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## crescent school

### NEWSLETTER

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### Important Dates

8 <sup>th</sup> Dec	PB4L Summer Splash Spectacular
11 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Junior Prizegiving and Quest Assembly
11 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Year 6 Social
13 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Senior Prizegiving and Quest Assembly
14 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Final Assembly
14 <sup>th</sup> Dec	End of Term 4
<b>2024</b>	
1 <sup>st</sup> Feb	First day of Term 1
5 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Start Day for New Entrants



## From the Principal

### Final Newsletter – 2023 Reflection

Another very busy year is rapidly coming to a close. As always, I like to use the final newsletter as an opportunity to reflect on a few notable things which occurred over the year.

On the downside, there were a couple of staffing matters in 2023. Losing Benzi Rodrigues next year as he is taking on a teaching contract in Dubai for the year will be a big loss for the school. We are hoping that the great couple of years he has had at FCS will entice him back in 2025! Another sad moment in 2023 was Room 1 teacher Lana Parton recently getting a concussion. This accident has taken its toll on Lana, and we wish her a speedy recovery and hope to see her back with us for the start of the 2024 school year. We are also farewelling Danielle Tairoa, who has worked at the school in various capacities including a teacher aide, as well as running and supporting many of our Māori language, culture, leadership and arts programmes. Danielle was an amazing asset to the school and I am really hopeful to have her rejoin the team in the future!

2023 was full of plenty of positives at Fraser Crescent School. On the whole, we have had a great bunch of kids this year. We have seen lots of them develop over the past 12 months and experience a range of success, both within the classroom and beyond. The school has offered more extra-curricular opportunities than ever before, and it has been great to see the kids getting so involved in these. I also want to acknowledge the staff at FCS for their commitment to the children, and a willingness to go the extra mile, often giving up countless extra hours of time for all the extras.

It was a positive year on the fundraising front, and I want to thank the Home and School Association for their awesome efforts in also providing a number of fun opportunities for our kids throughout the year. We were also successful in receiving a number of grants this year, led by the amazing Sarah Adgo. Lots of work has also been done in order to secure some funding to run a number of before school activities next year. Be sure to keep an eye out for the early newsletters in 2024, as they will let you know what is happening in this exciting space. Our goal is to try and provide a before school activity almost every day in 2024! This will hopefully be a mix of various sports and arts programmes. We will also be running a number of lunchtime and after school extra curricular programmes as well.

They say 'It takes a village to raise a child' and I want to thank everyone who is part of our Fraser Village. There are so many people who help and do lots of things to support our kids and make the school a great place for all. We have had lots of trips, camps and excursions over the year, all of which couldn't have happened without parent support. Our kids have had the chance to take part and play lots of sports this year, much of which is supported by parent coaches and staff. Our support staff and teacher aides are vital members of our Fraser Village. They strive to make sure everyone is included, supported, and that there is an added awesome factor in much of what we do. Finally, I want to acknowledge our Board of Trustees, the custodians of our village. The Board give up their time to support the direction of the school, providing insightful guidance and ensuring we have the resourcing to do the job.

### Principal Sabbatical Leave and Scholarship Study

You will be seeing a lot less of me in Term 1 next year as I will be on sabbatical leave. This leave coincides with a scholarship that I have recently received, which will allow me to complete a large project that I have been working on for the last couple of years, focusing on principal professional growth and development. Returning Deputy Principal Holly King will be Acting Principal in Term One, supported by Rebecca Jackson our current Deputy Principal. I'm not going far in Term One and will be available to support them both to ensure a great start for 2024.

### Prizegiving/Quest Assembly and Final assembly

Here are a few dates and times for upcoming events in the last week of school. Junior (Year 1-3) Prizegiving and Quest assembly on Monday 11th Dec at 9:15am. Senior (Year 4-6) Prizegiving and Quest assembly at 9:15am on Wednesday 13th Dec. Final assembly 11:45am on Thursday 14th Dec. This is our last day and school finishes at 1:00pm on this day.

### 2024 Classes and School Organisation

Room	Year Level	Syndicate	Teacher/Notes
2/3	New Entrant/Year 1	Junior	Carla Milroy and Fiona Fitzgerald
4	Year 1/2	Junior	Lana Parton
Hub	Year 1/2	Junior	Stacy Price
5	Year 3/4	Middle	Summer Hicks
6	Year 3/4	Middle	Yvonne Calder
8	Year 3/4	Middle	Tim Dixon
9	Year 4	Middle	Kaitlyn Whatton
10	Year 5/6	Senior	Janine Bullard
11	Year 5/6	Senior	Zoe Draper
12	Year 5/6	Senior	Lucy Fox
1	HUB		
	Holly King	DP	Acting Principal Term 1
	Rebecca Jackson	DP	Starting new junior class in Term 2
	John Channer	Principal	Sabbatical Term 1 then returning

You will notice a bit of a change around in terms of year levels, classes and teachers for 2024. As we have grown a little, we are needing to use the Hub space for a classroom of junior students. Later in the year another junior class will start in the Hub. We will be using Room 1 as the Hub for 2024.

### 2024 Class Lists

Class lists are now on display in the classroom windows. Early next week the children will have a session where they visit their new classroom teacher for 2024.

### Summer Splash Spectacular – PB4L School Fun Event – 8<sup>th</sup> December

Today we held the fun end of year PB4L event to recognise our children's efforts at receiving lots of tokens since our last school wide celebration. There was a range of fun activities including an enormous bouncy castle in the hall, water activities, ice cream and more. Thank you to all the parents and whānau who helped out with this event. Also a huge shout out to Suz and Craig Wylie (Ex Fraser Family) for providing the bouncy castle.



### Art Attack and Active Adventurers – All done for the year.

Today we had our last Active Adventurer session for 2023. Also, Art Attack has now finished up for the year. Both these awesome clubs will be up and running again early in 2024. For the kids who play before school football, these sessions will run next week. That's right, Senior Football on Wednesday and we are going to run Junior Football on the Thursday, which is our last day of the year!

### Breakfast Club

The last Breakfast Club for 2023 will be 8<sup>th</sup> December 2022. We will start up again on 1<sup>st</sup> February 2024.

## Pool Keys for the 2024 Swimming Season

Pool keys will be available from the office if you would like to hire one for the season. The pool will open after 8<sup>h</sup> January 2024. Come and see Kathie early next week if you are keen. The cost is \$100 per family for a key. On average it costs the Board over \$10,000 a year to maintain and operate the pool.

## Home and School Association

Our Home and School Association would like to thank you for all the support you have shown over the year. Each year our Home and School Association aim to raise over \$10,000.00 which is spent on the fun and extra things for our Fraser Kids.



## Board of Trustees Update

Our Board of Trustees met earlier in the week to review our 2023 student data. This information focussed on whole school Reading, Writing, Mathematics, Competency targets, and Equity, Attendance and Engagement targets. The Board were mostly pleased with the data, but we are seeing attendance issues negatively impacting on our student achievement data. The Board have finalised our 2024 Budget, and it was great to see that there were no areas which were significantly reduced. The Board have set funds again to increase student engagement, reduce economic diversity factors, increase student attendance, as well as continuing to support lots of sport, cultural and arts opportunities. Our Board would like to finish the year by wishing you and your whānau a happy and safe Christmas break.

Ngā mihi nui,

Have a safe summer.

John Channer - Next Newsletter 9<sup>th</sup> February 2024

## Recent School Photos



Acknowledging Lucy and Stacey



Toby's Art Attack Work



Farewelling Danielle



Boys' Club – Making leather notebook sleeves



Room 2/3 Tree Decorating





Pebbles on the Flying Fox



Camp Team Building



Jamie up the High Pole



Camp river swimming



Campfire Time



Camp Fear Factor!



Parent Dress Up Challenge



Toasting Marshmallows



Year 6 Camp Team

### Christmas Word Search

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SANTA

CELEBRATE

BELLS

RUDOLPH

MISTLETOE

STOCKING

CANDY CANE

FROSTY

REINDEER

WREATH

ELVES

CHRISTMAS

TREE

JOLLY

HOLIDAY

SLEDGE