

FOXTON BEACH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

10TH NOVEMBER 2022

Kia ora e te whānau

Welcome to week 4 of term 4

Wow..... the weather has certainly turned and we are looking at having one of our hottest in a long time. We are reminding children to bring a water bottle to school and they can fill this up using the water filter that we have in the junior hallway. We are a water only school, this also means on class trips, camps and sports days too.

We are now in one of the terms, (term 1 and 4), where we practice our sunsmart routines. Every child at Foxtton Beach School has a school hat with a number on it and they need to be wearing these when they are outside. We also ask children to wear sunblock while they are outside. We are aware that there are some students that react to the sunblock that we have at school and are happy for families to provide their own sunblock which they have found works for their children.

At the moment our classrooms are getting into the mid to high 20's by 2pm so we ask that students not wear tights etc as the days are starting to warm up quite quickly. We have had a few children with headaches and bleeding noses over to the office and it tends to be students who are wearing lots of clothing and haven't been drinking water during the day.

Recently I have been made aware of older students from this school dabbling in some vaping while they are at the wharf or at the pump track. We ask that parents talk to their children about staying away from vapes. To be honest it is quite an issue in schools in Levin so it was only a matter of time for it to get to the Beach.

As a school our policy, which is on School Docs, clearly states that in all New Zealand schools they are smoke and vape free. This is a law that came into effect in schools last year (for vaping) so I ask that children and parents refrain from vaping at school also. If we find students vaping at school we will contact all parents and we will look at addressing it more as a health issue to begin with as we want to work with families. However, if the education side of things does not work and children continue to vape at school, it could potentially end up as a disciplinary matter.

Attendance:

Lately there has been a lot of media attention to the growing trend of children not attending school. We have put a number of steps in place to help ensure families are able to get children to school. We have put the van on to help remove one of the barriers; transport to school. It is quite sad when we have parents ring up to say a child is sick and then they are out scootering around the town. Compared to schools across the Horowhenua we have good attendance levels but we can always do better. Please help us to ensure your children are at school, ready to learn, everyday. If there are barriers in getting them to school please get in touch with us and we can try and iron those out. When children are attending school regularly they find that learning becomes easier and they are able to make friends easier. We have breakfast club running everyday and there are school lunches everyday, technically, unless your child is unwell then they should be attending school.

School Pool:

Shortly we will be getting the pool up and running again and we are going to try and keep it open over the summer. We will be replacing the main door and putting in a new locking system. We really need help from our school community to ensure that we can keep it open. The way you can help is to keep people who do not have a key out of the pool. If you see people trying to climb the fence, ask them to stop and go home. If you purchase a key we ask that you don't bring in too many extra people into the pool as it is only a school pool and it doesn't take long for chemical levels to drop. We also remind all key holders that there is to be no alcohol in the pool area at all times. Keys will be limited, and available shortly. The cost will be \$100

which includes a \$50 bond for the key to be refunded if the key is handed in at the close of swimming season.

School Camp:

Our Year 7 and 8 pupils are heading off to their camp next week. Nick Baker and Carly Lanham have put in quite a bit of work to pull this all together and I thank them for their efforts. A senior camp is a great experience for our students and for some it is the first time that many have stayed away from home. Be safe in your travels Kuaka Hub and make sure you get some sleep at night.

Hamish Stuart
Principal

Upcoming Events

10th November	Gumboot Thursday
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 12.30pm finish

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

Foxton Beach School Board Casual vacancy for a parent representative

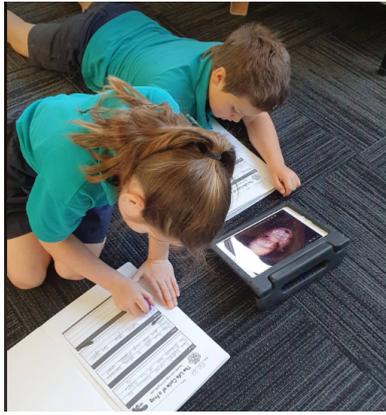
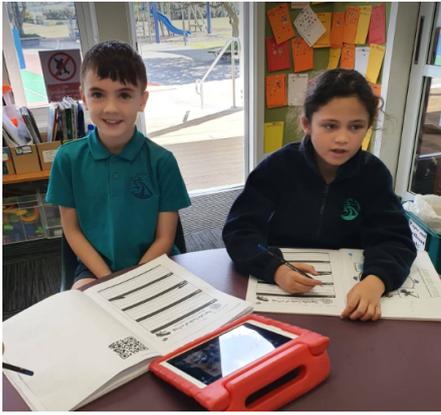
A casual vacancy has occurred on the school board for an elected parent representative. The board has decided to fill the vacancy by selection. If 10% or more of eligible voters on the school roll ask the board, within 28 days of this notice being published, to hold a by-election to fill the vacancy, then a by-election will be held. Request for a by-election should be sent to:

Lisa Matena
Presiding Member
Foxton Beach School Board of Trustees
10 Carthew Terrace
Foxton Beach

8th November 2022

Team Kotare

Today we are at Shannon School to be with all the other Junior students in our Kerekere Cluster. We have looked forward to going on the bus or van to our Tabloids. Thanks to all the parents who have said they are able to supervise on the day, without your support our trips would not have been made possible.



Room 3 worked hard to work cooperatively on their Life-Cycle mahi.



We made castles for our Bean Stalks to race up to... some have already met their target. For mathematics, we measured the height. Some were as tall as 29 cm high, some are trying to grow their first leaves.

Team Tarānui

Pause Breathe Smile filming



Our tamariki were SO lucky to have their school turned into a film set last week! We had Southern Cross filming an ad for the Pause, Breathe, Smile programme which they sponsor. It was such an exciting experience for all, and everyone who had permission was involved at some point of the filming. Some were selected for special parts too, and had lines to say. It's crazy to think all this filming went into making a 30 second ad, and they had two other schools they were filming. Now the big wait until February when we hit the screens!



Bee Inquiry

There has been some amazing inquiry mahi in our class, some might even say there's been a buzz around this learning! The kids already know so much about bees lifecycle, reproduction, roles in the of their body and threats, just to name a few are integrating our bee topic in different ways literacy learning too.

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Stationery

We are getting quite low on some stationery items. It would be great if each child could bring their own **glue stick** to see them through the term, as we are completely out of our class stocks. Please can everyone reinforce the message of looking after stationery, as sadly so many take for granted what we have and we are constantly having to restock things like pencils.

Managing Self/Reminders

It is getting warmer now as we get even closer to summer! Please remember:

- **Drink bottles** with water every day.
- All **uniform** needs to be **named**. It's that time of year where children come with a jersey, and take it off pretty quickly!

Kuaka Hub

The last few weeks have been busy again in Kuaka Hub. We have been learning to write persuasively using emotive language and modal verbs and the hub has worked on interpreting poetry and inferring information not stated directly by the author. We have been preparing for the senior school athletics day this Friday, working on the running and jumping disciplines so far. Students have been working to improve their digital art skills recently, exploring a painting app called Sumo Paint and following tutorials to create some outstanding and creative digital pieces. Drop into our Hub and check out their work!