



# NEWSLETTER

Message from  
The Principal  
**JOHN CHANNER**



Kia ora and welcome to our first newsletter for 2026.

I wish to take this opportunity to warmly welcome everyone to Fraser Crescent School, especially all our new whānau. The team at our kura are friendly and helpful, so please don't hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions.

Now to the big issue, Attendance! In a post-covid world, most schools are struggling to get all students attending on a regular basis. The government has made this a priority and are taking measures to better support kura to increase their attendance rates. I don't always agree with education policy, but I am supportive of a nationwide focus on improving student attendance. At Fraser Crescent School we see a strong link between low attendance rates and students who struggle academically. Attendance issues can also impact social development and engagement in other school activities.

We want to help you to get your child to school regularly. Upper Hutt schools now have 2 dedicated attendance officers focussed on improving student attendance. Our kura will be working with them, alongside whānau if there are challenges with your child attending school regularly. If you have any questions about this new initiative, don't hesitate to get in touch.

At the end of last year our **Art Attack** club finished up. We want to get something similar up and running. If there are any parents or caregivers who could potentially lend a hand, please let me know. **Active Adventures** (before school sports club) started back today. I am trying to find another willing adult who can help me run this club on Tuesday mornings when I am out of school at meetings.

Ngā mihi, John Channer.



## IMPORTANT DATES



- **Tue 24<sup>th</sup> February**  
-Inter-School 'Give it a go' netball for Years 1&2 team and Years 3&4 team
- **Thu 5<sup>th</sup> March**  
-Room 1 & 4 Trip to Whirinaki
- **Tue 17<sup>th</sup> March**  
-Traditional Māori Games @ TMP
- **Wed 18<sup>th</sup> March**  
-Whānau conferences



## FRASER TIME

**What is Fraser Time you may ask?** It is essentially a Fraser Values themed, 'options' programme where each teacher creates a fun, multi-age level, unit of learning that students can opt into (eg: Clay Creations, Te Reo Māori, Lego Building, Show Quest, Touch Rugby etc).

So at the start of each term, teachers describe their "Fraser Time" and each child's classroom teacher helps them make a selection.

We are starting up our first "Fraser Time" for the year this coming Friday. Check in with your child to see if they have made their selection =]

### On Friday mornings...

- 8:55 - School starts, students head to class, roll is taken
- 9:00 - all classes head to the hall for Kapa Haka.
- 9:30 - Students head off to "Fraser Time" for an hour.

Future Focused	<b>The Content Creators</b>	Room 5	Miss McRobie	Year 4-6 30
Future Focused	<b>Survival Skills</b>	Rm 1	Miss Bullard	All (30)
Respectful	<b>TBC</b>		Volunteer?	
Respectful	<b>The Zen Zone</b>	Room 8	Miss Whatton	All (30 max)
Active Adventurer	<b>SPORTS &amp; GAMES</b>	Hall/Field	Mrs Price	Years 0-3 (35 Max)
Active Adventurer	<b>Fraser Triathlon</b>	Bike Track/Pool	Mrs Draper	Years 4-6 (40 max)
Striving for Success	<b>Collaboration Art</b>	Room 7	Mrs Parton	All years (30 Max)
Striving for Success	<b>The Record Breakers</b>	Room 11	Mr Manser	Year 3+ (30 Max)
Enthusiastic	<b>Drama</b>	Room 10/Hall	Sarah B	Year 2-6 (30 Max)
Enthusiastic	<b>Roomhacker Band</b>	Room 6	Yvonne	All ages (30 max)
Resourceful	<b>Trash Fashion Lab</b>	Room 2/3	Carla & Sandra	45 + cohort 2 (wk 6)
Resourceful	<b>Making Things!</b>	Room 9	Ms Hageraats	All years (30 Max)



**REMINDER:**  
STUDENTS ARE NOT PERMITTED ON SCHOOL GROUNDS UNTIL 8:00 UNLESS ATTENDING AA ON TUESDAY'S AT 7:45.

SCHOOL DAY

8:55 - SCHOOL STARTS. LATE STUDENTS MUST SIGN IN AT THE OFFICE.  
 10:30 - CLASS EATING TIME FOR MORNING TEA.  
 10:40 - MORNING BREAK/PLAY.  
 12:50 - CLASS EATING TIME FOR LUNCH  
 1:00 - LUNCH BREAK/PLAY  
 3:00 - SCHOOL FINISHES

**REMINDER:**  
DO NOT PARK ON THE YELLOW LINES AS OUR STUDENTS ON THE CROSSING CAN NOT SEE THE ROAD.



## STAYING "IN THE KNOW"

### Edge App -

ALL caregivers MUST have the **Musac Edge app** on their phone/devices or regularly log in to the **Caregiver Portal**. This is where you'll receive notifications, reminders, updates, school reports and eventually minor injury/accident notifications.

*Please ensure caregivers have provided the correct cell # and email with Kathie in the office, or Edge will not work for you.*

### Facebook -

Our FCS FB page is for a re-circulation of content that may have been missed, sharing of photos and videos and for extended whānau to stay up to date. We have two other private groups worth following called **Fraser Crescent Sports** and **Fraser Crescent Home & School**.

