

FOXTON BEACH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

WEDNESDAY 17TH NOVEMBER 2021

Kia ora Whanau

Welcome to Week 5 of the fourth term.

Reverse Evacuation

As you are all aware we went into a Reverse Evacuation, (you may know this as a 'Lockdown') on Tuesday. There was an incident on Thomas Place that required us to follow our Reverse Evacuation Safety Plan. We worked in close contact with the Police throughout the whole time and everyone was safe.

First and foremost thank you to all our whānau who followed the information in our text message. Thank you for all your cooperation. We do apologise for the short message, we have a limit on the number of txt characters we can use for our emergency system. Messages were sent to the cell phone number we hold for absent children. It is a timely reminder for parents to please ensure your most up to date contact details are provided to the school. We are reviewing our procedures and communications around reverse evacuations so as to improve our systems.

The Ministry of Education has provided us with the following support and guidance to help our school manage this incident.

People will respond differently following the incident. It is normal for children to express their feelings in a range of different ways.

Below are some possible reactions and behaviours you may see in your child – the key is to look out for any behaviours that are different from how they normally behave. Keep to routines, listen to your child's concerns and assure them that they will be supported.

Some children's reactions may include:

- clinginess and need for constant reassurance
- going back to doing things they did at a younger age
- aggression, fighting, arguing
- fearfulness
- tearfulness and wanting to sleep in adults' bedroom
- nightmares, bedwetting, thumb sucking
- delayed reactions

If you are concerned about your child, please let the class teacher or myself know. We advise any parents who have immediate concerns about their children's wellbeing to see their GP/doctor.

COVID-19 Reminders

If you need to get **messages** to your children please do so via the office and we will pass the details on. Only students and staff are currently allowed in the classrooms. If you would like to talk to your child's teacher you can do so using our many electronic platforms or via phone. Our fountains are off under Level 2, so your children need to bring their **water bottles**. If your child has **flu** or **cold symptoms** they need to stay at home.

Final Assemblies

We are working through the logistics of holding the final assembly under Level 2 conditions. We will break these celebrations into the three hubs. Team Kotare will be in the first block, Team Tarānui in the second

and Kuaka Hub will be in the last block. More information on times and how these will be accessed is coming. Please keep an eye out for details.

Kapa Haka

Over the weekend our Kapa Haka students were able to perform to their parents and whanau. What a huge celebration this was. The dedication and effort they put into their performance was incredible!

Accounts

A reminder to those who have not paid their children's fees for things like uniforms, stationery, sports etc. These are now well overdue and we would appreciate them being paid by the end of the month. Eftpos is available at school to make any payments.

2022 Stationery

The cost for next year's stationery packs will be \$12.00. Thank you to our Home & School group who are again subsidising stationery packs.

Felicity Apperley
Acting Principal

29 Nov	Board Meeting 5.30 pm
10th Dec	Prizegiving
14th Dec	Last Day of School
27th Jan	Uniform Sale 9 - 3 pm
31st Jan	Term 1 2022 starts 8.55 am

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DATE**

Team Kotare

Check out some of the things happening in Team Kotare over the last few weeks.....

We had a visit from Undercover Cody the turtle who put on a show with a Sun Smart message for us all.



We have been learning about shapes for Maths this term. Here are some pictures of the children making shapes using their bodies and working as a team.

Here are a few pictures of PBL in Team Kotare....



Team Tarānui

Well we are over the halfway mark for the term already! We have been full on in class getting our end of year assessments completed. We really try to ensure our children understand that this is about their own personal progress - and so many of them have improved in many areas! Ka pai!

Swimming

Every Thursday (we started last week) all year 4-6 students will be heading into Foxton Pools for some bonus swimming lessons. Please remind your children to have all their swimming gear ready each Thursday. This is an awesome opportunity, thanks to everyone involved in making this possible.

Maths

We are now moving into more geometry learning. See if your children can find shapes in the real world - especially 3D shapes! It was great working through many measurement skills in the first half of the term. The best way to consolidate these is for lots of real life practice - so keep practising at home and over the summer (maybe checking the temperature to practice reading scales!)

Managing Self/Reminders

There are a few ways that our children need to keep working on managing themselves. Making sure their Chromebooks are charged if they have a personal Chromebook - this is vital! Their chargers should not be coming to school. This is how they get mixed up and go missing. Please ensure water bottles are packed as we have already had some really hot days. Name jerseys as these are getting taken off pretty early in the day. We don't have much longer to go this term, so let's finish strong!

Kuaka Hub

Over the past three weeks, Kuaka hub students have engaged in some awesome learning opportunities. The students have all completed some amazing watercolor / zentangle art based around an animal. They learned techniques to apply the watercolour paint, experimenting with the gradient of colour they used and trying different brushstrokes for effect. This art will be on display in class in a few weeks and then come home. The Kuaka students have also completed their Manawatu Estuary brochures, learning about the life that inhabits the estuary, human impact on the space, and mudflat food chains.

Great job again Kuaka Hub!



By Amena



By Nikau



By Riley