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NEWSLETTER

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Important Dates

12 th Dec	Board of Trustees meeting 6:30pm
13 th Dec	Year 6 Celebration
14 Dec	Final Assembly 11:00am Start
14 th Dec	End of Term 4 at 1:00pm
31 st Jan 2019	First day of school 2019

Please note we close at 1:00pm on the last day of school.



From the Principal

End of Year Reflection

The 2018 school year is almost over and at this time of year I always do a brief reflection in the school newsletter. The year started with myself being on sabbatical leave, as I undertook some study, and Michelle Picard, Phillipa Whiteman, Lorna Cowell and Ellen Stirling taking on the leadership of the school in my absence. The whole staff worked together to provide a great start for the children. Due to some access issues around the school, we received a major property upgrade which has resulted in all classes having a wonderful deck to use. This year has seen our children taking part in a wide range of sports, arts and cultural opportunities, both within and beyond the school. The Upper Hutt Cultural Festival, Poly Fest and DanceSplash were all fantastic events that have created highly memorable experiences for our children that took part. Over the year we have been working with staff and children to develop and shape our school curriculum, as we respond to an ever changing world. At the moment we have 5 draft curriculum principles which will guide everything that we do at the school. These will be shared with our community for feedback in Term 1 next year.

In terms of next year, we have transformed our philosophies, budgets and programmes around our school curriculum and meeting the needs of our diverse learners. This has resulted in a number of big changes including more teacher aide funding and resourcing for our Junior Learning Through Play programmes, as well as how we take our philosophies of fun, excitement and curiosity and promote these more with our senior children. Another major change for 2019 is the establishment of our Hub, which will be located in Room 9. This multi-purpose space will provide about a dozen different functions to support our students including a before school breakfast club, library, calm zone, lunchtime club, and the site of our extension and gifted and talented programmes to name a few. More details about the Hub will be shared early next year.

Finally in my reflection, I want to acknowledge all the hard working and committed people within our Fraser Family who go the extra mile to support our children. This includes our Home and School who raise thousands of dollars every year for all the extra bits for our kids, as well as being available to help out when needed. I also want to recognise all of our parents and whanau who have helped out over the year on various trips, events, camps etc, as these sorts of things can't happen without your support. Our hard working Board of Trustees deserves a mention for all of their efforts in governing the school over the year, with a continued focus on both students and staff. I would like to highlight the fantastic work of our hard working and flexible teacher aides and support staff (we have over a dozen) who go the extra mile to support our children and staff in so many different ways. In closing, I want to also recognise our teachers for all of their efforts over the year. Teaching is both a rewarding and challenging profession, and I have appreciated the ongoing commitment from the teachers to provide fantastic programmes for our students, as well as looking after the children's well-being.

Class Lists

Class lists for next year will be shared with students and parents on our first day back (Thursday 31st January). We get a lot of students come and go over the summer holiday break and confirming the class lists in 2019 allows us to better manage the numbers of children in each class for the year ahead. Plus, it is nice to see so many parents come along on the first day to find out which class their child will be in.

Junior Syndicate		Senior Syndicate	
Carla Millroy	New Entrants	Frances Silva	Year 4
Lorna Cowell	Year 1	Kaitlyn Whatton	Year 4/5
Tim Dixon-Blake	Year 2	Teresa Salter	Year 5/6
Michelle Picard	Year 2	Robyn Stent	Year 5/6
Janine Bullard	Year 3	Aaron Work	Year 5/6
Claire Hodge	Year 3		

The above table shows year level placements of teachers for next year. You will notice that Michelle Picard is returning to the classroom next year as a teaching Deputy Principal, while Phillipa Whiteman will be our released Deputy Principal.



From the Board

November Board Meeting Update

Upcoming Board of Trustees elections were discussed at our meeting and we urge members of our school community to consider standing as a parent trustee in our Board elections in 2019. Further information about this will be sent out early next year. The Board would also like to wish everyone a happy and safe summer break.



School News

Fraser's Quest Assembly Friday 7th December

I would like to thank all the students for their amazing efforts over the year, much of which was acknowledged at our Fraser's Quest Assembly. The Quests give the children an opportunity to learn more about themselves and the things they are interested in. A lot of our students went the extra mile and took on responsibilities which have contributed a lot to the life of the school. The school holidays provide an opportune time for children to complete a few Quests and get a head start on the year ahead.

Fraser Carnival

We held our carnival as a fun way to celebrate the end of the year. This event included an ice cream from Mr Whippy, a gigantic bouncy castle and a number of fun games and activities for children. We used some profits that we made from the Upper Hutt Cultural Festival to fund this exciting event. I would like to thank the parents and staff who helped out with this event.

Fraser Crescent School Facebook Page

I understand there are mixed views about social media, but we are using our school Facebook page more frequently to share information, particularly last minute updates and reminders. We do encourage members of our school community to follow us online, to keep informed with what is happening.

End of Year - Assembly

Fraser Crescent School will be **finishing for the year at 1pm on Friday 14th December 2018**. We will be holding our final assembly for the year at 11:00am on this day. Our school community is welcome to come along and join us at this assembly.

SignMee

A number of parents have signed up to receive notices and newsletters via SignMee BUT have not completed the sign-up process. Please go to the original notification and follow the steps to start receiving information from school via the SignMee process.



Pool Keys for the 2019 Swimming Season

Pool keys for the summer swimming season will be available to members of the Fraser Crescent School community to collect after Monday 10th December. The pool will open on 2nd January 2019. The cost of a pool key is \$80.00. There is a reduction for Home and School Association and Board of Trustees Members. Pool rules need to be obeyed by community users. A list of pool key holders will be on display in the pool area.

Year 6 students attending Maidstone intermediate in 2019



The next important date to mark on your calendar is:

13 December 2018. Open afternoon from 3-7.00 pm

This is an opportunity for you and your child to view the classroom they will be in next year and find out who will be in their class. Your child will receive an Information Pack. This will include an Induction Booklet, Uniform List, Basic School-wide Stationery list etc

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Take care
Ngā mihi nui, Have a happy and safe summer break
John Channer
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