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## crescent school

### NEWSLETTER

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### Important Dates

20 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Board of Trustees Meeting 7pm
23 <sup>rd</sup> Oct	<b>Teacher Only Day – School Closed</b>
26 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Labour Day
30 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Home and School Disco
4 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Home & School meeting
5-6 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Year 4 Camp
12-13 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Year 5 Camp
18 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Board of Trustees Meeting 7pm
23-26 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Year 6 Camp
14 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Year 6 Celebration
15 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Last Day of School – 1pm Finish.



## From the Principal

#### Welcome Back

Welcome back to the start of the 4<sup>th</sup> Term. This term will be a very busy one with a number of events and camps. Be sure to keep an eye out for the newsletter and notices so that you can keep updated on all of the things going on.

#### Educa Report Posts

You would have recently received a report post via Educa, focussing on either Reading, Writing or Mathematics. If for any reason you cannot access this, please contact your child's teacher. We are keen for your feedback on how we are using Educa. Please note that we are new at using this system, furthermore, our schedule of posts have been interrupted by the lockdown earlier in the year. If you would like to share any feedback about our Educa reporting, please email me at [principal@fraser cres.school.nz](mailto:principal@fraser cres.school.nz)

#### Teacher Only Day

Our next **Teacher Only Day** is on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October to coincide with Labour Day weekend. We do understand the inconvenience that the Teacher Only Days create, which is why we try to align them with other local schools and minimise the impact on whanau and families.

#### Property work at School

It has been great to finally get a number of property projects underway at school, including painting, driveway resurfacing, drainage and carpeting. There are also a number of other significant projects scheduled over the next 12 months or so. It was great to have the swimming pool relined earlier in the year and we are hoping to have the kids using the pool towards the end of this term, since they missed out at the start of the year.



## From the Board

#### September Board of Trustees Meeting update

One of the highlights of the September Board Meeting was the staff report, presented by Phillipa Whiteman. This report detailed the number of diverse programmes on offer for our students (let us know if you would like a copy of this). The Board are about to start preparing the 2021 budget, and as always, we would like any ideas from our school community. Please let us know if there are areas where you feel we should be allocating some funds.



## What's happening in the Hub?

In a nutshell, there's lots happening in the Hub. Firstly, I would like to welcome Anita Scoringe who is a new Teacher Aide at our school and will be one of our key Hub staff. Our Hub continues to offer over 25 different services and programmes to our students on a weekly basis. The picture below shows the diversity of how our Hub is typically used: there are some children taking part in a knitting extension programme, children working on a leadership programme, a transition meeting occurring for a new student about to start our school, a student receiving some one on one support provided by Louisa, and Zoe using the Hub for assessing and testing students. It is great to see the Hub being used in such a positive way. Finally, we still have lots of students coming to the Hub for breakfast every day. This is a wonderful (and social) way for the children to start their day. We are always on the lookout for bread, so if you can donate a loaf or two from time to time, that would be great. We do have storage issues if we get too much bread, so another option is a \$10 Pak'n'Save voucher. I would like to thank those people who volunteer in the hub, and those who often make donations ☺



## The Upper Hutt Cultural Festival 2020 - "Te Kāhui o Ngā Hau e Whā"

Due to the pandemic we have had to change the way the Upper Hutt Cultural Festival is being done this year. Each school has learnt and videoed their own school Kapa Haka which is now up on an Upper Hutt Cluster Youtube channel. You can check out our children's wonderful performance by going to the following link: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ulyaUeGu\\_tg](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ulyaUeGu_tg)

This year, all Upper Hutt Schools learnt the same repertoire as part of the 10th anniversary of the Upper Hutt Cultural Kapa Haka Festival. As a collaboration all the Upper Hutt Schools will be creating a video performance of the "Te Kāhui o Ngā Hau e Whā" Kapa Haka Group. Each school was able to select 5 students to represent their kura in this group. This performance will be gifted to our community as a taonga instead of the traditional festival format at Lane Park. Once the video has been produced, a 'launch' of the video will be held at Upper Hutt School early in Term 4.

## Information Technology User Agreement - Reminder

There are still a number of Information Technology User Agreements outstanding. Another copy of the Agreement has been sent home earlier this week. Please make sure these are signed and returned to the office as soon as possible. Please let us know if you have any questions in regard to this document.

## Driving Safely

A friendly reminder to always be careful when driving near the school. We have lots of children moving about, so be mindful of speed, not parking on the yellow lines and always keep a watchful eye out for all of our kids.



## Student News

### **Home and School Disco – Friday 30<sup>th</sup> October**

Save the date because on the evening of Friday 30<sup>th</sup> October, we will be having a disco in our school hall. There will be a dress up Halloween theme. More details about times and tickets to come home shortly.

### **Pink Shirt Day**

It was great to see lots of students and staff supporting Pink Shirt Day, to raise awareness about anti-bullying. A group of our senior students helped to plan and run this event, building on their leadership skills.

### **Upper Hutt Community Calendar Winners**

Well done to Jaiyah-Harmony and Shaylen for having their work selected to be part of the Upper Hutt Community Calendar for 2021. The two children get to join Mayor Wayne Guppy (ex-Fraser Crescent School student) for a yummy morning tea.

### **Hat Time again – Term 4**

A friendly reminder that it's time for children to start wearing their hats in the playground. As the weather improves we also recommend applying sunblock to your children before they come to school, as well as wearing clothing that covers the shoulders.



## Community Notices

### **Polling Booth**

Please note that Fraser Crescent School Hall will be a Polling Booth for the elections.

Ngā mihi nui,  
John Channer  
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