



## NEWSLETTER

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## Important Dates

14 <sup>th</sup> June	Disco
19 <sup>th</sup> June	Parent Interviews
19 <sup>th</sup> June	Board of Trustees meeting
21 <sup>st</sup> June	Year 6 Gala 2pm
24 <sup>th</sup> June	School Assembly 2:00pm
4 <sup>th</sup> July	HuttFest @ Walter Nash Stadium
5 <sup>th</sup> July	End of Term 2
22 <sup>nd</sup> July	Start of Term 3



## From the Principal

### Board of Trustees Elections

The process of Board Elections has come to a close, without the need for an election to be held. Parent Trustees Anne-Marie Wilson, Rachel Burrell, and Craig Wylie remain on the Board, as does Staff Trustee Phillipa Whiteman. Ben Aoina didn't stand for re-election and will be leaving our Board. On behalf of the Board, I would like to thank Ben for all his input as a Parent Trustee, particularly his thoughtful approach and support of both children and the staff at Fraser Crescent School. Our Board would also like to thank Louisa Parker for all her efforts as the Returning Officer.

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

I would like to thank our school community for their support during the recent round of the teacher strikes. I appreciate that people in our school community hold a range of views in terms of what teachers and principals are asking for. In terms of Fraser Crescent School, we have seen numbers of teacher applications for new teaching positions drop from almost 100, to less than 10 in a couple of years. Furthermore, a significant number of teachers throughout the country are looking to retire in the next few years, as well as less people training to become teachers. Unless there is some significant change, we will run out of teachers in the next few years. We want to employ and maintain the best teachers we can, to provide a quality education for your children. Hopefully, some agreement between the teacher unions and the government will be reached shortly.



## School News

### Home and School Disco – Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June

Next Friday night our Home and School Association will be putting on a disco in our school hall, with **doors opening from 7:00pm**. The optional theme of the disco is Matariki Stars, to celebrate the Maori New Year. This could include anything space related, New Year celebrations, something from Maori culture, harvests (fruit/vegetables), rock stars, movie stars etc, the choice is yours. Tickets will be on sale from the school office from today, as well as door sales on the night. Tickets cost \$5.00 per person and include a few goodies. Please let us know on entry if your child has any allergies we need to consider. The disco finishes at 8:30pm sharp, and **children must be picked up from the school hall**. Parents and caregivers are welcome to stay. **Please ensure that your child is happy at the disco before leaving** as it can be a bit overwhelming for some children, and Mr Channer! We may have a photo booth operating at the disco, with photos going on the school Facebook page. Please let us know on the night if you don't want photos of your child being taken.

### **Parent – Teacher Interviews Wednesday 19th June**

On Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> 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 today. The school will be closing early at 2:00pm, to allow enough time for all of the interviews. Booking information has been sent home with the School Reports, or you can go to [www.schoolinterviews.co.nz](http://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz) and enter the following code ub3xj .

### **Wheat Packs**

Is there anybody who would be able to make up some more wheat packs for the school? We keep them in the freezer as cold packs for the assorted bumps and bruises. Our supply has greatly diminished and we need to look at replacing them. Please let Kathie in the office know if you're able to help.

### **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.

### **Peanut Free School Reminder**

Due to a number of children at school with severe peanut allergies (potentially life-threatening), we ask that you **DO NOT GIVE** your children peanut products in their school lunches. Peanut butter and peanuts are obvious ones to avoid. We do allow products such as muesli bars, which are labelled 'may contain traces of nuts'.

### **Reminder about bell times and the school driveway**

Please remember that school starts at 8:55am each morning. Children need to be here prior to this time. Morning tea is from 10:35am – 11:00am and lunchtime is from 1:00pm -1:50pm. The school entry on Redwood Street is closed each day between 8:30am - 9:00am and 2:45pm - 3:15pm. This means that vehicles may not travel up or down the driveway at these times as we are working together to keep all our children safe (**the driveway will be blocked**).

### **Fraser Crescent School on Facebook**

We find that the use of 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.



### **SPCA FUN DAY**

The SPCA are currently running an empathy programme within our school for a number of students. This is a free programme, however, our Home and School Association have made a \$100.00 donation, so that the SPCA can continue to run this programme in schools. Later in the term we are having a dress up day as a bit of fun to recognise the great work of the SPCA. If you would like to donate a can of cat food, the SPCA would really appreciate this. More information to follow.

### **Year 6 Camp – Soft Gala**

Earlier this week our Year 6 students ran a free mini gala to test their goods and services out with the other students, ahead of their real gala at 2pm on the 21<sup>st</sup> of June. The gala is both a great fundraiser for our Year 6 Camp, as well an authentic learning opportunity for the students. Being entrepreneurial is part of our curriculum, and it was great to see the students reflecting on their successes (and struggles) they had with their trial gala, ahead of the main event. More information about the Year 6 Gala will come home next week.