

FOXTON BEACH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

WEDNESDAY 26TH MAY 2021

Dear Parents

Welcome to our Week 4 newsletter!

Firstly I would like to thank my staff for stepping in for three days last week while I had to make a quick trip to Australia for my uncle's funeral and while I was off my staff always step up and take on extra responsibilities and the school continues to function really well. It is just another example as to why they are a great bunch to work with. I'd also like to thank the Board of Trustees for giving me that time to spend with my family, it was really appreciated.

This week we have started our inter-house sports competition again. This is played between our four school houses and is designed to be a bit of fun during the lunch break and to get some of the children who may not have played a particular sport before, giving it a go. There will be a bonus for the winning house at the end of each term.

The house competition went really well last year and was run by our senior leaders. This is happening again this year as well. It is a great opportunity for our seniors to be setting a great example for our junior students..... tuakana/teina.

I was very surprised to see some of the negative press associated with the free school lunches. I have a meeting with the Ministry of Education on the 10th of June and I will have nothing but positive feedback to give them. I see very little wastage leaving this school and on any given day there will be students looking around for their second or third meal for the day. All the teachers have noticed a huge change to students in the afternoons. I have mentioned this before but I just want to emphasise that this has probably had the biggest impact within our classes than anything in the last few years.

Uniforms:

Can parents please ensure that children are in the correct school uniform during winter. We seem to have a lot of odd sweatshirts appearing at school. They must be in the appropriate uniform when they come to school and as they leave. Please make sure that all fleeces are named as they always tend to get mixed up.

All uniform items are available from the school office. We have new stocks of Canterbury Stadium track pants. Child sizes cost \$60. Adult sizes cost \$65.

Children leaving during the day:

Please make sure you come to the office and let us know that you are taking your child early. This is a Health and Safety matter because if there is an evacuation we need to know where everyone is. We would not like to send fire fighters back into a building only to find that they had gone off for an appointment.

Thank you to those who completed the Health Survey. The winner of the New World Voucher is Rachelle.



New Roof has been installed and the beams for the inside walls have arrived



Hamish Stuart
Principal

Team Kotare

Thank you to all of the parents who met with us to discuss their children's goals. We really enjoy sharing and celebrating the fantastic learning happening within our hub.

In our mindfulness we have been looking at areas of self regulation - am I red, green, yellow or blue. In the coming weeks we will be looking at strategies which support us moving into our learning zone.

Our Topic focus has been on our amazing community and what we can do to improve it. We have a science kit we are working through which is helping us learn about climate change and why it is so important to look after our environment.

Coming up: We will be walking down to the estuary for a beach clean up. We will need help for this trip so, keep your eyes peeled for a notice coming home in the next few weeks.



**Thank you for your
awesome support on
Pink Shirt Day!**

We raised \$197 for The Mental Health Foundation.

Team Tarānui

We have been really impressed with how hard some of our tamariki have been working this term on their learning! We are seeing some great focus and progress. One thing we really enjoy is seeing students display a growth mindset - giving things a go even when they might be challenging, and persevering with their learning.

Our narrative writing is bringing out the creative side of our writers! We have been working on structure and adding interesting details. One of our writing tasks was to write a story based in Foxton or Foxton Beach, to link in with our inquiry topic.

Here is the beginning of Molly's story with some great verb choices. She has hinted at the problem, so now we are left wondering... Ka pai, Molly!

One sunny day, me, Isabella and Cybelle decided to go to the beach. When we got there we changed into our togs, put on our sunscreen and went down to the sand. Cybelle raced down to the water and dived straight in. Then me and Isabella decided to have a race into the water. We zoomed down to the water, we dived in and I got in the water first. Me and Isabella were having fun but then we noticed that Cybelle was gone!

Please remember that if you need to contact us about anything, it is important to include all of us in your email, especially as we are not always in the classroom with our team teaching arrangement.

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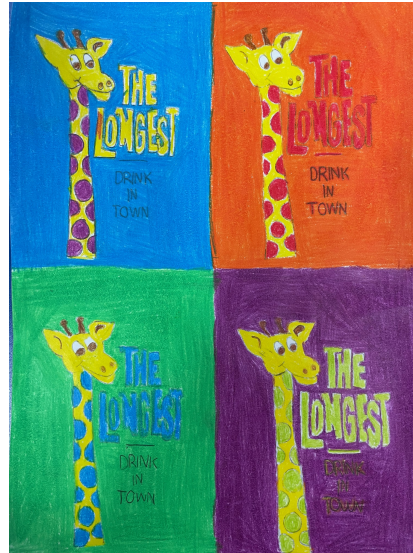
Mr Cooney: lcooney@foxtonbeach.school.nz (Thursday-Friday)

Kuaka Hub

We have been engaging in some awesome learning in the Kuaka hub recently. Our art focus has been pop art based around iconic New Zealand landmarks and brands. Our students used bold colours for the image and background and purposely chose colours that would be different from the original. As part of our Kiwiana theme, we have also learned about a range of myths and legends from Aotearoa. We have identified the differences between myths and legends and discussed the morals that underpin these myths. Our students have created some amazing posters based around a selection of Maori gods which we will share on Seesaw soon. Great effort Kuaka Hub!



Spaceman by Tyler



Longest drink in town by Izzy C



Tiki by Te Waipounamu



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