



NEWSLETTER

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Important Dates

3 rd March	Bike the Trail – Community event.
4 th March	Camp Meeting at 6pm
6 th March	Home and School AGM and Meeting
18 th March	Teacher Union meeting
19 th March	Year 1 & 2 Swimming Carnival 11am – 1pm
20 th March	Board meeting
21 st March	Year 3 Swimming Carnival 11am - 1pm
22 nd March	Senior Swimming Event 11am – 1pm
27 th March	BikeTec visit (more info to come)
3 rd April	Home and School Meeting
10 th April	Colour Run
12 th April	Sky Lantern Festival
12 th April	End of Term 1



From the Principal

Teacher Union Meeting – Monday 18th March

It seems likely that there will be a teacher union (NZEI) meeting on the afternoon of **Monday 18th March**. This will likely result in Fraser Crescent School closing for the afternoon. Further details about this will be sent home closer to the time.

Walk and Sleepover

The morning started with some early drizzle but the weather continued to improve throughout the day, making it a perfect day for the walk and sleepover. The children walked the Maidstone Park loop track and then had a chance to play at Maidstone Max, before returning to school. Shortly after 3:00pm our school field transformed into a campground with about 60 tents being erected. The sleepover afternoon was filled with games, swimming, a lolly scramble, tug-of-war, disco and a game of spotlight, before finally going to bed. This event is a great way to start the year, meet members of our school community and give the children a camping experience with the school. I would like to thank the children, family and whanau who attended and supported this event, as well as acknowledging the extra effort from the staff in making this a wonderful event. A big shout out to Phillipa Whiteman who was our official "Camp Mum" and organiser of this year's walk and sleepover.



From the Board

February Board Meeting

A few updates to report from our February Board of Trustees meeting. Firstly, Anne-Marie Wilson was voted in as our Board's new Chairperson, taking over from Rose Tait who resigned from the Board at the end of 2018. Later this year we will be holding Board of Trustee elections, and I urge parents to consider standing as a parent trustee for the Board. Further information about the elections will be shared with our school community in the coming months.

Our School Pool

I think it is worth bringing to everyone's attention how fortunate we are to have a swimming pool at Fraser Crescent School. Over the decades, many schools have closed their pools due to the costs associated with keeping them operating. I would estimate that it costs approximately \$10,000.00 a year to keep our pool operating. We have recently spent about \$15,000.00 having the changing room floors resurfaced. Developing confidence in the water and learning to swim is an important skill to have, especially in a country with abundant access to rivers, lakes and the sea.

Tomorrow's Schools Review

New Zealand's education system is in the early stages of a large scale review. This is likely to create as much change as the Tomorrow's Schools initiative of 1989, which saw the disbanding of the Education Department

and the introduction of self-managing schools, through the establishment of school Boards of Trustees. If you would like to read the review summary to keep yourself informed about the proposed changes, visit the following site. <https://conversation.education.govt.nz/assets/TSR/Tomorrows-Schools-Intro-and-Summary-ENGLISH.pdf>
Your views count and submissions about the review can be made, but need to be completed before the 7th April 2019. Submissions can be made via tomorrows.schools@education.govt.nz



Student News

Fraser Quests – Thomas M is going for it!!!

I am a firm believer that the more effort you put into things, the more you get out of them. A really good example of this is Thomas's efforts with his Fraser Quests. Being one of our younger students hasn't stopped him from getting fully involved with our Quest programme. In fact, Thomas has almost completed his required number of Quests for the year already, although I wouldn't be surprised to see him taking on a few more challenges. Thomas is pictured on this newsletter displaying his biking Quest and his baking Quest (my favourite as I got to sample his delicious baking!) The Fraser Quests are a really fun way to promote learning outside of school. Be sure to pop into the office if you would like a copy of the Quest booklet. Keep up the awesome work Thomas.

Bike The Trail – Sunday 3rd March

This is a fun community event which we have supported as a school for a number of years. The bike ride starts at Harcourt Park and riders can either ride to Stokes Valley (which most of us do) or Petone for those who are keener. All information about this event is on the website <http://www.bikethetrail.co.nz/bike-the-trail-2019/> You will need to complete the registration form online. We recommend you click on the 'Cruising It' category, which leaves about 10:00am. Keep an eye out for the Fraser riders from 9:00am at Harcourt Park. We will ride as one group to start with, stopping early in the ride for a lolly scramble. Please note that this is a community event and children will need a parent to accompany them, as well as a safe bike, helmet etc.



School News

Fraser Crescent School on Facebook

We find that social media is a great way to keep our community informed about things that are going on at school. It is really helpful for last minute things like cancellations and the like. We highly recommend that you follow the school on Facebook, especially if your child participates in any of our before or after school clubs.

Lunchonline

Just a reminder to parents that children can order their lunch through Lunchonline on Tuesdays (Sushi) and Thursdays (Pita Pit). Go to www.lunchonline.co.nz to register an account.



Community Notices

Little Heart Day

On Friday 22nd February Fraser Crescent School supported the NZ Heart Foundation's Little Heart Day appeal. Our students' clothing created a sea of red and they generously donated gold coins to fundraise for this great cause. One of our students, Emily presented a Fraser Quest to the whole school at the start of the day explaining why Little Heart Day was particularly important to her family. Thank you Emily (supported by Carys & Alyssa) for bringing this worthwhile appeal to our attention and sharing your story. Thanks also to students, parents and whanau for getting on board and supporting this day with such enthusiasm. Best wishes from the Fraser Crescent Family to your family, Emily.

Ngā mihi nui,
John Channer
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A few photos of recent events



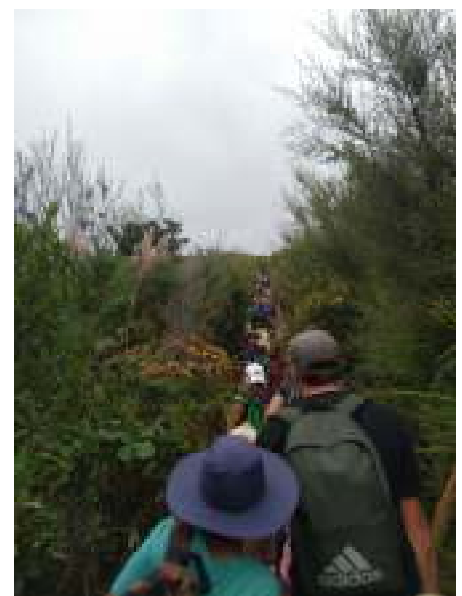
A couple of pictures from our Little Heart Day fundraiser.



Games in the Hub.



Danish Rounders BBQ



Maidstone Park Walk.



Thomas with his awesome Quest work.



The Fraser Crescent School Holiday Park!