



NEWSLETTER

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Important Dates

12 th April	Sky Lantern Festival (bad weather Postponement date – 13 th April)
12 th April	End of Term 1
19 th -23 rd April	Easter
25 th April	Anzac Day
29 th April	Start of Term 2
19 th May	Inter-School Cross Country



From the Principal

News from the Hub

Earlier in the week a separate Hub newsletter was sent home. If you didn't receive this and would like a copy, please ask at the school office. A quick summary of the Hub newsletter is that it's going really well, and continues to support all of our children in lots of different ways. We are keen for parent views on the Hub and asked a few questions. If you have a couple of minutes over the school holidays, please feel free to provide us with some feedback. Emailing me is a great way at principal@frasercrest.school.nz. Any feedback is always welcome, but a few questions to consider about the Hub are as follows:

1. Has your child made any comments about the Hub? If so, what are they?
2. Are there any additional services you feel the Hub could provide to support your child, whanau or family?
3. Do you have any suggestions on how we could improve the Hub?

Union Meetings for Teachers

Earlier this term the school was scheduled to close for the afternoon for a teacher union meeting, however, the meeting was postponed due to the tragic events in Christchurch. These meetings have now been rescheduled for early in the second term. We appreciate the impact meetings like this can have on our parent community so this time we are going to keep the school open. This means half the staff attend one of two local meetings, being held on the afternoon of Monday 6th May and Wednesday 8th May. Due to being short staffed on these afternoons, our regular classroom programmes won't be running, and we will provide an alternative activity for the students.

BOT elections

Our Board of Trustees will be holding triennial elections on 7th June 2019. Please consider if you would like to stand for the Board of Trustees in this important Governance role for our school. I welcome any queries that you may have about being a Trustee and any of our current Board can talk with you as well. The NZSTA website has a wealth of information: <https://www.nzsta.org.nz/advice-and-support/information-for-parents/>

School Assembly

It was good to see so many family members at our assembly on Monday. We had a wonderful demonstration from Arohanui Strings (including some of our very talented students), who offer music lessons to students. See the information in the community section of this newsletter for further details about their holiday music programme. I also shared a bit of information about goal setting with the children and started this off by asking the following question 'What will you be able to do at the end of next term or the end of the year, that you can't do now?' On the next page of the newsletter I have included a few of the slides from my talk, which might be useful to chat further about at home with your children. If you have any suggestions or comments about the assemblies please let me know – principal@frasercrest.school.nz

A few of the slides from the goal setting session at assembly.

Goal Setting. A few tips...

Make it something you really want to achieve.

And is possible to achieve.

Be specific

Share your goal - Get help

Have a plan

Be prepared to sacrifice

Expect failures and setbacks

Review how you did

3 Goals for Mr Channer

Short Term Goals

- Run 21 kms (half marathon) on the hills
- Do 20 pull-ups without stopping.

Longer Term Goals

- Learn to Foil surf (like surfing but with a hydrofoil)
- Learn to Weld

Your next steps...

- Think about setting yourself a goal
- Share it if you like. Home, at school, with me.
- Let us know how you did.

Make sure it's something important to you.

Possible goals could include:

- Learn to do double dutch (20 jumps)
- Cup stacking in under 4 seconds
- Learn Te Reo = names for 50 objects
 - Juggle 3 balls
 - Receive the Cultural Cup
- Learn all of your 7 times tables
- Ride the unicycle or a bike



School News

Cross Country and Colour Run

On Wednesday afternoon we held our school Cross Country and Colour Run. Many of our children Strived for Success and took part in the competitive run. Following this, we had our Colour Run, which all the children, and most of the staff, really enjoyed. The fun nature of this event results in most children running numerous laps of the course, having a great time and forgetting the actual effort required to run! A big thank you the staff who went the extra mile to organise this event, as well as the helpers who turned up on the day to squirt the kids, give away ice blocks etc. I would also like to thank the New Zealand Fire Service for bringing along a fire truck and dousing the kids as they ran past. Last year many of the children said they didn't get that wet running the Colour Run, so the Fire Service helped out a lot in changing that for this year's run. If your children got sponsorship for the Colour Run, please return the money to the office as soon as possible. Many thanks.

Chocolate Sales – These have gone really well with lots of boxes of Whittaker's chocolates flying out the door. Please be sure to return your chocolate money to the school shortly. Many thanks to those people who have already done so.

Friends of the Home and School. – Do you want to help out at school with fundraisers, events etc but can't attend Home and School meetings? We have a group called Friends of Home and School who do just that. If you would like your name added to our Friends of the Home and School list, please let us know by emailing, Sarah on homeandschool@frasercres.school.nz

Colour Run and Arohanui Strings



Arohanui Strings

Once again Arohanui Strings is offering a free holiday programme in the second week of the holidays, Tuesday April 23 to Friday April 26, 1-4 pm each day (including ANZAC day), at Pomare School. Children will enjoy tuition on musical instruments, singing, and a free afternoon tea is also provided. The week culminates in a concert on Friday at 3 pm to which families are invited. We have a great team of experienced and qualified teachers and are looking forward to an exciting week of music-making. Register early to secure a place by completing a registration form or email 4janeyoung@gmail.com to have one sent to you.

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ANZ OLYMPIC SCHOOL

We have registered as an ANZ Olympic School which provides us with resources and rewards to inspire our school community.

If you're looking to take out a home or business loan, simply provide the name of our school when speaking with an ANZ representative. When your loan is drawn down, we will receive credits to spend at the ANZ Awards Centre on items like sporting equipment and computers.

To discuss an ANZ home or business loan, visit your local ANZ branch, or call a Home Loan Specialist on 0800 269 4663 or a Business Specialist on 0800 269 249.



Ngā mihi nui,
John Channer
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Learning at Home



With the school holidays next week, it is an opportune time to remind our community about learning outside of school. **We often find that after a break from school, some children go backwards with their learning. This doesn't need to be the case.** As well as being a Principal, I am also a parent of two school-aged children. Here are a few of my thoughts that I wanted to share about learning out of school. Have a read and see if there is anything you require from the school before the holidays start.

1. **Make it fun.** If the learning is too hard or boring, it probably won't be successful. I find one of the best things to do with my children is play games. Card and dice games are often a great way to support maths and problem solving. One of my favourite games is Yahtzee, which is cheap to buy and easy to play. Another great game for children to support literacy, is Bananagrams. This is similar to scrabble, but much simpler for children to play. Monopoly Deal is another great game that involves lots of thinking and strategy and it's also reasonably cheap to buy. Children are highly motivated to play games, and if you select the right ones, there is lots of learning involved.
2. **Online learning.** There are lots of fun apps and games which can support learning. These are often fun, and in many cases, provide activities appropriate to children's individual level. Many of our students have access to Sumdog and Maths Buddy. I suggest parents monitor the sort of learning activities that children are doing online, to ensure that they are worthwhile.
3. **Use the library.** Reading is one of the most important skills that children need at school. This is also an area that children often slip backwards in over the holidays. Children can take books out from our school library and there is the Upper Hutt Public Library. Using the Public Library is a fun and free activity so be sure to pop along in the holidays and get a few books out. If your child picks some books which are a bit hard, you may want to read these to your children. A few of my children's favourite books include any of the Roald Dahl series, as well as David Walliam books including Gansta Granny, Billionaire Boy and Ratburger. The Tom Gates Series of books are also very popular with children. Another idea is to check out the Whitcoulls top 50 Children's Books at <http://www.whitcoulls.co.nz/top-listings/kids-top-50>
4. **Get involved with some Fraser Quests.** These are a fun way for children to get involved with all sorts of different learning outside of school, and the holidays are an opportune time to complete a few. There are lots of different Quests so there is something for everyone. The basic rule in terms of the Quests is that the more students put into them, the more they get out of them. If you can, take a photo or bring in some of the children's creations as this is a fantastic way to inspire other children to do the Quests. Ask at the office if you don't have a copy of the correct year level Quest booklet for your child.
5. **Resources at school.** We have a range of support materials at school to support learning in the home. This includes separate booklets to support reading, writing and mathematics at home. Plus we have a range of games and activities that we can provide to be used in the home. If you would like any of these materials, please see let us know, and we can email them to you.

Use your imagination, learning opportunities are all around us. You or your child can tell us about what sort of home learning you've been up to in the holidays, and you might win a prize! Let us know after the holidays.

Many thanks, John Channer