

# FOXTON BEACH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

8TH JUNE 2022

Kia ora, e te whānau

We are now halfway through the term and we are now only being hit by the tummy bug and a bit of flu. Just to keep everyone updated that at the moment we have no children at home isolating either. I know that this will change in time as the winter really kicks in and children are stuck inside more. We would just ask that parents remind children about proper hygiene and the need to be washing hands and using sanitiser.

As we are moving into the winter months I would like to remind parents that our carpark is an absolute death trap waiting to happen so please be careful when using it. We ask that parents hop out of cars and fetch their children from class and then walk them across the carpark. We have had a few near misses and this always worries me. We have tried on numerous occasions to close the gate but people drive up and open it anyway. If you can, please use the Thomas Place parking area.

The lunches are coming in at the moment nice and hot for these colder days. I have seen quite a few bags of chips coming in which is not what we want to see. We are openly promoting healthy lunches and a balanced diet and I am afraid that a big bag of Doritos does not match a healthy diet. We have been asking children to put these away and inevitably they have healthy options in their lunchboxes. Please encourage them to eat these.

It has been awesome to make my way around the rooms and see the learning that is taking place. Our theme for this term is Planet Earth and Beyond as this ties in with our Matariki Learning and the activities that are planned around this. This will be a good chance for everyone to come in and be a part of the school community and you will get a chance to see what the children have been learning.

## Uniforms

There are a lot of uniform items lying about at present that no one is claiming. There are no names on these items which is a real shame. Please take five minutes to sit down and name all the items of uniform that your children have.

## BOT Elections

Keep an eye out for information coming out about being on our Board of Trustees. Being a Board member is a new challenge for people as you get to be a part of the Governance of a school. This sets the direction of the school, manages finances, helps with appointments and sets policies and procedures that we all use within the school. Please have a chat with any current Board members to see if this is something you may be interested in.

Hamish Stuart  
Principal



20th June	Assembly 2pm
23rd June	Matariki Celebration breakfast & hangi
24th June	Matariki Public Holiday - school closed
7th July	Class & sports photos
8th July	End of term 2

## Team Kotare

We are halfway through the term! Team Kotare are continuing to investigate the Solar System with a focus on Matariki for the second half of the term. We are looking forward to making Matariki kites to display in the hall. Please make sure you have returned your matariki notices for our celebration on the 23rd June.



Room 1 have been reading Hoe, hoe, hoea te waka (Row, Row Row Your Waka) by Rebecca Larsen and have created a collaborative artistic Taniwha using paint. Check it out!

### REMINDERS....

Please remind your children that they need to look after their own belongings at school. We remind them to put their items back in their bags but it is their responsibility. Please make sure everything is named. Only school uniform items are allowed to be worn at school. Please leave toys and treats at home as these are causing issues in class time.

## Team Tarānui

### Space

We have been doing lots of great learning about all things space related. There has been some fantastic writing relating to the planets. Our children have been coming up with their own wonderings. Here are some of the wonderings recorded on our wonder wall:

- ★ How do they take photos of the sun when it's SO hot? - Gary reading group.
- ★ What is a Milky Way? - Sophie S
- ★ Do you think we are upside down? - Lucas F
- ★ Is there another planet with life? - Kobie
- ★ Are there other solar systems? They might have people! - Levi

### Matariki

Our tamariki are very excited about the upcoming Matariki celebrations. We have been learning about the Matariki cluster of stars and also what Matariki means in terms of the Māori New Year. Our children are

writing reports to share their knowledge, which they will be excited to share with you during our Matariki celebrations.

Don't forget to get your notice back in, about this if you haven't already!

### Come and visit

Just a reminder that whānau are welcome to come into class and check out their children's learning at any point. Pop in before school and have your child show you what they've been doing, whether this be on their Chromebook or in their books.

### Managing Self/Reminders

*Please remember the following:*

- **Name all uniforms**, especially jerseys which get taken off during the day. We are ending up with a few mix ups here.
- **Drink bottles** with water every day.
- Every student needs a set of **headphones**.
- We are a **healthy food school** - all morning tea and extra kai should be healthy - we are seeing lots of packs of chips coming in lately. Try to avoid the sugary packets of snacks and aim for some yummy fruit.

## Kuaka Hub

Kuaka Hub has been focusing on upskilling with digital technology over the past few weeks. We have a digital fluency expert, Cheryl Murphy, working with our hub each week. We have worked on becoming more cyber smart, developed strategies for locating and collating our work and learned about the Learn, Create, Share pedagogy. Our students have learned to use Jam Boards, and Google My Maps, and created digital comic strips in the few sessions we have had.

Our focus on Astronomy has been going really well with our students creating detailed fact files based on a planet. We are unpacking information on the sun and the moon this week and will create content to show our understanding of these topics.



***Check out our ANZAC Day mahi!***

