



## NEWSLETTER

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16<sup>th</sup> April 2021



Important Dates

16 <sup>th</sup> Apr	End of Term 1
3 <sup>rd</sup> May	Start of Term 2
5 <sup>th</sup> May	Home and School Meeting
19 <sup>th</sup> May	Board of Trustees Meeting
28 <sup>th</sup> May	H & S Disco
4 <sup>th</sup> June	Teacher Only Day
7 <sup>th</sup> June	Queen's Birthday Weekend



## From the Principal

### Term One – A few reflections

This time last year we were in lockdown and almost everything was cancelled, and our kids were missing out on a lot of things. One year later, and this term has been a real cracker with more on offer than ever for our kids. The weather has also come to the party this term for key events such as the sleepover, Bike the Trail, PB4L Celebration Day (water activities), Colour Run and the Sky Lantern Festival. Giving the children the opportunity to try various extra-curricular activities at our weekly Fraser Time has seen record numbers attending these clubs throughout the week. The uptake in our Fraser Quest Home Learning programme has been phenomenal and I have children sharing their inspiring Quests with me on a daily basis. Adding to this the wonderful support of the Upper Hutt City Council, as we now have a large number of kids taking part in sports, arts, music and other exciting programmes within the community, funded by the UHCC. This positive start to the year sets a great platform for the terms ahead, all of which have lots of other exciting things planned! We will keep you posted.

### Our Amazing Support Staff



Pictured on the left is our team of teacher aides who do an amazing job at our school. They provide an extensive range of support services to our students, staff and whānau. Our teacher aides embrace our FRASER Value of **Enthusiasm** and always go the extra mile. A recent example of this was their support of our recent Colour Run, where they helped with the decorations, set up, and supporting the kids to take part. This team often have some of the most challenging jobs at our school, and we simply could not function as a school without their efforts. On a personal note, I feel both lucky and very privileged to work alongside this amazing team, led by Franziska Ravera, our Special Education Needs Coordinator (SENCO).

### Home Learning in the Upcoming Holidays

The school holidays provide a great opportunity for students to continue their learning in really fun ways. A fantastic place to start is our Fraser Quest programme, details of which can be found on our school website at <https://www.fraser cres.school.nz/home-learning/>. A visit to the public library is a great way to maintain and develop your child's reading in the holiday break. Children can also access a lot of learning opportunities online. Websites such as Pinterest and Youtube are great, however we recommend you support your children when accessing these sites (and others) as there are often nasties lurking on the internet!

## Big Newsletter

Last week we sent home our Big Newsletter, which outlines the actions following our 2020 Whānau Hui. If you didn't receive this, or wanted to provide some feedback, please let me know. We value your views and ideas, so send me an email via [principal@fraser cres.school.nz](mailto:principal@fraser cres.school.nz) if there is anything you would like to raise.



## From the Board

There were a couple of items of interest for our school community from our April Board of Trustees meeting. The Board have now ratified our 2021 Budget. If you would like to see how we allocated our funds, please let me know. The Board are always open to hearing about your thoughts for future spending in the school, so if you have any ideas, please let us know. Finally, the Board have completed their annual compliance and assurance audit, ensuring that we are meeting all the required guidelines.



## School News

### Hub breakfast donations

We have heaps of kids turn up every morning in the Hub. Some to eat or have a Milo, some to play games or chat with their friends. We really like the positive and social aspects of this, plus it's a warm place for the kids on those winter mornings which are rapidly approaching. We are always on the lookout for food donations. Items such as Nutella, Milo, margarine and bread are always welcome. Another great way to support our breakfast club is with a \$10 grocery voucher, if you are in a position to do this. Thanks to our wonderful Hub team for putting on bacon and eggs this morning. A great way to end the term.

### Home and School Chocolate Fund-raiser

This fundraiser has now finished. If you have not already done so, please return all monies and unsold chocolates to the school office on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> May.

### School Pool Closed 1<sup>st</sup> April 2021

If you have not yet returned your pool key, please hand them back to the office on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> May. Thank you.



## Community Notices

### Clyma Park Community Garden Sky Lantern Festival

This event was held last Friday in the Community Gardens behind our school. We had a large number of our school families join members of the local community to play games in the park and enjoy a sausage sizzle or picnic tea. The Fraser Crescent School Kapa Haka Roopu performed for the first time this year and did a wonderful performance. We were very proud of our students who had the courage to step up and take on a leadership role for our Kapa Haka Roopu. The photo included in the newsletter was taken by Hu Guo.

### New Community Alerts Link added to our Educa messages, school website and Facebook page

The Community Alerts Directory has been developed to provide school communities with a centralised resource for accessing important information and updates for events relevant to their communities both nationally and regionally. There are national and regional news alerts from organisations such as the Ministry of Health, NZ Police, and Fire and Emergency with links to important announcements and updates. You will find this image/link in our Educa Message Board Newsletter Post each fortnight.



Ngā mihi nui,  
John Channer  
Next Newsletter Friday 14<sup>th</sup> May

## Our latest Fraser Photo Gallery



Art Attack kids in action



Jaroe with his amazing comic



Ava with her Bee Fraser Quest



Sky lantern festival



Upcoming Annie Show starring Bonnie



A couple of our Basketball teams