

FOXTON BEACH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Kia ora e te whānau

We appreciate everyone who took part in our recent survey. Many of you expressed a desire for regular updates through a newsletter, and we're pleased to share this first edition with you.

Year 5-8 Rugby Tournament Highlights

We are thrilled to share that on Friday, August 9th, a group of our Year 5-8 students represented our school in a regional rugby tournament. The selected children displayed remarkable skill, sportsmanship, and a strong sense of teamwork throughout the day.

A special thank you to Tayla, Whaea Terasa, Terrie, and Kylie for their invaluable support. They played key roles in looking after the teams, ensuring the well-being of our players, and providing enthusiastic encouragement from the sidelines. Their dedication to our students is much appreciated.



The children not only showcased their rugby skills but also demonstrated excellent fair play, showing respect and support for their teammates and opponents alike. It was a joy to witness their determination and enthusiasm on the field.

The weather was on our side, making for a fantastic day of rugby. We are incredibly proud of all the children who participated and represented our school with such pride and positivity.

Carwash

We were thrilled to see such an amazing turnout for the carwash on Saturday, August 9th. A huge thank you to our local community for supporting our children in their efforts to raise funds for their upcoming camp to Vertical Horizons in Inglewood. The kids had a blast and even claimed my vehicle might have been the dirtiest one there!

A special thanks goes to Mr. Grumpy's Takeaway for delivering hot chips, providing our kids with some hearty, warm food while they worked. We also extend our gratitude to the local Fire Station for allowing us to use their facilities and equipment, making the job much easier, and to the Foxton Rugby Club for their generous donation of sausages and drinks, which the children sold alongside the carwash—a fantastic idea!

Thank you to all the parents who showed up, supported their children, helped wash cars, motivated the kids, and got wet in the process! We are fortunate to have such incredible support. Together, we managed to have fun and raise \$800.00 towards the school camp.

Welcome Lilo and Leroy!

We are delighted to introduce our special visitors for the remainder of Term 3 and potentially Term 4—Lilo and Leroy! These adorable lambs were born in the early hours of August 9th. Unfortunately, their mother faced complications and passed away, leaving these two little ones orphaned. We have stepped in as their surrogate mothers and will be caring for them.



Important Information:

- **Feeding:** Please do not feed the lambs. They have very sensitive tummies and, without their mother's genuine antibodies, their immunity is compromised. We are providing them with the best care possible to give them a strong start.



Interaction: You are welcome to watch them play and pat them through the fence, but please do not allow children to pick them up. All children at school will have a chance to interact with Lilo and Leroy, and some may even get the opportunity to help feed them.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation as we ensure a safe and nurturing environment for our new friends.

Special Thanks: Thank You, Ruth: A heartfelt thank you to Ruth for volunteering her time to teach ukulele to our children in Kuaka Hub on Fridays. We always appreciate volunteers sharing their talents with us. If you have any time or talents you would like to share, please see the classroom teachers.

Breakfast Club Volunteers Needed: We are still looking for volunteers to support the breakfast club during the week. This involves serving Weet-Bix, milk, and some snack items. You would need to be available from approximately 10:30 - 11:10. We appreciate the help from the wonderful parents who are currently volunteering their time to support our children.

Health Update: We are experiencing a significant amount of sickness at the moment, so we appreciate your cooperation in keeping your children home when they are unwell. A big thank you for supporting us by keeping your children home last Tuesday if you were able, while we had 5 of our 8 teachers unwell. Your understanding and cooperation was greatly appreciated.

Car Park Use Reminder We want to remind everyone that the car park is designated for staff use only, and for the few families who need to drop off their children due to legitimate reasons. To ensure the safety of everyone, including our young neighbours at Best Start, it's crucial to avoid parking over driveways or on yellow lines. These restrictions are in place to prevent accidents and maintain a safe environment.

Please be considerate of the staff, who often have meetings to attend immediately after school. It can be challenging for them to navigate the car park when it's congested.

We ask that everyone show respect and model good behaviour for our children. Following the rules is not only good etiquette but also sets a positive example for the students.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Outstanding Accounts Sue is currently auditing accounts and has identified a few outstanding balances. Please see Sue to arrange payment. Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Team Kōtare

Term 3 has kicked off with an exciting focus on the Olympic Games! Our hub's tamariki have been diving into a range of intriguing questions, including:

- What do the Olympic Rings symbolise?
- Where are the Olympics held?
- What sports will be featured at the Paris Olympics?
- What is the significance of the Olympic Flame/Torch?
- What types of medals can athletes win?
- How are New Zealand's athletes performing?

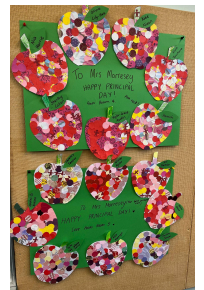
We've been cheering on our athletes and watching their competitions with great enthusiasm. The tamariki are thrilled to learn about the Olympics and look forward to supporting our Paralympians as they take to the stage.

In week 2 we celebrated Principal Day. Using our growing collage skills we made Mrs Morressey some colourful apples with help from Jo and Tay. Mrs Morressey loved them.

Hub Reminders

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

- Water bottle
- Brainfood (fruit or vegetable)
- Book bags/ Homework book
- Morning Tea





Check out our Olympic Torches...

Team Taranui

We have had a great start to Term 3. The students have been very enthusiastic about the Olympics.

Taranui has been following along keeping a tally of different countries' medals. We have investigated different countries and cultures which has led to a lot of discussions and provocations for PBL.

To celebrate Mrs Morressey on Principal day Room 6 made cards and sang her a song and Room 7 made her a book about what they think her job is - with some interesting responses.

We are delving into geometry this term delving into 2d and 3d shapes and directions.



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- Water bottle
- Room 7 Brainfood (fruit or vegetable)
- Room 7 Book bags/ Homework book
- Morning Tea



Kuaka Hub

Room One

It's been an exciting start to term 3 at Foxton Beach School. In the Kuaka Hub, we have followed the Olympics in Paris closely, creating athlete fact files, learning about new sports and investigating the nation of France. It has been awesome to celebrate New Zealand's success with the students and to see the engagement they have had in the event. Room One's next focus is New Zealand history, with an investigation of the history and importance of Kapiti Island.

Room Two

To start off the term, Room Two has looked at the Olympic games, with the students researching a favourite athlete or sport, and then creating a profile of their chosen athlete. For math our focus has been shapes and shape properties, with our next focus being 3D shapes, creating 3D shapes, and describing and differentiating them.

Room Three

We have also been engaging in various Olympic activities as part of our inquiry learning this term. The Year 7 students have had the opportunity to enhance their skills in their latest technology rotations - Wood Tech, Music and Textiles. The Year 5/6 students have begun their next design project creating their own Google Site on an interest of their choice. For our reading focus the students have been increasing their vocabulary knowledge and reading interesting topics about apex predators and GOAT (Greatest of all time) athletes.

Other important events coming up for Kuaka Hub are the Year 7-8 swimming sessions at the Foxton Pools, beginning next Thursday, and our Kerekere Cluster Kapa Haka performance at Coley Street School. A big mihi goes out to Whaea Hati for her work in this space and to our guitarists, Grace and Rueben, for giving up their time to support us. And, a big shout out to our hub students too. It's great to see so many students engaging in this opportunity, even if it might be out of their comfort zone.

Enrolments for 2025

The Board of Trustees invites applications from parents who live out of zone and wish to enrol their children at Foxtton Beach School in 2025.

Enrolment at the school is governed by an enrolment scheme, details of which can be found on our school website.

Applications can be made in writing or by emailing the Principal, principal@foxttonbeach.school.nz

The deadline for receipt of applications for out of zone places is

Tuesday 15th October 2024.

Parents of students who live within the home zone should also apply by this date to assist the school to plan appropriately for next year. Students who live in the home zone are entitled to enrol at school.

The Board has determined that up to **12 spaces between years 1 to 5 are available for out of zone students in the 2025 year.**

The exact number of places will depend on the number of applications received from students who live within the school's home zone.

If the number of out of zone applications exceeds the number of places available, students will be selected by ballot.

If a ballot is required it will be held on

Wednesday 16th October 2024.

Parents will be informed of the outcome of the ballot within three school days of the ballot being held.

Any queries please contact the Principal, Katy Morresey, principal@foxttonbeach.school.nz

Join the Foxtton Beach School Board

Wait—before you move on to the next item, have you considered taking on a role with the Board? Or maybe you know someone who would be the perfect fit?

With Board elections pending next year, we're seeking parents interested in learning more about what the role entails. Several of our current members will be stepping down, making this the perfect time for new members to join and learn the ropes.

Why Join Us?

- **Make a Difference:** Contribute to the strategic direction and success of our school.
- **Collaborate:** Work with a dedicated team committed to providing a great educational environment.
- **Grow Your Skills:** Gain experience in governance and leadership while supporting the school's vision.

Who Are We Looking For? We welcome individuals from all backgrounds, connected to their community, and interested in education and community involvement. No previous board experience is required—just a commitment to our school's goals and values.

Interested? We will be making contact soon; however, in the meantime, if you want to know more or know someone who could be the perfect match, reach out and let us know. Talk to your classroom teacher, staff, or a current Board member.

We're also planning an information evening where you can learn more about the different roles available on the Board, such as Community, Property, Finance, and Policy. Whether you're considering the role for yourself or know someone who might be a great fit, we'd love to hear from you.

Let's work together to keep Foxtton Beach School strong!