

FOXTON BEACH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

WEDNESDAY 17TH MARCH 2021

Dear Parents

Welcome to Week 7 of Term 1

I would just like to start off this newsletter by thanking parents for your understanding with having two Teacher Only days last week. We needed to hold the first one due to hazardous materials so we couldn't have children on site. The second day was held so all the teachers in our area could meet at Kereru Marae for the day.

Friday was a wonderful day spent at Kereru Marae. We spent the day strengthening relationships with schools and Ngāti Raukawa. It was great for teachers to learn more about which families at our school belong to Kereru Marae and they learnt about the history of the marae and about some of the significant people in our area. There were over 130 educators there on the day and I know that everyone took a lot out of the day.

Last week I was lucky enough to spend some time with about 30 of our students on Holben Parade removing lupin from an area that we had planted out a few years ago. It was really nice to see our older students working with the younger students and there was certainly a lot achieved in the space of a couple of hours. The council were really amazed with how everyone worked together. I'd like to thank the parents who joined in and helped too. It was a great event as part of Parks Week and I am sure this will become an annual event.



Riding and Scootering to School:

Can parents please remind their children about some basic road rules. We have had a few complaints from members of the public about how our students are using the roads. I know that it is reasonably safe at the Beach but we also have a few speeders that come out of nowhere. It could be helpful for parents to ride with their children once or twice a week to ensure they are following a few basic road rules.

The children also need to remember that they need to walk their bikes and scooters in and out of school as there are always lots of people walking in and out.

Lunches:

I have noticed that there are a few lunches that are being brought from home. This is fine as long as they continue to be healthy options. If parents want to check out the menus they are on the Libelle website. The winter menus will be coming out shortly and there will be some meals that are going to come out that are more suited to winter.

We have all been really pleased to see the healthy options that parents are sending along for morning tea and lunch. I feel that it has helped with children's concentration, especially in the afternoons.

Swimming Pool:

With the weather cooling down we will be closing the pool on Friday 19th March. If you have a key, please return it to the school office.

Hamish Stuart
Principal

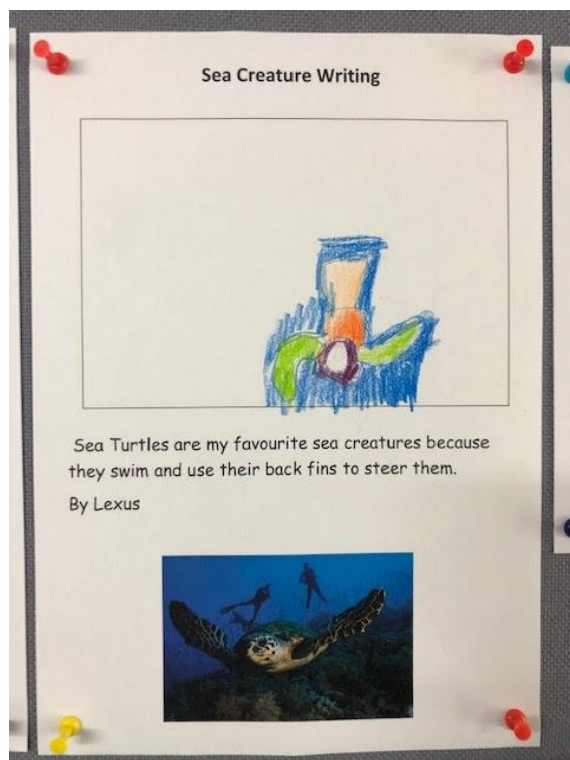
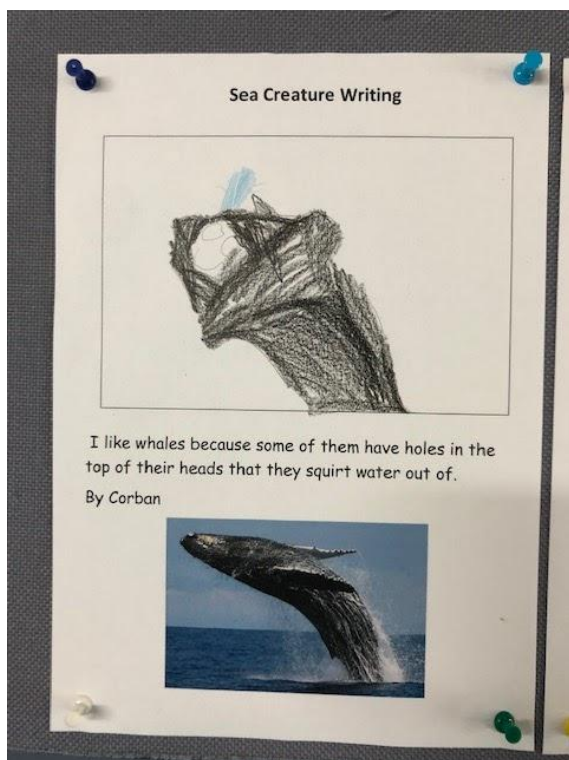
18 Mar	Team Tarānui Sleepover
29 Mar	Board Meeting, 5.30 pm
2-6 Apr	Easter Holidays
16 April	End of Term 1, 2.45 pm



Kotare Hub

Team Kotare have been working hard on our Feathers to Finns inquiry topic for Science this term. We have set a new date for our Wildbase trip. Please make sure all new notices are returned this week. Please note that our Team Kotare Athletics Day is in Term 4, not Term 1 as previously mentioned in the newsletter.

Room 1 celebrated NZ Sea Week last week by beginning our learning about creatures of the sea. We have been excited to discover the Young Ocean Explorers website. It has many educational videos that have answered some of our initial questions about some creatures. Below are some pieces of writing that these videos have inspired.



Please remember to keep packing a piece of fruit for brain break and a water bottle each day for your child.

Kuaka Hub

Kuaka have completed some great work recently using a variety of digital technology. We have recently used an app called Padlet for our reading response answers. This app allows students to upload digital texts and online resources to their presentation to support their learning. They can record their answers in text or record them verbally and they can include a range of visual information (images, video clips, diagrams, maps etc) to promote their understanding of the text.

Our students have also engaged in some interesting learning on the Moa recently. We learned facts like the Moa shell was only 1mm thick and that it is thought that the smaller male incubated the eggs, not the larger female. We also found an audio clip of what is thought to be the sound Moa would make! Awesome work K-Hub!



Clean Up Day at Holben Reserve

Today 30 children from our school helped to remove Lupin and Acacia weeds from Holben Park. We also got to pot some natives which we will come back and plant later in the year as part of NZ Park Week. It was an awesome experience and we are thankful to Craig, Kim and their team from Horowhenua District Council for inviting us.



**FOXTON RUGBY CLUB
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Where: Foxton Rugby Clubrooms Grand opening
When: Friday 19th March
Juniors under 5 – 8year olds 4pm – 5.30pm
Seniors 9year olds – 12year olds 6pm – 8pm
Dressing up is optional
 Kids come down & have a dance in our newly decorated clubrooms
 Parent help will be much appreciated Please see our Junior Convener.

Entry: \$2.00
 Sausage Sizzle: \$2.00
 Pop Corn: \$1.00
 Lollies: 50c
 Glow Sticks: \$1 - \$3
 Drinks: \$1.00
 Chips: \$1.00
 (Cash sales only)





**FOXTON RUGBY CLUB
JUNIOR MUSTER
(AGES 5 - 12YRS OLD)**



**Come play
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**Te Whare Tapa Whā
Hauora Day!**
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SATURDAY 20TH MARCH 2021
10AM - 2PM

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