

FOXTON BEACH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

26TH OCTOBER 2022

Kia ora e te whānau

I want to take this opportunity to inform you about some changes for 2023. We have decided for the new school year to change some of our teaching teams and spaces due to the makeup of the numbers in each year, and utilising the different spaces and skills of the teachers.

Next year, Kuaka Hub will be moving out of their current space, and work in the newly renovated space where team Kotare currently are. The reasoning behind this is that we believe the older children need more room, and can work in a variety of ways in this larger space. Rebecca Lock will join this team, and it will have children from years 5 to 8. This hub will work on Chromebooks.

Team Tarānui will be moving into the space where Kuaka is currently (over by the hall). The two teachers in this space will be Felicity Apperley and Frances McDonald. They will have years 2 to 4 and will not work on Chromebooks.

Team Kōtare will move into the space where Team Tarānui is currently (next to the admin block). The teachers in here will be Rebecca van der Zwan and Terasa Standish. This will be made up of New Entrants up to year 2.

Class make ups are based on the information we currently have and could change if we have students move on, or additional students enrol at the start of next year. This could mean that a few children will need to change hubs. We will contact whānau if their child is involved before any changes are made.

Please remember that no matter what class your child is in, their programme will be differentiated to suit their learning needs.

Fencing Project

Next week we have a number of contractors in school to complete the fencing of our entire school. This will ensure the safety of all our students and it will also tidy up the majority of our boundary fencing. While this project is under way the bottom field will be out of use as there will be heavy machinery on site. The children will need to be using the top field while this is in action. It should all be completed in about 11 working days. We thank you for your patience while this is underway.

Chewing Gum

Please remind children that chewing gum is not to come to school. We seem to have had quite an increase in gum being chewed at school. The problem is that once gum is finished it is being spat out on concrete areas and our turfs. It is incredibly hard to get gum off. Parents' support with this one would be appreciated.

Hamish Stuart
Principal

Upcoming Events

28th October	Mufti Day Fundraiser - Favourite Character Theme
1 & 2nd November	PBS Filming - Mufti Days
4th November	Tsunami Hikoi - change of date
7th November	Room 2 / 3 trip
11th November	Senior Athletics
15-18th November	Year 7 & 8 Camp
12th December	Year 8 Leavers Dinner
14th December	Prizegiving
15th December	Last Day of School

2023 Term Dates

Term 1	30th January	-	6 April
Term 2	24 April	-	30 June
Term 3	17 July	-	22 September
Term 4	9 October	-	15th December 2023

Epic Music Lessons

Does your child want to learn an instrument, play in a band and perform on the big stage? Epic Music Academy runs it's one of a kind instrument tuition programs in school, and registrations are open for Term 4! To sign up, simply ask the office for a sign up form, check out our website [epicma.nz](https://www.epicma.nz), or email your interest to schools@epicma.nz.

Team Kotare

This term in Team Kotare....

Living World Science Focus- We will be learning about the following...

Weeks 1 and 2- Life Cycles of the Butterfly, Frog, Bee and Plants.

Weeks 3 and 4- Planting

Weeks 5 and 6- Room 2 are studying Bees and Rooms 1 and 3 are looking at Mini Beast Inquiries.

We have a head start on our plant learning as we have planted our seeds and some are sprouting in Room 1!



Life Cycle of a Butterfly



Millie (Room 1) planting her pea seed.

Team Tarānui

Welcome back to what will be a very busy term . Firstly we warmly welcome Kaylene Flannigan who will be our Thursday, Friday teacher to release Miss Lock. She is enjoying getting to know all the class and has some fun units prepared for us to work through this term.

Being a warmer term it is time to remind students to wear sunblock and hats for all breaks outside. We have sunblock and hats at school available for all students.

Our focuses this term are, poetry, bees, maths patterns, planet of learning and discovery taking place.

We are looking forward to a fantastic term ahead!!

Kuaka Hub

It's been another full-on start to the term in the Kuaka Hub! We have continued with our programs and are fitting in some revision for our upcoming Progress and Achievement Testing. This term we're focusing on persuasive writing and poetry as some of our literacy options. We have athletics training happening in our classes at the moment so hopefully, the weather supports our training, with the senior athletics day towards the end of week 4. Our students are working on creating weekly blog posts to summarise what they've been working on each week. These will be going live over the next few weeks so stay tuned!

We are having a ***mufti day this Friday 28th October*** to raise funds for our camp. Come dressed up as your 'Favourite Character'. Donations can be left with your teacher or the office.

Reminders- Please make sure your child is in the **correct summer uniform**. No thermals, tights or pants in Term 4 please. Drink **bottles of water** and **brainfood (a piece of fruit that Room 1 and 2 children have at 12pm)** are really important especially in summer as the children can get a drink of water when they are in class and outside at break times.