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NEWSLETTER

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Newsletter 2

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Important Dates

- 26th Feb Walk and Sleepover
- 3rd Mar Home & School Meeting 7pm. All welcome
- 9th Mar Parent Interviews - 2pm finish
- 14th Mar Bike the Trail Community Event (Sunday)
- 17th Mar Board Meeting 7pm
- 19th Mar Colour Run (TBC)
- 23rd Mar Traditional Maori Games – TMP
- 2nd Apr Good Friday
- 5th & 6th Apr Easter Holiday
- 16th Apr End of Term 1



From the Principal

Covid – Level 2

I just want to thank our school community for your support during the Level 2 lockdown earlier this week. People have been fantastic at following the information that we provided. Events such as this highlight the need for our school community to be connected to the school on Educa, and ideally Facebook too. These services allow us to provide you with immediate updates and information, as well as giving you a way to ask questions. It is great that we have now moved back to Level 1. We have a number of events planned over the term which could be cancelled or postponed if we move back to Level 2 or higher. Hopefully this won't happen, and our approach at school is to continue 'full steam ahead' with all events. Even with the change to Level 1, we would still like to encourage you use to Covid Tracer App if you come onto the school grounds.

Online communication. Do you know about your child's online activity?

We have had a number of issues lately with children sending inappropriate messages to one another outside of school time on various social media platforms. Many of the apps the children are using are not age appropriate, and the content of some of these messages is highly disturbing. **As a parent you have a responsibility to monitor your child's online activity.** Here are a few tips for you to consider:

- Install some form of internet protection and parental controls to keep your children safe on the internet.
- Monitor carefully what your children are viewing. Check their internet search history, have devices and computers visible in the home, not hidden away in bedrooms.
- Talk with your children about what to do if they do find some inappropriate material online.
- Limit device time for children. Also consider how the device is being used. Watching a Youtube video containing sexually suggestive dancing, isn't the same as watching a Youtube video about how to learn a new skill such as sewing, crafts, learning to cook etc.
- Consider age appropriate content and apps. We have students sharing all sorts of content on sites such as Snapchat, Instagram, Facebook etc, which are not appropriate for children.
- If your children are using headphones, check out what they are listening to.
- As a parent, keep yourself informed. There is lots of great information on the following website <https://www.netsafe.org.nz>
- The Parenting Place website has some really informative articles about how to keep your kids safe. Visit the <https://parentingplace.nz/> for further information.

Family Details & Arrangements

The start of a new year is a good time to update our records. Changes of address, phone numbers, email addresses, medical and/or custody information all need to be current. A copy of any custody papers are kept on file in our office so please check with Kathie if you are unsure you've done this. Confidentiality is important to us. If there is a personal circumstance or arrangement you would rather chat to us about in private, contact the office for an appointment with John, Michelle or Phillipa.

Waitangi Day at Orongomai Marae

A number of our children took part in the Waitangi Day Celebrations at Orongomai Marae. It was an honour for our kids to be part of the Tangata Whenua as part of the Te Kāhui o ngā hau e wha roopu at Orongomai Marae for the Waitangi Day celebrations. I would like to thank our tamariki, whānau and staff who helped support this event. If you haven't been to the Waitangi Day Celebrations before, I strongly suggest you consider attending next year. It is such a friendly and welcoming event and it's a fantastic opportunity to see our kids perform. Plus, afterwards you can have a wander through the Marae, visit the various stalls, and get some fried bread (my favourite!).



Parent Interviews – Tuesday 9th March, 2:00pm finish

We will be having Parent-Teacher interviews on Tuesday 9th March. This is a great opportunity for you and your child to meet with the classroom teacher, to proactively set up for the year ahead. During the interview the teachers will want to know some key information about your child, which will be supported by the All About Me sheets. We also want to make sure you know how to get in touch with your child's teacher, know about our Clubs, and are connected to the Educa App. The interview will also provide an opportunity to finalise your child's competency goal for the year. To book an interview go to <https://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz> and enter the following code for our school: k7b27. Alternatively we can book you an interview through the school office. If you are unable to attend on the night, please contact your child's teacher directly to arrange a time. We are very keen to catch up with every student and their family/whānau at the interviews 😊



February Board of Trustees Meeting

Earlier this week the Board met for their February meeting. There were a few things which may be of interest to our school community. Firstly, Anne-Marie Wilson was re-elected as our Board Chairperson for 2021. Our Board reviewed our 2020 Analysis of Variance Report. This document shows how the school preformed in relation to our targets and goals last year. Please email the principal if you would like a copy of the 2020 Analysis of Variance report at principal@frasercrest.school.nz. Alternatively, this document will be published on our school website shortly as part of our 2020 Annual Report. The Board also started its work on our Board Assurance Statement, which reviews all area of compliance at the school. Finally, we started the review on our Home Learning Policy. A draft Home Learning Policy has been written, as the current policy is significantly out of date. Once the teaching team have provided their input, we will be seeking your feedback on our Home Learning Policy.



Student News

Walk and Sleepover – 26th February

At this stage we are still planning on going ahead with this event, unless we are at Covid Level 2 or higher.

On Friday 26th February we will be having our annual Trentham Memorial Park walk and sleepover at school. Detailed information about this event has recently been sent home. Please contact us if you haven't received this information. As part of this event, the whole school goes for a walk to Trentham Memorial Park and walk the Barton's Bush Track, then play at the park for a while. 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.



What's happening in the Hub?

In the afternoons we run a creative programme in our Hub, led by Tracey, one of our amazing support staff. At the end of last year Tracey ran a programme based on print and paper making, which the children really enjoyed. This term, the programme focusses on electronics and circuits. All of the classes will be visiting the Hub to have a go at different electronic projects.

The picture on the left shows Kylah and Mackenzie with their artwork. By folding the corner of their work over, they complete the electrical circuit, which makes their work light up.

Over the term, the children will have a go at projects similar to this, as well as making their own torches, electronic board games and more!

Clubs at Fraser Crescent School for 2021

At Fraser Crescent School we offer the children a wide range of Clubs in which they can participate. These are a great way to explore new interests, meet other children and work with different teachers. Current Clubs on offer are:

Art Attack – Tuesday Morning – 7:45am – Room 2/3

Gardening Club – Tuesday Lunchtimes – outside Room 5

Coding Club – Monday Lunchtimes (starting later in the term)

Kapa Haka – (starting later in the term) Thursday lunchtimes

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

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



School News

Fraser Crescent School – Home and School Association

Our Home and School Association met earlier this month to plan out a number of fundraising and fun-raising events over the year. This term the Home and School are likely to be supporting our sleepover, Bike the Trail event and Colour Run. They will also be launching their chocolate fundraiser shortly.

Help with after school sport

In the old days (when I began as principal at FCS) the school offered a large number of after school sports for children including touch rugby, unihoc, flippaball, basketball and more. These were often run by teachers and sometimes parents too. Over time as teachers' jobs have become more and more busy, and they are often required to attend several after school meetings each week, their involvement in running these sports has mostly stopped. This is understandable, but also a real shame, especially considering one of our school values is being an Active Adventurer. We don't want our kids missing out on these opportunities, so if you would be willing to manage an after school sports team, please let us know. The school can provide some help, so please contact us if you would like some more information.

School Donation Scheme

A friendly reminder that our school is part of the Government's School Donation Scheme. This means that you are not required to pay a donation. It also means that other education related costs are funded through the school, not you as parents. If you have any questions about this, please don't hesitate to ask.

Ngā mihi nui,
John Channer
Next Newsletter 5th March

SUMMER



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lemonade