

FOXTON BEACH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

WEDNESDAY 4TH AUGUST 2021

Dear Parents

Welcome to Week 2 of Term 3

I would like firstly to thank all the parents and children who came to school on Friday morning to be a part of the blessing of the newly renovated Kotare Hub. It was an awesome experience to be a part of and a learning experience for many. I would like to acknowledge the support we had on the day from our kuia, Whaea Piki, Whaea Ani and also Robin Hapi who came to support the kaupapa. It was also nice to have Councillor Allen represent the Council at the opening as well.

We also had many parents stay and help with the moving of furniture and resources back into the junior hub. I was really pleased to see a number of our students turn up and help with the move without their parents. This was awesome as I know quite a few just helped for a couple of hours and then went and enjoyed their day off.

It is going to be really good for our children to be back to some sort of normality with the juniors being in their hub and the seniors out of the hall and back into their space. I want to thank all the children, staff and parents who have shown a lot of patience during this process. We have tried to limit the impact but when it takes seven months there are always going to be a few hiccups along the way.

While the children are back in their spaces the builders still have a few things left to do. They will finish constructing the steps in front of the junior block and when they are finished they will move around the corner to work on the western entrance and a new toilet area for children with disabilities. This should all be completed by the end of the term.

This term will be a very busy term with a number of really important focuses that the teachers are working on with the children. We will keep sharing with parents what content the children will be learning as part of our Relationships and Sexuality Education. This was something that came out of our parents sessions so we have put something in place for this. If you want to withdraw your child for any sessions that are going to be covered can you please let the teachers know at the start of the week so we can put something in place for them.

This term Mrs McDonald and Mrs Standish are putting our school production together. More information will come out about this at a later date but with all the interruptions etc we will probably be looking at putting this on in term 4.

Food in Schools

The menus for this term Lunches in School have gone onto our Facebook page or they can be found on the Libelle Facebook page. The children seem to be really enjoying the term 3 food so far. If you are sending along food for the children can you please ensure they are healthy options. Some of the foods we don't want to see at school are packets of chips, big cookie time biscuits and loads of strings etc. We have found that the children eating fresh and healthy lunches has really helped in the afternoons.

Seesaw

This term we are going to try a different approach with Seesaw. All teachers have a timetable of when they are going to post certain areas. We are going to let you know on a Thursday when the posts have gone live and then parents can post some comments. This way we are hoping that parents will add some comments to their children's post in one hit and it will be more consistent when we are posting. The first posts will be on the 12th of August and it will be based around reading.

Hamish Stuart
Principal





16 Aug	Assembly, 2.10 pm
23 Aug	Board Meeting 5.30 pm
30 Aug	Assembly, 2.10pm
23 Sept	Sports Team Photos 9 am

Team Kotare

Day 1 in our new space.....



Team Tarānui

We are well into Term 3 and what a great start for all our students.

Our main focus this term will be our Relationships and Sexuality programme. An outline of what is being covered each week will be emailed to you. We are also auditioning and allocating parts to students for the school production. A number of Team Taranui students have been successful in getting a part in the show which is awesome. I am looking forward to working with them. Our maths focus will be statistics for the rest of the term. We will be covering many ways to collect and show data and how we can use that data to form opinions and draw conclusions. For writing we are looking at persuasive writing with students writing about some very current topics. Please encourage your students to do their homework every week. We really appreciate the time spent with them to practice their spelling, basic facts and reading.

Looking forward to a great term with many successes. Remember the change of assembly time to Monday afternoons so you can come and celebrate with us.

Kuaka Hub

Kuaka Hub have finally completed their time working in the hall! We have now moved back into our rooms and have set up our space again which is looking awesome! In our final week in the hall, we worked on some really interesting focuses - a history snap-shot of the Mount Tarawera eruption, and an Olympic Games focus. The students learned about the history of the Pink and White Terraces and the important role the Guide Sophia Hinerangi played in saving the lives of 60 people from Te Wairoa. We have been following the Olympics closely in the Kuaka Hub and have enjoyed supporting Team NZ. We have learned about a range of the events NZ athletes are competing in, some of the new sports included in the 2020 Tokyo Games, and the history behind the Olympic Games. Great effort to start this term Kuaka Hub, and well done for completing your time in the hall successfully!

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