

FOXTON BEACH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



WEDNESDAY 29TH SEPTEMBER 2021

Welcome to the last week of the third term for this year. When you get a chance to reflect on the term it always gives me a real sense of pride when you see some of our achievements. Two of our biggest achievements in the last two terms have been our senior hockey and basketball teams. Our Yr 7/8 basketball team was undefeated which saw them play in the grand final against Levin Intermediate. Unfortunately it was a bridge too far and we went down to a very good side. Being second place in what is a hotly contested competition, was an amazing experience for our students.

Our Year 7/8 hockey team were also undefeated during their season and were due to play the final but sadly we went into Lockdown. It was decided that since we were undefeated and we had a much higher ratio of goals scored versus goals scored against that we were named champions for the 2021 season.

We took a team to the Palmerston North Mathex competition which is always some pretty stiff competition. I can recall that we were one of the higher placed teams in the Horowhenua so that is pretty good.

I think that we always punch well above our weight for a school of our size and I think that we should all be very proud of our students.

This term has seen us move into Level 4 Lockdown once more. My staff all chipped in on the Friday to get art packs and devices out to all our families and then from the first Monday we had Zoom sessions running 3 times a week for each hub. The children all had their work shared remotely on either their Hapara site or Seesaw.

I want to thank parents for helping their children with their learning and for also helping keep it fun for the children by taking part in some of the Challenges that were on our Facebook page. It is never an easy time for children and I know it is difficult for parents as well. I think everyone did the very best that they could.

With Level 2 restrictions in place we have a few constraints on us around fundraising events. I know the Home and School had a lot of great ideas to try and raise money for the things that our children need.

We hope that we will be able to get a few activities underway in term 4 so please keep an eye on our school Facebook page or the Home and School Facebook page.

I hope that everyone gets an opportunity to recharge their batteries over the break and spend some time with family and friends.

Hamish Stuart
Principal

Enrolments for 2022

The Board of Trustees invites applications from parents who wish to enrol their children at Foxton Beach School.

Enrolment at the school is governed by an enrolment scheme, details of which can be found on our school website.

Applications can be made in writing or by emailing the Principal, principal2@foxtonbeach.school.nz

The deadline for receipt of applications for out of zone places is **Thursday 14th October 2021**. Parents of students who live within the home zone should also apply by this date to assist the school to plan appropriately for next year. Students who live in the home zone are entitled to enrol at school.

The board had determined that there are likely to be 20 places available for out of zone students next year. The exact number of places will depend on the number of applications received from students who live within the school's home zone.

If the number of out of zone applications exceed the number of places available, students will be selected by ballot. If a ballot is required it will be held on the **29th October 2021**.

Parents will be informed of the outcome on the ballot within 3 school days of the ballot being held.

Any queries please email the Principal, Hamish Stuart on principal2@foxtonbeach.school.nz



Foxton Beach School Jubilee

This year marks the 70th anniversary of the opening of Foxton Beach School.

We had planned to mark the occasion with a Jubilee celebration day for past pupil's and the community connected to our school. However due to the uncertainty of the current climate we have regretfully decided to postpone this until hopefully more certain times in 2022.

The original school was opened on the 8th of September 1951 with a roll of 76 students. Foxton's Silver Band was in attendance and played at the opening along with a large community gathering.



(Thank you to Foxton Historical Society for the use of the photographs)

Opened by Minister of Education Mr. R.M Algie, seen here, who cut a blue ribbon opening the block and inviting the community to share in the future support of the school.

The original block above has just been reopened after remodeling and the addition of a much needed covered deck added to the frontage in the photograph above.

In the meantime, if you or any members of your family have attended our school over the last 70 years and have any photographs or stories we would love to see/hear them. Please email community1@foxtonbeach.school.nz regarding the jubilee.

