

FOXTON BEACH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

WEDNESDAY 14TH APRIL 2021

Welcome to our first community newsletter for the year. I would like to start by thanking everyone for the patience they have shown while our building work is underway. We have had to take an extra teacher only day because of demolition, which I know can mean that people have to take the day off work. We have also had children move from their normal classrooms. The seniors have handled their move into the hall quite well but at the end of the day it isn't a classroom space. The latest update that we have from the builder is that all the work should be finished by the end of May, early June.

It has been quite a warm first term so we have had lots of swimming and classes out learning new skills during PE. We always like to make full use of this time as it gets children off their screens and working together.

During the school holidays the teachers are coming back to school on the last Friday to work with a facilitator to learn more about the new Relationships and Sexuality Education guidelines that we all need to be following. In Term 2 we will be holding a parent session to let you know the content that we will be covering in the year levels. We will look at covering this topic in Term 3. Please keep any eye out for the parent session so you are kept informed.

In Term 2 we have a number of sports starting, with netball for our Yr 5 to 8's, basketball for Yr 5 to 8's, hockey for all ages on a Saturday, Monday and Tuesday night's and possibly water polo for the Yr 5 / 6 students. There will be a number of students playing rugby on a Saturday morning as well as many of our students normally play for the Foxton Rugby Club.

It is awesome to see so many of our students being involved in sporting activities and I would like to thank all the parents who have offered their time to either manage or coach a team. Without parents giving up their time to help with teams we would not be able to offer the sports that we do.



This photo shows where the break out spaces will be in the junior block.

This is the start of the new covered deck. The roof will extend out and there will be steps added all the way along.



The classrooms will be opened up but there will also be doors between each room to either open up the entire space or close off each room. There will be new lighting and new acoustic ceiling panels and the walls will be lined with Autex to reduce noise.

Hamish Stuart
Principal

School Grounds Closed - Monday 19th April - Wednesday 21st April

Due to asbestos removal our grounds will be closed on these dates.

Team Kotare

We have had an awesome start to the year in Team Kotare. Thank you to all of the parents who helped with our trips - and we look forward to more trips in Term 2!

Here are some comments from our students about what they enjoyed this term.

"Scooters" - Bradley.

"I went to Wildbase. I learnt about birds and other creatures - it was fun!" Maddison.

"Building things with lego in Play Based Learning time" - Alyssa.

Team Tarānui

Highlights this term!!

Sleepover and trip

Again we want to say thank you for all the support in making the sleepover and day trip to Foxton possible. The kids loved going to Foxton Wildlife Trust and Off the Loop. Our class really bonded during this time and we are seeing greater teamwork skills across the board.

Nutrition Lessons

In Week 10, we had Nova Martin come in to deliver nutrition lessons. This was followed by a trip to New World to apply the learning. Thank you to everyone who helped with this.

Science

We are so thrilled with the engagement and energy with our science learning, focussing on insects and the living world. Please come in on Friday afternoon to check this out, there are some amazing presentations!



Pause, Breathe, Smile

This week we had our final PBS sessions. We celebrated what we have learned about mindfulness, being kind and being grateful. It was lovely to hear about how mindfulness has helped our tamariki.

ANZAC learning

Mrs McDonald arranged some wonderful ANZAC learning for our tamariki. They are hooked in and wanting to know more! There are some beautiful Poppies displayed on our windows that our children have created.

Team Tāranui taking their learning outside the classroom.

Anzac fact hunt.

Kuaka Hub

Wow it has been a really full-on term to begin 2021. We've had the chance to engage in a lot of whole-class and collaborative learning opportunities this term and we've aimed to emphasise some of the visual presentation aspects of our work to try and make the large space in the hall look and feel more comfortable!

This term our students have created fact-murals for a range of native New Zealand bird species, including extinct birds like Moa and Haast's Eagle. We have learned about NZ's pests and predators and the impact they have on the conservation of our native species. Our students have studied food webs to gauge the impact of certain pests and created shared infographs to showcase their learning. They have worked on art activities based on pencil sketching and shading native birds which have been awesome, and used their art skills to present their individual pepeha!

Finally, thanks to all of our parent helpers who have supported us throughout the term with transport for our weekly swimming sessions, class visits and trips etc. We really appreciate this support and would struggle to do it without your help!