

# FOXTON BEACH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

WEDNESDAY 3RD NOVEMBER 2021

Kia ora Whanau

Welcome to week 3 of the fourth term. Our apologies for not having a newsletter last week but it was a short week. They will be in week 5, 7 and a community one to wrap up the year in week 9.

So far this term we have been bombarded with almost daily bulletins (updates) from the Ministry of Education around the COVID-19 situation in New Zealand. We have tried to lessen the impacts on the children as much as we can but some things are out of our hands. As you will be aware it has been mandated that all staff within schools, contractors coming onto school sites and volunteers will need to be vaccinated. What this does now, is that it makes it really difficult for us to carry out certain activities.

If we are going on trips outside of the school for learning offsite, such as swimming in Foxton, going to the museum or any other site, volunteers who offer to help and who offer to take transport will need to be vaccinated. We really struggle with this as it means that parents who are not vaccinated will not be able to help. This will eventually mean that some trips will not go ahead as we will not have enough transport. If we look at using buses the cost prohibits this.

We are having to plan ahead for important events such as our final assembly as well. Under the current Level 2 conditions we have made the decision to hold these remotely. We will either use Zoom or stream them live on our Facebook page.

This week we have begun to hold some transition afternoons for the children who will be moving from one hub to a new one next year. At the moment with our numbers our hubs will look like this:

Kotare Hub - Yr 1 to Yr 3

Taranui Hub - Yr 4 and Yr 5

Kuaka Hub - Yr 6 - Yr 8

We will not have any staff changes next year so the same teachers will be in these hubs again for 2022.

Currently we are reviewing our curriculum overview that will ensure that we have a good coverage of all curriculum areas while still trying to connect to our local environment and the people in our community. There are certain areas where we will be ensuring that we continue to cover them as they are areas that the Ministry of Education insists that schools cover. One of these areas is the work around Relationships and Sexuality Education. We will be covering aspects each year from now on so when our students leave at the end of Year 8 they have a good knowledge of this new learning.

Once we have completed this work we are going to share it with the children, parents and the board of trustees to get everyone's voice.

Hamish Stuart  
Principal

12 Nov

22 Nov

10th Dec

14th Dec

School Photos

Board Meeting 5.30 pm

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Last Day of School



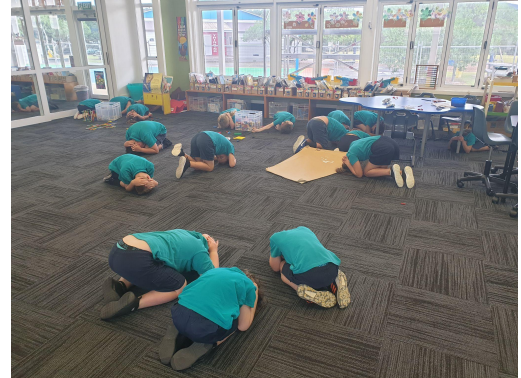
## Team Kotare

What a busy start to the final term we have had!

Cricket and Hockey sessions were a lot of fun and we learnt some good skills!



Thursday 28th October we had the Shake Out drill when we practiced being turtles and also where we go if there is an evacuation..



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Mrs Standish and Miss V had fun with our year 1 and 2's during Relationships & Sexuality Education. We got to get the Parachute out as we were looking at how our bodies move.

## Team Tarānui

It's been a busy start to Term 4. The weather is warming up and we are getting more time outside for PE. We are starting to work on Athletics, with high jump being our first skill. Many students were amazed how high they could jump when shown how to lift their legs in a scissor jump.

We have started working on a great unit of measurement . It is great to see so many of our students already have knowledge about how to measure in different ways. This will continue for a few weeks. Ask your child to help measure some simple things around the house. Baking is a great way to include some measuring skills.

For writing we are working on retelling Maori legends and writing biographies. The students are enjoying writing in different genres.

Transition to students' new classes has started. Please come and talk to us about any concerns.

## Kuaka Hub

The Kuaka Hub have engaged in some interesting learning focuses recently based upon the Manawatu Estuary and watercolour painting. This Thursday the Hub is visiting the Manawatu Estuary to explore the environment. We have completed some research on the flora and fauna in the estuary and have developed digital brochures summarising our learning. We are also working on an animal zentangle watercolour art focus. The progress so far has been great to see and this week we're up to adding in the water colour paint using some specific techniques we have learned. Awesome job Kuaka Hub!