

# fraser



## crescent school

### NEWSLETTER

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### Newsletter 1

### 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2023



### Important Dates

6 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Waitangi Day – School Closed
8 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Home and School, Wine and Cheese Mtg
15 <sup>th</sup> Feb	School Assembly 9:15am
22 <sup>nd</sup> Feb	Board of Trustees Meeting 7:00am
24 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Walk and Sleepover
5 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Bike the Trail (Sunday)
8 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Home and School Meeting
15 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Parent Interviews
22 <sup>nd</sup> Mar	Board of Trustees Meeting 7:00am
6 <sup>th</sup> Apr	Last day Term 1



## From the Principal

### Welcome back to 2023

Kia ora and welcome back to the start of the 2023 school year. On behalf of the Board of Trustees and the staff, I would like to welcome everyone back, especially the new members of our Fraser Whānau. It has been great to start the year without the Covid regulations that were in place at the beginning of 2022. Involvement from family and whānau are key to the success of the school, and we are looking forward to working with you more this year. We really want everyone to get the most out of the 'Fraser' experience, so if you have any questions, concerns, ideas or suggestions, please let us know. I am always super keen to hear from you, so feel free to either pop in or send me an email via [principal@frasercres.school.nz](mailto:principal@frasercres.school.nz)

### Covid– Information

A couple of our children are currently off school due to having Covid at the moment. It is an important reminder that we still need to be vigilant to minimise the transmission of Covid. Please remember to test your children regularly if they have any symptoms of being unwell. We have a number of RAT tests at school, so feel free to stop by and grab a couple to keep at home.



Rebecca Jackson

Fiona Fitzgerald

### New Staff at Fraser Crescent School

I would like to warmly welcome Rebecca Jackson and Fiona Fitzgerald to our team at Fraser Crescent School. Rebecca is our new Deputy Principal and teaching in Room 11, covering Holly King's maternity leave for 2023. Rebecca has moved from Auckland and is new to the mighty Hutt area! Fiona Fitzgerald is teaching in Rooms 2 and 3 and has started a new Junior Team Leader position. Fiona's two children, Alex and Charlie attended Fraser Crescent School a few years back. Fiona also did some teaching within the school a long time ago, so she is familiar with the school. Be sure to stop and introduce yourself to Fiona and Rebecca.

### 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 10:40am – 11:00am and lunchtime is from 12:55pm -1:50pm. There is a "warning bell" at 10.55am and 1.45pm to remind the children to go to the toilet or get a drink before the end of the break bell rings. 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**). With lots of children getting picked up and dropped off from Maidstone Intermediate at the Redwood St entrance, you may wish to consider using the Fraser Crescent alleyway for pick up and drop off.



## Walk and Sleepover – 24<sup>th</sup> February 2023

On Friday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2023 we will be having our annual walk and sleepover at school. More information about this event will be sent home shortly, but basically the whole school goes for a walk to Maidstone Max Park for a picnic and a play. Once we get back to school in the afternoon, we pitch tents on the field, play games, swim in the pool, have tea, and sleep over on the field. This is a fantastic opportunity for children to start their camping experience at school. Our younger students will require a parent to join them and stay over in their tent, and as the children get older, it is a great way to experience being away from home for a night. We have found that children who attend the sleepover every year, are more comfortable heading away on our camps in Years 4/5/6. We do have some spare tents, sleeping bags etc, so be sure to let us know if you need anything.



## Home and School Association – Wine and Cheese Welcome Night - 8th Feb

Our amazing Home and School are always on the lookout for new members. For our first catch up of the year, our Home and School will be having an informal 'Wine and Cheese' welcome session. This will run for an hour and will be held in the Hub at 7pm on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> of February. This will give you a chance to hear a bit about what the Home and School does. It would also be great to have a dad or two think about joining our Home and School. There is no need to RSVP, and feel free to bring a friend!

## School Swimming Pool Open

Our swimming pool is up and running. We also have a heating unit which means the water temperature is always inviting. Please make sure your child brings their togs every day. We often open the pool at lunchtimes for swimming too.

## 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'.

## School Stationery

2023 Stationery lists were made available at the end of 2022. Thank you to the parents/caregivers who have arranged the purchase of their child/children's stationery already. If you have yet to purchase your child's stationery, can you please do so promptly as all our classes have started their learning programmes. Stationery can be purchased through the school office via email, ([office@frasercres.school.nz](mailto:office@frasercres.school.nz)) with online payment. Our bank details are 12-3478-0052145-00 (reference your child's name). Alternatively, you can purchase it elsewhere.

## Sun Smart Fraser - Sun Safety – Slip! Slop! Slap! And Wrap!

We aim to be a Sun Safe School and ask that students have a sunhat at school during Terms 1 & 4 each year. All children need to wear a hat in the playground at interval, lunchtime, during class PE lessons and Senior and Junior Team sport times. Any children who don't have a hat at school will spend their play and lunchtime in the shade, under the sun shelter or in the Hub. **Please ensure that your child brings a hat to school every day or keeps one in their tote tray or bag.** We also recommend children come to school with sun block on, and even bring some to school. Some children wear singlet tops which provide very little protection from the sun.

## Consent for School Trips

It is worthwhile noting that our Education Outside The Classroom (EOTC) policy allows the school to take students on some trips without signed parental permission. Trips with minimal safety concerns usually require that the school only 'advises' parents and caregivers about the trip, rather than seeking permission. Please be aware of this in terms of checking the newsletter, Educa or schoolbags for trip notices, etc. If you have any questions about this 'blanket consent' please don't hesitate to contact John Channer.

## Contact Details

We have many occasions during the year where we need to be able to contact parents and caregivers. Can you please take a moment (phone, email or call in at the office) to check that we have your correct contact details, including home phone, mobile phone, postal address and email address?



## Clubs at Fraser Crescent School for 2023

*At Fraser Crescent School we offer the children a wide range of clubs and extra-curricular opportunities in which they can participate. These are a great way to explore new interests, meet other children and work with different teachers. If your child attends any clubs, we recommend that you keep an eye on our Facebook page, as changes to our clubs are often posted there.*

### **Art Attack – Tuesday Morning – 7:45am**

*Kaitlyn Whatton and Carla Millroy are running a before school art group called Art Attack on Tuesday mornings. This is a super fun club, which gives the children a chance to participate in a wide range of art projects. This club will be held in the Room 3 and is starting on the 14<sup>th</sup> February.*

### **Breakfast Club – 8:00am onwards – Everyday in the Hub**

*Our Hub will be open every day from 8:00am. Children are welcome to stop by for some breakfast, or may just want to read a book or play a game. Access to the Hub is via the outside doors only. Breakfast Club is a really social time for our kids. Feel free to donate a loaf of bread or a breakfast spread from time to time (not peanut butter thanks).*

### **Active Adventurers – Fitness Club on Friday – 7:45am**

*Active Adventurers will be running on Friday mornings starting at 7:45am each week. Children in the Active Adventurers Club play lots of high energy games, aimed at developing both fitness and general sporting skills. Please ensure that your child has had an appropriate breakfast before they attend. We usually meet on the field if fine and in the hall if wet. Benzi Rodrigues and John Channer are running this club. This club is already underway. Parents and caregivers are very welcome to join us for a run around with the kids!*

### **Hoops Club (basketball/netball) 8:00am Monday Morning**

*Benzi Rodrigues will be running Hoops Club again in Term One in our school hall. Hoop Club focusses on developing basketball/netball skills including dribbling, shooting and passing. This club is suitable for children of all ages and will start on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> February.*

### **Kapa Haka Performance Group**

*This group will start shortly. It is likely to be run after school and held in the Maidstone Intermediate School Hall. Matua Pat, Tim Dixon-Blake and Danielle Tairoa will lead our Kapa Haka Group.*

### **Fraser Quest Programme**

At Fraser Crescent School we don't set weekly homework, instead we offer our Fraser Quest Programme. This is an optional programme, where the children can select from a wide variety of activities and challenges that develop a range of important skills. The great thing with the Quest, is that children can pick things they like, or areas that they really want to improve. Furthermore, the Quests can be completed at any time over the year. This means if your family is really busy during term time, your child might want to use the school holidays to complete their Quests. Sometimes parents have commented that their children are too busy to complete the Quests. In lots of cases, you might find that the things the kids are busy doing, actually count towards the Quest programme. There is a link to the Quest Programme on the "Home Learning" page of our school website.

### **More events and clubs coming**

Be sure to keep an eye on future newsletters and on Facebook as there will be more clubs starting up over the term.

Ngā mihi nui,  
John Channer  
Next Newsletter 17<sup>th</sup> February

# FRASER CRESCENT SCHOOL

## LUNCH LIST FOR 2023

Lunches are prepared and supplied by:

Redwood Dairy  
Redwood Street  
Upper Hutt

Phone / Fax 04 527 0373

### HOW TO ORDER:

**Please put the correct money in an envelope with your child's name, classroom and lunch required on the outside. If you do not have the correct money or wish to pay by EFTPOS, you can order at the dairy. All lunch orders must be put in the classroom lunchbox before school commences. All classroom lunch boxes must be taken to the office before 9:45am**

### PIES

Mince and Cheese _____	\$3.20
Mince Pie _____	\$3.20
Bacon & Egg Pie _____	\$3.20
Potato Top Pie _____	\$3.20
Butter Chicken Pie _____	\$4.50
Sausage Rolls (2 pieces) _____	\$2.20
Savouries (mini mince pie) _____	\$1.50

### OTHERS

Muesli Bar _____	\$1.30
Garlic Bread _____	\$1.80
Mini Pizza _____	\$3.20
Macaroni Cheese _____	\$3.80
Cup of Noodles (Chicken or Beef Flavour) _____	\$2.80
Yoghurt 150ml Pottle _____	\$1.80
Mini Cookie _____	\$1.80
Graduate Triple/Double Chocolate Cookie _____	\$2.30
Cookie Time Cookie _____	\$3.30
Chocolate Chip Muffin _____	\$1.80

### SANDWICHES

Toasted Ham & Cheese – 2pc _____	\$4.00
Smoked chicken & mayonnaise 2pc _____	\$4.50
Simply cheese sandwich 2pc _____	\$3.50
Hot Dog _____	\$3.50

### FRUIT

Apple _____	\$1.20
Banana _____	\$1.20

### DRINKS

NZ Spring Water 750ml _____	\$2.80
Pump Water 750ml _____	\$3.80
Mini Pump 400ml _____	\$2.90