



## NEWSLETTER

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## Newsletter 8

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## Important Dates

28 <sup>th</sup> May	AFL – Interschool Competition
29 <sup>th</sup> May	Strike Day – School CLOSED
3 <sup>rd</sup> June	Queen's Birthday Holiday
5 <sup>th</sup> June	Home and School Meeting
7 <sup>th</sup> June	School Reports to go out
19 <sup>th</sup> June	Parent Interviews
19 <sup>th</sup> June	Board of Trustees meeting
24 <sup>th</sup> June	School Assembly 2:00pm
4 <sup>th</sup> July	Hutt Fest – Walter Nash Stadium
5 <sup>th</sup> July	End of Term 2



## From the Principal

### Nationwide Teacher and Principal Strike 29<sup>th</sup> May 2019 – School Closed

Please note that Fraser Crescent School will be closed for the full day on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> May as there is a nation-wide strike which will involve all of our teachers. This means that we are unable to open the school for instruction, and that you will need to make alternative arrangements and supervision for your children. I apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.

### Hub Newsletter

On Monday we sent out a copy of the latest Hub Newsletter. This newsletter mentioned that the Hub continues to be used for an extensive range of services and has seen positive increases in the number of students using the Hub for independent work, social skills and Early Words. We are really keen for another **volunteer to help run our Early Words programme**. Running Early Words isn't difficult and training will be provided, so speak with our Hub team if you are interested. We are really keen to run a number of extension programmes through the Hub and are investigating ways in which we can do this. We are also running a Hub Student Survey at the moment, so please encourage your children to take part. Finally, our Hub Breakfast Club remains really popular. If you are in a position to support this, any **donations of bread, Milo and hazelnut spread would be fantastic**.

### Positive Behaviour for Learning - School Wide (PB4L - SW)

This year our school has started training in the programme, Positive Behaviour for Learning - School-Wide (PB4L-SW). At Fraser Crescent School we have begun developing a school-wide approach to teaching appropriate behaviours for learning and interacting with others. Positive Behaviour for Learning- School Wide (PB4L-SW) is being implemented through the PB4L team who attend regional training and coaching sessions. This school team meets regularly to monitor, plan and facilitate professional learning opportunities for our staff. Phillipa Whiteman has been nominated as our coach and Michelle Picard our Team Leader. Together they will mentor and provide support for staff to help embed this new learning.

At our school we currently have the Fraser Values which have served us well. We will look at these values alongside our FCS Curriculum Principles and with consultation, decide which values and expectations are now the most relevant for our students. We hope to re-define our school expectations together with students, staff & the wider school community. We will design a system for teaching expectations and for rewarding positive social behaviour. These expectations will be clearly displayed in classrooms and students will be rewarded when they show them.

In Term 3 we will hold a whanau hui to ask for your opinions and feedback. We value our communities input into this system and will be looking forward to working alongside families and students to help create this behaviour approach.



## From the Board

### Board Blurb – May Update

It was a busy May Board meeting with a number of reports being shared with the Board. One of the reports that was shared was the Attendance Report. We do have a number of students whose attendance at school is less than 80%. Sometimes this is a short-term issue related to sickness or overseas travel. Students who regularly have a lot of days off school, often start to struggle both academically and socially. Our Board would like to stress the importance of students coming to school on a regular basis. The Senior School Maths PAT results were shared with the Board. These results will be used by teachers to inform their programmes and the test will be re-administered at the end of the year, in order to measure student progress. On a final note, our 2019 Charter has been sent to the Ministry of Education. Our Charter has annual goals for this year around the continued development of our school curriculum, improving classroom culture and student behaviour, and increasing well-being throughout the school.



## School News

### Parent – Teacher Interviews Wednesday 19th June

On Wednesday 19th June we will be holding Parent-Teacher interviews. This will provide an opportunity for parents, caregivers and students to have a discussion with teachers following up from the reports which will be sent home in the middle of the term. The school will be closing early at 2:00pm, to allow enough time for all of the interviews. Booking information will be sent home shortly.

### Hutt Fest – Walter Nash Stadium, Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> July

The Fraser Crescent School Cultural Club will be participating in the HuttFest (the new name for the Hutt Valley Polyfest) again this year. This event is held at the Walter Nash Centre in Taita. Our school Cultural Club will be performing on **Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> July**, doors open at 5.00pm and the evening performance takes place from 6.00pm- 8.00pm-ish. We have been provided with a limited number of tickets for this event. The tickets are **\$5.00 each** and available from the **Fraser Crescent School office from Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May until 3.00pm on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> June**. At this stage we are restricting the number of tickets to 2 per family, however, if you would like the opportunity to purchase more tickets, please ask to have your name and the number of tickets required [including payment] recorded on the booking sheet.

### Quiz Night – Thank You

I would like to thank everyone who supported our Year 4/5 Camp fundraiser Quiz Night held at the Tote on Wednesday night. We had a good number of teams and managed to raise almost \$2,000.00 to support our upcoming camp. I would particularly like to thank Hayley Jahnke and Sarah Millar for all their efforts to make the night a huge success. Special thanks for supplying raffle items to: Pak'n'Save Upper Hutt, Staglands, Upper Hutt Espresso, Summerset at the Course, Brewtown, Adalen Photography, S & Co. and Ashleigh Stallard.

### Interschool Cross Country

Well done to all the students who took part in the Interschool Cross Country held at Harcourt Park last weekend. Being an **Active Adventurer** and **Striving for Success** are both key values that support activities like taking part in a cross country. Thank you to Janine Bullard who helped organise our team on the day.

### Home Fire Safety Visits – Free Fire Alarm

Fire and Emergency NZ are offering a free Home Fire Safety Check for all home owners. On their visit they will install, for free, a Photo-Electric Long Life Smoke Alarm. When people are asleep all your senses are down so insure your family will get an early warning if there is a fire with your free smoke alarm. To book your home fire safety visit, please phone 0800 693 473 or phone Remutaka Fire Station on 04 5263078.

### School Hoodies

We would like to put in another Hoodie order this term. If you would like to order a school hoodie, either use the order form sent home on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May, or see Kathie in the office for an order form.

### Helmets

Lots of our children ride bikes, scooters and skateboards at school. We really encourage the students to wear helmets, including those riding scooters and skateboards. The head is a vulnerable part of the body, and a helmet is often instrumental in minimising the effects of a crash.





## Maths Buddy – Learning at Home Helps

This fantastic group of children and a number of others from the Searchers class, have been working really hard at home with the Maths Buddy program. Mrs Silva (their teacher) brought the children to my office to inform me how much progress the students have been making with their mathematics, a lot of which has been supported by them using Maths Buddy at home. This program which has been subsidised by the school and families, is being used by all our senior students at school, with many of them taking up the opportunity to further their learning at home. If parents of any junior children would like them to have access, please speak with Phillipa Whiteman as we can offer a reduced rate to FCS parents. Top effort kids on all of your hard work and success.

## Tough Guy and Gal Event

Well done to all our students who took part in the Tough Guy and Gal event held in Wainuiomata earlier in the week. It was great to see the children getting stuck in and braving the course, which really challenged them. Thank you to Aaron Work and Janine Bullard for organising this event, as well as the parents and caregivers who came along to support and encourage the children.

## National Young Leaders Day

A number of our senior students attended the National Young Leaders' Day in Porirua earlier this week. The children had a great time and were lucky to hear from a number of inspirational speakers. We are keen for the children who attended to take on some of the key messages from the day, and show this leadership at school.



*The children before the Tough Guy and Gal*



*Children who attended National Young Leaders Day*



*Our Maths Buddy Legends from Room 8*



*Deijahnah and her Movin' March prize!*