

# FOXTON BEACH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

## 8TH MARCH 2023

Kia ora e te whānau.

I would like to start my newsletter by congratulating Katy Morresey on her appointment as the new Principal of Foxton Beach School. She will be starting on the first day of term two and I wish her all the best in her new role. She will be working with great children and a thoroughly committed staff. I hope the school community makes her feel as welcome as I have felt in the twelve years that I have held this position. Last week we had our senior swimming sports. It was a great day with the children competing really well and having lots of fun in their houses. We had made it quite clear that those children that did not want to compete as they were anxious or were not confident in the water, could stay back at school. We had organised learning for them as well as a few fun things to do. It was therefore, disappointing to see the list of students from the Kuaka Hub that did not come to school on the day. We changed the way we have done things to better support our students but we need parents to support this as well. We are trying to change our approaches at school to ensure children are coming to school everyday.

I also want to add that I am not a supporter of our union, NZEI, holding paid union meetings during school time. Due to the fact that all teachers had to go to the meeting in Levin it meant that we had to close the school. I feel that these meetings could have been achieved over Zoom or completed after school.

### **Carpark:**

The school carpark is becoming increasingly dangerous with the number of cars in there before and after school. I want to remind parents that there is also a great drop off and pick up spot on Thomas Place. I feel that Carthew Terrace carpark is an accident waiting to happen and we have brought this to the attention of the Ministry of Education. What we are asking parents is to please not use the Carthew Terrace car park unless it is really necessary. I would also ask again that parents use the footpath around the car park and not walk through it to get to cars parked along Carthew Terrace. We have also been asked by the neighbour if cars could not park on the grass verge in front of their house or in their driveway.

### **Stationery:**

Please remember to pay for your child's stationery (\$15) either at the office or online. If you pay online please use your child's name as a reference. Our school bank account number is: 03 0633 0003973 00

### **School Pool:**

We are closing the pool this Friday as the weather has certainly turned and there are not a lot of swimmers bringing their togs. The seniors are having a water afternoon on Friday which I am sure will be fun and then we will be closing the pool. If you have a key can you please return it for your bond to be refunded.

Hamish Stuart  
Principal

# Kōtare

## Whānau Wall

Wow we have many whānau wall photos up now. We are still missing some. If you could please send a photo to [rvanderzwan@foxtonbeach.school.nz](mailto:rvanderzwan@foxtonbeach.school.nz) or [ssaussey@foxtonbeach.school.nz](mailto:ssaussey@foxtonbeach.school.nz) or bring one in for us to copy 😊

**Please remember** to keep packing the following each day....

- Water bottle
- Brainfood (fruit or vegetable)
- Book bags

## \*\*\*\*\*Yoghurt pouches in lunchboxes\*\*\*\*\*

Please help your child open these by unscrewing these at home and doing them back up. The children find it too hard to break the seal on their own. We are not always available to help. If they have a pot of yoghurt please provide a spoon. Thank you for your support with this.

Here are some photos of what we have been up to.....



Millie



Winter and Laurel



Marley

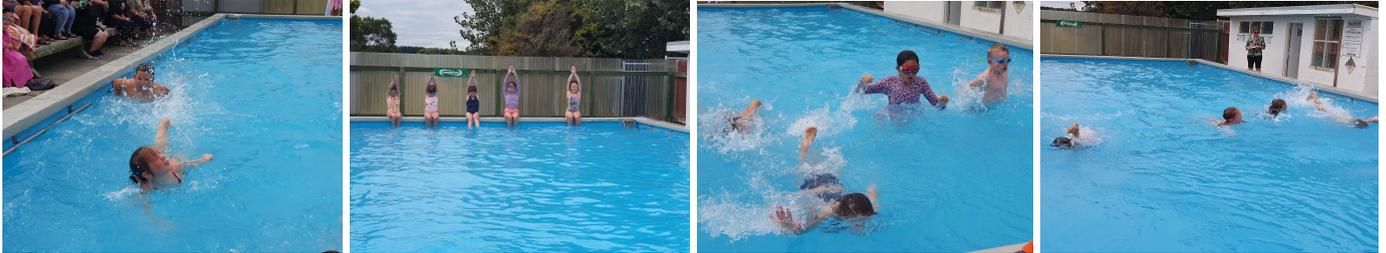


Tiana



# Tarānui

We were so happy with the weather last week for our swimming display, fun afternoon. It was so fantastic to see so many of our Hub whanāu come and see the students in action. Our focus for the students was participation and fun, and some time to show you all what confidence in the water looks like for each individual child.



We are finishing up our first unit around Respectful Relationships and how to be a bucket filler. Our Topic Art is looking amazing, we looked at the work of Maya Angelou and unpacked her quote ...

“Being a rainbow in someone else's cloud...”

We brainstormed ways we could brighten up someone's day with our words and actions. Come in and have a look at our cloud art on our hub windows.



# Kuaka

Wow, week 6 already! It has been a busy term already with lots of great learning opportunities and a bit of fun thrown in there too. Our year 7-8 cohort have started their technology sessions at Manawatu College, working on Mosaics and Music as their rotations. We have recently completed some great-looking art pieces too, with each class rotating through to work with another teacher in the hub. The focuses have covered zent-angle art based on a New Zealand map, koru-pattern-inspired art and a piece based on New Zealand native birds. It has been great to work with other students in our hub and to see the amazing talent we have across the hub.

Great effort Kuaka Hub!