

# FOXTON BEACH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

## 22ND MARCH 2023

Welcome to Week 8 of Term 1 2023

As my time quickly comes to an end at Foxtton Beach School it is giving me a few moments to reflect on where we are as a school and where education is headed. We are a very lucky school, we are a very well resourced school and after our major upgrade of what was the junior block, our classrooms and buildings are awesome as well.

I have been very lucky over the twelve years of being Principal of Foxtton Beach School to have worked with some really passionate teachers and support staff. When I look at the teachers I work with they have been at this school since they started teaching. We have been very lucky to have a stable staff so our students know their teachers very well and have great relationships. This makes for a settled school environment.

I have also been really lucky to have some awesome support staff. From Sue in the office to the teachers aides working with our learners in the classrooms, to Owen in the grounds. It all goes together to make an awesome team.

Over the course of the twelve years I have been lucky enough to be Principal of this school I have seen a number of children leave here as Year 8's and go on to be really successful. It has also been a real privilege to have been the Principal to a number of children whose parents I taught when I was teaching here.

I look forward to my last few weeks here at Foxtton Beach School and I look forward to the next chapter with my wife.

Hamish Stuart  
Principal

## Reminders

27th March	Parent Interviews 3-6 pm
28th March	Parent Interviews 3-6 pm
5th April	Farewell Assembly for Hamish 1pm, School Hall
6th April	Last day of term finish at 2.45pm
7th - 23rd April	School Holidays
24th April	Teacher Only Day
25th April	Anzac Day
26th April	Term 2 Starts 8.55 am

# Kōtare

Week 8 already! We have had such a busy term!

Here is a snapshot of what we have been up to over the last 2 weeks.....check out (left to right) Winter, Marley, Corbin, Haven, Laurel, Tanner and some Team Kōtare children practising their throws with a tennis ball.



## Reminder....Whānau Wall

We are still missing some whānau. 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 😊 Thank you

## Team Kōtare Waka

Please come in and check out our waka that is up on the wall in our hub. All the children and staff are rowing the waka on our school learning journey.

**Help needed?????** Do you have any small wooden blocks you would like to donate to our hub? We have a little project we would like to do but we need blocks about half the size of the tube of toothpaste box. If you know of anyone who may like to make these please get in touch.

# Taranui

Team Taranui has had a very busy couple of weeks.

We have been working hard on consolidating our numeracy knowledge and showing understanding of this in several ways. It's been good to see many students' eyes light up as they start to grasp different aspects of addition and subtraction.

We have started a unit on New Zealand Treasures. It has been interesting to hear students' experiences of travel and holidays throughout Aotearoa. Our focus is learning where we fit into the map of New Zealand and then moving out to significant places for our students. Along the way we are placing details on maps and looking at why some cities have icons.

With cooler temperatures in the mornings, we are seeing more school fleeces being worn, which is great. Please make sure they are named. Many are being left and not claimed at the end of the day.

The countdown is on till the end of the term and a well deserved break for students and teachers.

# Kuaka

Kuaka Hub have been working hard on our learning focuses. We even enjoyed or endured a couple of Chromebook free days due to some technical issues! We had a large group head off to Interschool Swimming Sports to represent our school. It was an awesome day and everyone who attended should be proud of their efforts!

We had Te Kenehi Teira visit us last week to share his expert knowledge on Foxton Beach's local history sites and taniwha. He shared important messages around kaitiakitanga (guardianship and protection - a way of managing our environment based on the Māori world view) - teaching our students the importance of conservation. This conversation was important because Sonja Hart (local artist) is working with a large group of our Year 5 and 6 students who are working on a mural project which will be in the alleyway between Pratt Ave and Seabury Ave. The mural is based on the taniwha that Te Kenehi shared with us. The students have done an amazing job so far and we can't wait to see the final product. Some of the Year 7 and 8 students will get to work with Sonja next term..

We have our goal setting meetings next week and are looking forward to seeing some of our students whānau come in to discuss their learning and personal goals.