

FOXTON BEACH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

WEDNESDAY 9TH MARCH 2022

Welcome to Week 6 of Term 1 2022

Our thoughts are with those families isolating at present due to COVID-19. It is even more important that we keep following the health measures that we have put in place. I want to thank all the children and staff that are doing so well with the mask wearing.

As the weather starts to cool we still need to ensure that our classrooms have good ventilation so the windows and doors will be kept open. Can parents please make sure that all fleeces are named and I would encourage the children to wear them to school to stay warm.

The number one thing that parents can keep doing to support the school community is to keep children at home until they are free of colds etc. If they are persistent colds you will need to call healthline or go and get a test. We ask that parents let us know immediately if any children test positive as we can supply devices and teachers will be in contact to support the children in their classes.

Swimming Sports:

A massive thanks to everyone who helped organize and run the senior swimming sports last Wednesday. It was a real shame that we were unable to have parents at the venue but this was out of our hands. All the races went really smoothly and the children tried their best. Some children put their names down for extra races on the day so it was great to see them pushing themselves. Results are up on our website.

Seesaw Posts:

In week 4 each hub posted activities for each child based around reading on Seesaw. We hope that everyone has had a chance to look at their child's post and that you have added a comment on. We are making the posts regular so parents will know and can look out for these.

Upcoming posts.

Week 6: Thursday the 10th of March -Focus = Maths

Week 8: Thursday the 24th of March -Focus = Writing

Week 10: Thursday the 7th of April -Focus = Inquiry

Board of Trustees Elections:

Later on in the year we will be holding elections for our Foxton Beach School Board of Trustees. This is a great opportunity if you are interested in becoming a member to start thinking about it. Being a Board member is your opportunity to be a part of the overall governance of the school. We are looking for parents who will be proactive in their portfolio and who are willing to do a bit of training to fully understand the role. Keep an eye out for information as it comes out.

School Lunches:

All the schools that are getting lunches from Libelle have given quite a bit of feedback to the people who design menus and on portion sizes. They have listened and have changed the menus to better suit the tastes of children and for children in Years 4 to 8 they have made the portion sizes much bigger. I really encourage parents to check our Facebook page and have a look for the menus and talk about them with the children. If children are eating the Libelle lunches then it can save a family quite a bit of money during the week. They are also really nutritious and we know that if the children are eating these lunches on a regular basis the behavior is a lot more settled in the afternoons. We really want to discourage packet lunches. By that I mean the packets of chips, strings, jellies etc. They are not nutritious and are full of food colorings and preservatives.

Important Reminders:

- Name all clothing that children wear to school.
- Update your details at the office.... Address, cell phone numbers, emergency contacts.
- Teacher Only day: No school on Monday the 14th of March

Hamish Stuart
Principal

Team Kotare

Swimming for 2022 is now finished. Thank you everyone for making sure your child's togs and towels were packed each day. If you haven't already, look through Seesaw and have a peek at some of their water safety learning from this term.



We had our first assembly yesterday, spaced out on our lovely deck. Check out our certificate recipients in the photos below.



Team Kotare Treaty

In our hub, we ...
use Walking Feet
use our Inside Voices (Including deck)
show Kindness towards everyone
Help People
Give 5 to the Person Talking
Move Away from Distractions
Concentrate on our own Learning
Pack away activities when we're done
Return our activities to the right rooms

use Our W.I.T.S ...
W – walk away
I – ignore
T – talk it out
S – seek help



For the remainder of the term we will be continuing on our "Working Together" theme. We have created a Collaborative Kotare for our hub. Every student has designed and coloured an individual feather, this will go up with our hub Treaty.

Team Tarānui

Another great couple of weeks in Team Tarānui.

Last week at the School Swimming champs we had so many students participate and do so well. Ka pai to you all for doing and giving your best.

We have just finished a study on the Treaty of Waitangi on Thursdays and Fridays. Mrs Harrison and Mrs McDonald were really impressed at the knowledge the students had and also the depth of their questions. We are continuing with an Aotearoa focus in art looking at our place in New Zealand and what represents New Zealand to us.

Our certificate winners this week at our class assembly were Jazmin, Maia, Matthew, Caitlin, Maddison Caldow, Sophie Halliday and Bradley. Ka pai to mahi!

Thank you to all our parents and caregivers for your continued observation of our Covid conditions. We know it's hard not to be able to spend more time with your students at school, especially with assemblies etc.

Mrs Harrison, Mrs McDonald and Miss Lock.

Kuaka Hub



My eyes

I love my eyes! In the sun they shine.
Grandad is there with me. I love them to
see the sun shine on the salty sea.
People have eyes to see. if no-one had
eyes bump, bump, bump we would go, sad
as can be. I love my eyes so I can see.
Black, blue and brown :)

*I love my eyes, they help me keep safe.
They help me check the time so I am never late.
Through my eyes I see amazing views and artwork to admire
although some are still to be inquired.
My eyes show me life, bugs, people, and beautiful sights.
My eyes help me read amazing books and they also help me
help my mum cook.
My eyes shimmer in light but darken at night.*

My Hands

I love my hands. I use my hands to play PS4
games. I laugh and rage and I watch tv everyday.
I use my hands to type on the computer.
The same clickity sensation happens on my
phone.
My hands help with signals like instead of saying
"stop".
I signal with my hands. I need my hands for
school like typing stories with my friends.
I need my hands to cook delicious food and it's
not rude to say "I love my hands"