

# FOXTON BEACH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

WEDNESDAY 12TH MAY 2021

Dear Parents

Welcome to Week 2 of Term 2.

It has been great to get all the children back at school for Term 2. Everyone was pretty keen to get back into the swing of things and I was really pleased to see all the children busy with their learning when I walked around the classes the other day.

There were quite a few practices during the week before teams start their winter sports season. I just want to take this opportunity to remind parents that if you are at a sporting event supporting your children we just want to make sure that it stays positive. Every year we take the time to remind everyone about how sport at this level is about kids getting out and having some fun, being active and in some cases learning a new sport. The fastest way to turn children off sports is for them to see their parents yelling on the sidelines or calling out comments to referees etc.

Please ensure that children have the correct uniform before they play. With a lot of the sports we play the organisers are pretty strict on correct uniforms and for hockey and basketball they must have mouthguards. If they forget them they will not be permitted to play.

## **Home and School:**

Thank you to our Home and School Group who made a generous donation to the school of \$10,000 last term. This is an amazing donation considering that in 2020 there were only a few opportunities to undertake fundraising due to limitations on gatherings etc. The school is truly grateful for this contribution and it will be put to great use. One example of how the teachers will use this money is \$500 going to each hub to put to the cost of going out on a trip. In term 1 the Kuaka hub used some of this to take a bus to Waikanae to visit Nga Manu Bird Sanctuary.

It is always important for our children to have these experiences so we thank the Home and School Group for making this a reality.

## **School Lunches:**

You would have seen on our school Facebook page the first two weeks of menus from Libelle. They are now moving into their winter menus so there has been some warm food delivered to school. The children really enjoyed some of the offerings last week, so we'll see what this week holds.

Please remember that if your child is not going to eat one of the lunches that are provided for free, that the food that is brought to school needs to be a healthy option. We are trying to really push the healthy options as we see much more settled afternoons as the children are not eating food that is highly processed, full of preservatives and colouring etc. All teachers have noticed a huge change in the children's behaviour and concentration in the afternoons since we have had these meals.

## **Building Update:**

I had another meeting with the builders and the project manager last week and if all goes to plan the project should be finished by the first week of the next school holidays. This will see everything upgraded in the junior block and a better utilisation of the space. The lighting, insulation, flooring and heating will all be new. We will be holding an opening once everyone has been moved back in.

## **Entry Gates:**

The gates to the school are closed for the safety of children whilst they are at school. If you drop your child off and the gate is shut, please open and reclose it for them. Thankyou for your cooperation with this.

Hamish Stuart  
Principal

# Team Kotare

Welcome back to Term 2!

This term we have a social science focus with three BIG QUESTIONS..... **What makes our community great? Why should people come here to visit? How can we make our community better?** We will be looking at what is out there in our community and what makes us special enough that people should come to visit. We are continuing our **Pause, Breathe, Smile** learning from Term 1 and are looking at what **strategies** we can use to go from the red learning zone to the green learning zone. For Physical Education we are working hard on our **fundamental skills** this term, focusing on body movements like dodging, and ball skills.

Some reminders.....

- We are continuing with our **brain food** this term and encourage every child to bring a piece of fruit or vegetable to eat as a healthy brain snack during class time. This helps us to keep our brains focused and hooked into learning.
- Uniform- Term 2 is a winter term please make sure that **thermals** and tights are solid **black or navy** and only school jerseys to be worn at school. **Please clearly name** all jerseys.
- All long **hair must be tied up** at school. We want to stop the spread of headlice. If you need any treatment please see the classroom teacher or the office.



## Team Tarānui

Welcome back.

We hope all the students and their whanau have had a relaxing break.

Tarānui has had a busy start to the term. We have changed our programme structure and the kids are striving.

Our focus this term is Turangawaewae. We will be looking at where, as a class, we all come from and how we all ended up in Foxton.

For maths we are focusing on multiplication and division.

Ukulele classes are starting soon and we look forward to hearing the mellow sounds of ukuleles around the school.

We are so happy with the number of students who completed the first week's homework. It was great to see over 95% of the class completing and returning it on time. Please remember to ask your child to do some of their homework every night.

We have sent all parents an email in relation to Splash Learn. Some students are not completing it during math time and this is an opportunity for them to finish it at home. Please complete the home access sign up. The class access code is JUOWDK.

## Kuaka Hub

This term is set to be another busy one with loads of awesome learning opportunities coming our way!

We have completed some great work around ANZAC day recently. We learned about which countries were involved in the conflict; why New Zealand soldiers were involved, and about some of the impacts on the soldiers that took part.

We have also learned about New Zealand's geography recently. Our students used blank maps to fill in what they know about the location of NZ's major cities and regions, and we then marked it together and filled in the spaces we were unsure about!

Our students are also engaging in a myths and legends focus at the moment. We are studying New Zealand myths, identifying the key message or learning that underpins each myth.

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## *Home & School Meeting*

*Thursday 20th May*

*6pm*

*Staffroom*

*All parents are welcome!*