



## NEWSLETTER

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## Important Dates

- 8<sup>th</sup> Feb Waitangi Day Holiday – Observed
- 10<sup>th</sup> Feb Home and School Meeting 7:00pm
- 17<sup>th</sup> Feb Board of Trustees Meeting 7:00pm
- 26<sup>th</sup> Feb Walk and Sleepover
- 14<sup>th</sup> Mar Bike the Trail Community Event (Sunday)
- 19<sup>th</sup> Mar Colour Run (TBC)



## From the Principal

### Kia ora and Welcome back to 2021

We've had a great start back to school, further aided by some wonderful weather. I would like to warmly welcome everyone back, especially the new whānau to Fraser Crescent School. In the few days back I have already seen so much kindness and willingness to go the extra mile for our kids, from both our school community and staff. This has included donations for those in need, parents paying for other children's stationery, and many of our support staff coming in to school in their own time to get things ready for the start of the year. This is one of the reasons I love this school so much 😊

### Hui Survey

Attached with this newsletter is our Whānau Hui survey, **for those who weren't able to attend the Hui** at the end of last year. We already have lots of useful feedback, but we also want to hear from those who weren't able to make it to the Hui. Once we have this information back, we will share this feedback with our community, as well as our plans to action the key points that have been raised.

### School communication

Gone are the days of the school just using our printed newsletter to communicate with parents and whānau. We have made the decision this year not to use Signmee, as we will be using Educa more for communication and reporting. We also recommend you follow the school on Facebook, as this is a great way to be kept updated as things happen. When you catch up with your child's teacher, I suggest you have a chat with them about their preference for communication.

### Waitangi Day at Orongomai Marae

A number of our children are taking part in the Waitangi Day Celebrations at Orongomai Marae. For the last few years children from a number of Upper Hutt Schools have got together to sing a few waiata on the Marae. There are lots of other things happening at Orongomai Marae on Waitangi Day, so you might want to pop down and check out the festivities.

### Change to Term 1 FRASER Time

We use our weekly FRASER Time sessions as a way to promote and teach our FRASER Values, as well as developing other important skills with our students. We are going to continue to do this in Term 1 with our FRASER Time, but with a significant change. At our school we offer a wide range of different extra-curricular activities. For FRASER Time this term the children are going to experience a 'taster' session of each of our extra-curricular activities. This will mean by the end of the term the children will have tried a session of Art Attack, Active Adventurers, Coding Club, Kapa Haka, DanceSplash, Maker Space, Fraser's Quest and Gardening Club. Sometime our children don't fully understand what some of the clubs are until they have tried them. We are hopeful that this change will expose our students to some new activities, while also increasing the uptake in our various clubs and groups over the year.

## Clubs at Fraser Crescent School for 2021

At Fraser Crescent School we offer the children a wide range of Clubs in which they can participate. These are a great way to explore new interests, meet other children and work with different teachers. Parents are welcome to come along and help out too, just ask the teacher in charge. We recommend that you keep an eye on our Facebook page, as changes to our Clubs are often posted there.

### **Art Attack – Tuesday Morning – 7:45am**

Kaitlyn Whatton and Carla Millroy are running a before school art group called Art Attack on Tuesday mornings. This club will be held in Room 2/3 and is starting on the 9<sup>th</sup> February.

### **Active Adventurers – Fitness Club on Friday – 7:45am**

Active Adventurers will be running on Friday mornings starting at 7:45am each week. Children in the Active Adventurers Club play lots of high energy games, aimed at developing both fitness and general sporting skills. Please ensure that your child has had an appropriate breakfast before they attend. Parents and caregivers are most welcome to come along and join in the fun. We usually meet on the field if fine and in the hall if wet. Aaron Work and John Channer are running this club. This club has already started.

### **Breakfast Club – 8:00am onwards – Everyday in the Hub**

Our Hub will be open every day from 8:00am. Children are welcome to stop by for some breakfast, or may just want to read a book or play a game. Access to the Hub is via the outside doors only. Breakfast Club is a really social time for our kids. Feel free to donate a loaf of bread or a breakfast spread from time to time (not peanut butter thanks).

### **Gardening Club – Tuesday Lunchtime**

This lunchtime club will be run by Claire Hodge and Michelle Picard. It is an environmental club which will include a wide range of activities focussed on sustainability, gardening, etc. Children need to meet outside Room 5. This Club starts on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> February.

### **Coding Club – Monday Lunchtimes**

Phillipa Whiteman and Michelle Picard will be running a lunchtime Coding Club for students keen to learn to code and get creative. This Club will start later in the term but will be held in Room 10 from 1:10-1:40pm.

### **Kapa Haka Performance Group**

All of our children take part in Kapa Haka, plus we also have a performance group for children who wish to take this to the next level. This group will start later in the term and will be held in the hall. Tim Dixon-Blake and Michelle Picard will run this club.

### **Fraser Quest Programme**

At Fraser Crescent School we don't set weekly homework, instead we offer our Fraser Quest Programme. This is an optional programme, where the children can select from a wide variety of activities and challenges that develop a range of important skills. The great thing with the Quest, is that children can pick things they like, or areas that they really want to improve. Furthermore, the Quests can be completed at any time over the year. This means if your family is really busy during term time, your child might want to use the school holidays to complete their Quests. Sometimes parents have commented that their children are too busy to complete the Quests. In lots of cases you might find that the things the kids are busy doing, actually count towards the Quest programme. There is a link to the Quest on the "Home Learning – Covid" page of our school website.



# Student News

### **Walk and Sleepover – 26<sup>th</sup> February**

On Friday 26<sup>th</sup> February we will be having our annual Trentham Memorial Park walk and sleepover at school. More information about this event will be sent home shortly, but basically the whole school goes for a walk to Trentham Memorial Park and walk the Barton's Bush Track, then play at the park for a while. Once we get back to school in the afternoon, we pitch tents on the field, play games, swim in the pool, have tea, and sleep over on the field. This is a fantastic opportunity for children to start their camping experience at school. Our younger students will require a parent to join them and stay over in their tent, and as the children get older, it is a great way to experience being away from home for a night. We have found that children who attend the sleepover every year, are more comfortable heading away on our camps in Years 4/5/6. We do have some spare tents, sleeping bags etc, so be sure to let us know if you need anything.



## **School Swimming Pool Update**

Our pool is up and running with the new PVC liner installed. We also have a heating unit which means the water temperature is always inviting. Please make sure your child brings their togs every day. We often open the pool at lunchtimes for swimming too.

## **Peanut Free School Reminder**

Due to a number of children at school with severe peanut allergies (potentially life-threatening), we ask that you **DO NOT GIVE** your children peanut products in their school lunches. Peanut butter and peanuts are obvious ones to avoid. We do allow products such as muesli bars, which are labelled 'may contain traces of nuts'.

## **Fraser Crescent School – Home and School Association**

Our Home and School Association do an amazing fundraising job. This allows us to do some awesome things for all the children at Fraser Crescent School. **We need more members to help out.** It is not a big commitment. We meet once a month (usually the first Wednesday) to discuss and plan fundraising ideas, and run a few events throughout the year. It's a great way to meet other parents within the school and to give back to your child's school. Over the years our Home and School have helped fund trips and buses, entertainers, sports gear, uniforms, outdoor education equipment and iPads to name a few of the projects they have supported. Our first Home and School meeting for the year will be on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> February at 7:00pm in the staffroom. Please consider popping along and joining us.

## **School Stationery**

2021 Stationery lists were made available during the holidays. Thank you to the parents/caregivers who have arranged the purchase of their child/children's stationery already. If you have yet to purchase your child's stationery, can you please do so promptly as all our classes have started their learning programmes. Stationery can be purchased through the school office; alternatively, you can purchase it elsewhere.

## **Reminder about bell times and the school driveway**

Please remember that school starts at 8:55am each morning. Children need to be here prior to this time. Morning tea is from 10:40am – 11:00am and lunchtime is from 12:55pm -1:50pm. The school entry on Redwood Street is closed each day between 8:30am - 9:00am and 2:45pm -3:15pm. This means that vehicles may not travel up or down the driveway at these times as we are working together to keep all our children safe (**the driveway will be blocked**)

## **Sun Smart Fraser - Sun Safety – Slip! Slop! Slap! And Wrap!**

We aim to be a Sun Safe School and ask that students have a sunhat at school during Term 1 & 4 each year. All children need to wear a hat in the playground at interval, lunchtime, during class PE lessons and Senior and Junior Team Sport times. Any children who don't have a hat at school will spend their play and lunchtime in the shade, under the sun shelter or in the Hub. **Please ensure that your child brings a hat to school every day or keeps one in their tote tray or bag.** We also recommend children come to school with sun block on, and even bring some to school. Some children (often girls) wear singlet tops which provide very little protection from the sun. Can parents and caregivers please consider the clothing that your child is wearing to school in the first and fourth terms.

## **Consent for School Trips**

It is worthwhile noting that our Education Outside The Classroom (EOTC) policy allows the school to take students on some trips without signed parental permission. Trips with minimal safety concerns usually require that the school only 'advises' parents and caregivers about the trip, rather than seeking permission. Please be aware of this in terms of checking the newsletter, Educa or schoolbags for trip notices, etc. If you have any questions about this 'blanket consent' please don't hesitate to contact John Channer.

## **Lost and Found – name all clothing and belongings**

Please make sure that you name all of your child's clothing and belongings such as shoes, lunchboxes, undies, togs, towels etc. We will keep unnamed lost property at school for 2 weeks before donating it to charity.

## **Contact Details**

We have many occasions during the year where we need to be able to contact parents and caregivers. Can you please take a moment (phone, email or call in at the office) to check that we have your correct contact details, including home phone, mobile phone, postal address and email address?

Ngā mihi nui,  
John Channer  
Next Newsletter 19<sup>th</sup> February

# FRASER CRESCENT SCHOOL

## LUNCH LIST FOR 2021

Lunches are prepared and supplied by:

Redwood Dairy  
Redwood Street  
Upper Hutt

Phone / Fax 04 527 0373

### HOW TO ORDER:

**Please put the correct money in an envelope with your child's name, classroom and lunch required on the outside. If you do not have the correct money or wish to pay by EFTPOS, you can order at the dairy. All lunch orders must be put in the classroom lunchbox before school commences. All classroom lunch boxes must be taken to the office before 9:45am**

### PIES

Steak and cheese	\$2.40
Mince and Cheese	\$2.40
Mince Pie	\$2.40
Bacon & Egg Pie	\$2.50
Potato Top Pie	\$2.50
Butter Chicken Pie	\$3.80
Sausage Rolls (2 pieces)	\$2.00
Savouries (mince only)	\$1.20

### OTHERS

Muesli Bar	\$1.00
Garlic Bread	\$1.50
Le Snak (original Flavour only)	\$1.00
Mini Rice Crackers	\$1.00
Mini Pizza	\$3.00
Macaroni Cheese	\$3.20
Cup of Noodles (Chicken or Beef Flavour)	\$2.50
Yoghurt 150ml Pottle	\$1.40
Mini Cookie	\$1.20
Graduate Triple/Double Chocolate Cookie	\$1.90
Cookie Time Cookie	\$2.70
Chocolate Chip Muffin	\$1.20

### FRUIT

Apple	\$1.00
Banana	\$1.00

### DRINKS

NZ Spring Water 750mls	\$2.50
Pump Water 750ml	\$3.50
Mini Pump 400ml	\$2.50

## 2020 Whānau Hui Follow Up Survey – February 2021

At the end of last year, we held a Whānau Hui at school in order to gain feedback on some of the programmes and initiatives that we have been implementing and changing at school. We had a huge turn out on the night of the Hui and were able to gather a lot of information. However, some of community were unable to attend and we would love to hear your feedback.

**If you were unable to attend on the night, or you have more ideas that you would like to add, we would appreciate it if you could take a few minutes to complete this survey. If you did attend the Hui, then you don't need to fill in this survey.**

We hope that the questions below make sense. The following is a link to the slides that we showed at the Whānau Hui which provides further information if needed.

[https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1BKlBkd-iMTVT7V3uY\\_Dr8gLMvABDKhxdPXW738nCy7w/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1BKlBkd-iMTVT7V3uY_Dr8gLMvABDKhxdPXW738nCy7w/edit?usp=sharing)

**There were four main areas that we wanted some specific feedback on at the Whānau Hui:**

- PB4L (Positive Behaviour for Learning) programme
- School Camps
- NPD (New Pedagogies for Deep Learning) programme
- Our Fraser School Curriculum

**PB4L (Positive Behaviour for Learning)** *This is a new positive behaviour programme that we started at Fraser Crescent School at the start of 2020. It positively teaches students the correct behaviours for a range of different situations and areas at school. Tokens are used to reinforce the correct behaviours. These tokens contribute towards class and whole school acknowledgements.*

1. Do you have any ideas or can you provide (possible sponsorship) any reward opportunities in 2021? School wide celebrations ideas, rewards for students to keep things fresh & interesting!
  
2. Do you think our acknowledgement system is easier to understand now, purposeful and fair?
  
3. Have you noticed any difference in the way your children feel and talk about our Fraser Values and PB4L Programme now?

**School Camps.** *At Fraser Crescent School we do a number of camps for students in Years 4-6. We believe these offer highly valuable experiences for our students. In 2020 our Year 4 students had an overnight visit to the Wellington Zoo, our Year 5 students took part in some locally based activities such as ice skating, swimming and a sleepover at school, and our Year 6 students had a 4-day camp at Makahika (near Levin).*

1. Did your child go on camp last year and if so how did they find it? (please specify which camp)
  
2. Camps are a big financial commitment. Do you think camp offers value for money? How could we support more families to get their children to camp? What barriers might people face?

3. Do you have any other feedback related to camps at Fraser Crescent School?

**NPDL (New Pedagogies for Deep Learning) programme.** *NPDL is a programme that the school has been involved with for the last couple of years. The aim of NPDL is to foster deep (effective) learning so all learners contribute towards a common good, address challenges and flourish in a complex world.*

1. What are some of the things your child has been passionate about in their learning in 2020?
2. Have you seen your child engage in authentic real world learning/problem solving at home, talked about what they have been doing at school, in other situations?
3. Have you seen your child transfer learning from one setting or activity to another e.g. from school to home, from home to a sports activity or outdoor recreation activity (and how)?

**Fraser Curriculum.** *We have our own school Curriculum. A focus of our Fraser Curriculum is to continue to provide a rich academic programme, while also developing other key life skills that children will need to be successful.*

1. In 2020 your child was given a FRASER/competency goals. Were you well aware of the goal and feel this was an appropriate goal? How did you find Educa (the app we used to share goals and reporting)?
2. What other programmes and opportunities could we provide our learners to further develop their competencies/soft skills? We want to offer our students a broad and rich curriculum.
3. Are there any skills, contacts, resources that you have or can access to support our creative programmes in the Hub and/or classroom?
4. Your ideas about reducing equity issues for our students. How can we get greater participation, particularly in extra-curricular activities?

*Thank you for taking the time to complete this survey. You can either return this form to the school office or email it to [principal@frasercres.school.nz](mailto:principal@frasercres.school.nz)*