

# FOXTON BEACH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

WEDNESDAY 23RD JUNE 2021

Dear Parents

Welcome to Week 8 of Term 2

I would like to begin this newsletter by acknowledging the passing of one of our former teachers, Anthea Whitley. I had the pleasure of working with Anthea for a few years and she was such a committed teacher. She loved teaching the Year 7 and 8s and had a real talent for developing really good relationships with her students. Her students respected her and went the extra distance to achieve a high standard. Anthea was passionate about her huskies and on a number of occasions Colin would bring the dogs in to show what they could do.

Sadly Anthea's health went downhill when they moved to the South Island and she passed away far too young. There is a service for Anthea on Saturday afternoon, 1:00pm at the Manawatu College Hall. I know we still have some senior students that would have been taught by Anthea when she did a spell in the juniors, it would be nice to see some of those students paying their respects.

As we move toward the end of Term 2 I would have to ask parents to remind their children about the effect their behaviour can have on others in their classroom. Over the last few weeks there has been a spike in behavior that I feel is unacceptable at Foxton Beach School. It is not acceptable when a teacher is taken away from groups they are teaching, to deal with behaviors that are unacceptable. Sadly there have been a few stand downs this term which we don't take lightly but we also have to give the rest of the hub the ability to learn as well.

Each hub has a classroom treaty which they established with the children at the start of the year. It would be a good idea for parents to discuss this and to talk about what you feel is acceptable behaviour for your children within a school setting.

If there are situations that stop the teachers from teaching or others from learning I am afraid that we have to call parents in. In many cases this means parents have to leave work to deal with this type of behaviour. If parents can have a discussion with their own children and continue to work with the school we would be really appreciative of this.

## Building Update

We have a date that we are working towards and that will be the 16th of July. This will mean that the classrooms will be finished and we will be able to use the block. There will still be ongoing work but we will be able to get back to some sort of normality.

In the second week of the school holidays we are going to look at moving things back into the hubs. We will need to move the Junior Hub back into their new space and then move the Kuaka Hub back into their space, tidy up and also help the teachers set up their spaces.

We will need parent help to move things back as this is quite a big job. If you think that you would be able to help on Wednesday or Thursday the 21st or 22nd of July could you please let the office know and we'll be in touch.

Hamish Stuart  
Principal



24 June  
29 June  
3 June  
9 July  
26 July

Rippa Tournament, Foxton  
Board of Trustees Meeting 5.30 pm  
Kio Raha Tournament  
Term 2 ends 2.45pm  
Term 3 starts 8.55 am

## Team Kotare



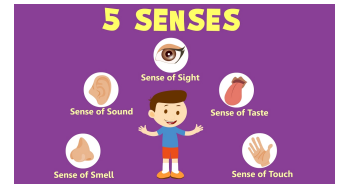
We have changed our **PE** focus to jumping skills, part of this is learning to coordinate our bodies to use our skipping ropes. It has been really exciting to see students using the ropes during their Play Based Learning time to practice and hone their skills.

For **Pause, Breathe, Smile** we learned how to be mindful when we ate a small item of food.

We used all our senses:

- Sight - looking at all the parts of the food, top, bottom and ends
- Hearing the wrapping as we slowly opened it
- Touch - noticing which parts felt smooth, rough or melting
- Smell - this was a good part, we noticed the saliva in our mouths
- Taste - a tiny bite and letting it dissolve or swirl around our tongues

We thought our food tasted nicer because we noticed so many different things when we ate Mindfully.



**Homework** - You may have noticed the Homework sheets for Room 2 and 3 have changed. The change in the **Heart Words** homework affects students working above Stage 4.

If your child is working in Stage 1 - 4 they are reading and spelling their Heart Words like we have from the beginning of the year.

If your child is in Stage 4+ and above the Heart Words are to learn to read by sight only. Your child will have a separate list of words to spell in their homework book.

## Team Tarānui

What a busy couple of weeks it has been in Team Tarānui.

Our Inquiry Projects are amazing! We've been working on topics of interest such as Foxton Fizz, ITM, The River Loop, and How our School Started. To complement our Inquiry learning we are going to invite some guest speakers to talk to the team about the history of some of our local iconic places and businesses. If you know of someone who is willing to talk to our team, please get in touch with either Lyndon Cooney or Frances McDonald.

We tested our basic facts last week with many students going up a level. Well done to those students. A little practice every night surely pays off.

For our Arts focus students are researching a New Zealand musician or artist. We have a wide range of artists chosen. It is going to be a great presentation afternoon when they are all finished.

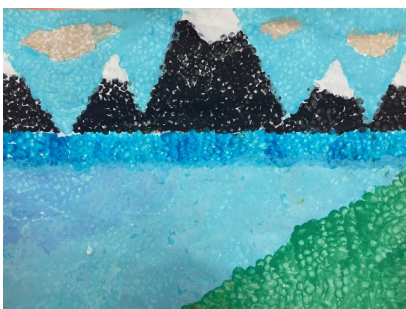
With winter hitting please remind students to bring their sweatshirts to school. We still like to get outside for some PE and it's nice to have a warm fleece to get into afterwards.

Have a great week!

## Kuaka Hub

As per usual, it has been full-on in the Kuaka Hub recently! Our students are doing an awesome job using the hall as our learning space this year and we have been able to include a wider range of learning opportunities recently - Mau Rākau, Kī o Rahi, and the Get into Gaming online webinar. Mau Rākau involves a group of students learning this discipline with other local students at Foxton Primary each week.

We have had students from Manawatu College visit our school to upskill some students on how to play Kī o Rahi, an active game involving two teams, based on a Maori legend or pūrākau. The Get into Gaming activity has involved a group of students engaging in a series of webinars based on how to get into E-Sports, competitive gaming, content creation and hosting a website. This series is also available to check out on Youtube, just search for the 'Get into Gaming' web series.



*New Zealand Landscape Art using Pointillism by Liam, Mekah & Lucy.*