have athletics and swimming sports as our term sporting focuses. Over the next few weeks, we will have a lot of fun doing a lot of team building and 'getting to know you' type activities so we all get to know all of our new learners. It is shaping up like another really exciting term in Kuaka Hub.



6 February 2021
From 11am to 2pm
A free family event
in Foxton

Picnic in the Park Waitangi Day 2021

Make Waitangi Day a fun holiday out for the family. There's plenty to do and see in Te Awahou Riverside Cultural Park.

Classic Cars on Show
Check out the glitzy vintage cars, in Wharf Street. Windmill De Molen will bring out some traditional wooden games.

Teddy Bears Picnic in the Park
Get the kids excited. There will be a 'Fox Hunt' and are prizes to be won for 'Best Dressed Bear' and 'Bear in Cutest Toy Car'. Pack some tucker, spread out on the grass, enjoy music, games, and much more!



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