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Important Dates

- 5th Mar Bike the Trail (Sunday)
- 8th Mar Home and School Meeting
- 15th Mar Parent Interviews
- 17th Mar Maidstone Max Walk
- 22nd Mar Board of Trustees Meeting 7:00am
- 6th Apr End of Term 1
- 7th Apr Good Friday
- 24th Apr Teacher Only Day. School Closed
- 25th Apr Waitangi Day



From the Principal

Walk and Sleepover

It was a shame that we had to cancel the FCS Annual Sleepover at school due to poor weather. We are unable to reschedule the Sleepover again this year, due to staff commitments, however, we have a new date for the walk to Maidstone Max. We will be going on the walk to Maidstone Max on Friday 17th March. We would love lots of help from parents and caregivers on the day. A notice about this trip will be sent home shortly. Fingers crossed for a great day of weather!

The importance of Attendance

One of the Government's main education priorities this year will be to improve student attendance. The Ministry of Education advises that parents, caregivers and whānau have an important part to play and are responsible for making sure their ākonga (student) are enrolled in school and attend every day. Schools need to communicate when ākonga are absent. Fraser Crescent has significant concerns with the serious attendance problem of some tamariki. If the children aren't at school, it affects them academically, socially, and means they can miss out on opportunities to do things such as Fraser Fun Time, Art Attack and sports. The Fraser Crescent School Board of Trustees is investing time and resources into supporting our whānau to ensure regular attendance. We realise there are always a number of reasons why your child may not have good attendance. If you would like to reach out to us to let us know how we can support your whānau in ensuring attendance, please email principal@fraser cres.school.nz, linda@fraser cres.school.nz, or come and talk to John Channer, Michelle Tebbutt or Linda Ristau.

Paid Union Meeting for teachers on Monday 27th February

Teachers and principals from throughout the country are currently negotiating their pay and conditions through the NZEI Union. I would like to thank families and whānau for picking up their children early, enabling staff to attend the meeting. Your support in these matters is really appreciated.

Parent Interviews – Wednesday 15th March, 2:00pm finish

We will be having Parent-Teacher interviews on Wednesday 15th 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 - 5yh6e - for our school. 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 an alternative time.** We are very keen to catch up with every student and their family/whānau at the interviews, to work with you to create a fantastic year for your child!

FRASER Quest – The Basics

Every year hundreds of our students take part in the Fraser Quest programme. This is an optional, out of school learning programme. The Quests are a fun way that children can do lots of learning about all sorts of interesting things, as well as developing our Fraser Values. I have written this piece on the newsletter in order to give parents and caregivers a general understanding all about the Fraser Quest programme. Please take the time and have a read, as it should answer all the questions that you may have about the programme. I often hear parents saying that their kids are too busy to do the Quests. You will probably find that lots of the ‘busy stuff’ your kids do, can count towards the Fraser Quest programme.

Here are a few basics about the Fraser Quest Programme:

Where to find the Quests? The easiest way is via our school website, under the Home Learning section. We do have some paper copies of the Quest Booklets at school. The link to the Fraser Quest programme is <https://www.frasercrest.school.nz/home-learning/>

How many Quests do children have to complete? That depends on the children’s year level. In Year One and Two they need to do a minimum of 4 Quests over the year. Year Three children need to do at least 6 Quests. Year Four children need to complete 8 Quests. Year Five children need to complete 10 Quests. Year Six children need to complete 12 Quests over the year. Upon completion the children earn a Fraser Quest Band / Certificate.

How to pick a Quest? It is important that children select Quests that they will enjoy doing. That’s why there is a huge variety of Quests on offer, from making art and crafts projects, to undertaking community service. The cooking at home Quest is often a really popular one to get your child started with a fun Quest. Sometimes your child might want to select a Quest to work on a particular need they may have, or something they want to improve.

Quality matters. The more effort children put into the Quests, the more they get out of them. We do take into account the age and ability of the children when they complete their Quests. Try and support your child to put in a lot of effort and achieve something that they are proud of.

What do you do when your child has finished a Quest?

The Quest programme is based on trust, and children don’t need to submit an essay at the completion of each Quest. In fact, often the best thing to do is to take a photo of the Quest and share it with the school, as this inspires other children to have a go at the Quests. I like to put these photos in the school newsletter. Children can share their Quests in class, but they don’t have to. In the past we have found some children not wanting to take part in the programme, because they were nervous about sharing their Quests. There is a collective responsibility between the parents, teachers and the children to monitor the completion of the Quests throughout the year.

Taking part in clubs and groups in the community count towards the Quest programme. Children learn lots from getting involved in programmes and sports outside of school. This could include participating in music or arts lessons, joining a sports team, scouts or guides or taking part in community events. These count as Quests and can be credited towards the total number of Quests children need to complete within a year. A good example of this is the upcoming Bike the Trail event. Participation in this event counts as a Fraser Quest for the children who take part.

Can’t find a fun Quest to do? There is an option to ‘Design your own Quest’, just remember to align it with one of our Fraser Values. Over the years some of our students have done some really creative Quests which they have designed themselves. One student made a set of outdoor furniture for his Nana! Another student made a large poster about their upcoming motocross season, with information about their goals, events, photos etc. Be creative and find something fun that your child is passionate about. One of our students has recently organised a fundraiser for the flood relief appeal. This will count towards his Quest programme.

What are Pop Up Quests? These are Quests that occur (or Pop Up) from time to time, usually related to a particular event. In the past we have had Pop Up Quests for Matariki, ANZAC Day, the Olympics and the Rugby World Cup. Some of the Pop Up Quests have been designed by staff, and others have been created and run by students. Last year we had a fun Pop Up Quest where children had to make a cool dance video. If your child is keen to run a Pop Up Quest this year, get them to have a chat with John Channer.

I hope this answers any of the questions that you may have had about the Fraser Quest Programme. Please feel free to contact your child’s teacher or myself if you have any further questions.



From the Board

Update from the March Board of Trustees Meeting

Our Board met for their first meeting of 2023 earlier this week. The Board would like to warmly welcome everyone back to school, especially our new staff members Rebecca Jackson and Fiona Fitzgerald. Our Board have an additional focus on improving student attendance and engagement this year. We will keep you updated about this as the year progresses.



Student News



Māhe Manawa Ora Movin' March

1-31 March 2023 | movinmarch.com



Let's Get Movin' in March!

We are a Movin' March school and we are looking forward to the start of the 2023 challenge on Wednesday 1st March. We will start stamping passports at the main doors/foyer as part of the [Walk or Wheel Passport Challenge](#) all through March. Walking or wheeling to school is a great way to get active, know your neighbourhood, kick start learning for the day AND take care of the environment. Remember if you live a long way from school, ask to be dropped off a little further away from school so you can walk, wheel or ride and be an Active Adventurer! When students complete their passports, they need to hand them in to the office with their name and school on the back to go in the draw to win some cool prizes.

Bike the Trail – This Sunday. You can turn up on the day and register!



BIKE THE TRAIL Free Entry

- Family fun day out, riding the beautiful Hutt River Trail
- Sunday 5th March @ Harcourt Park
- Ride starts at 11am, check in at 10.30am
- 12km loop with music, snacks and water at the 6km turn around
- Register by March 2nd, go into draw to win a get fixed bicycle cafe \$300 voucher
- Registrations available on the day
- Interschool competition, winning school could win a \$300 Brewtown Entertainment voucher

<http://www.bikethetrail.co.nz/>

The Bike the Trail event is this Sunday 5th March and we would love you to join us. As a school, we are going to ride the Poets Park Loop track, which starts and finishes at Harcourt Park. This makes it easier in terms of transport etc.

We are meeting at 10:30am at Harcourt Park. This is a really fun event and our Fraser Kids really like to see their mates out riding along with them. Please note that this is a community event, and all children need to be accompanied by a parent or caregiver.

Participation in the Bike the Trail event counts as a Fraser Quest. Plus, there are some cool prizes up for grabs, which we really want to win! Be sure to let them know you are riding with Fraser Crescent School when you pick up your bits at registration.



School News

School Crossing – Please be extra careful around the school crossing on Redwood Street. Vehicles **must not** stop on the yellow lines (not even for 10 seconds while dropping children off) and please do not speed when travelling past the school.

Ngā mihi nui,
John Channer
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Photo Gallery



Flynn's Fraser Quest



Lunchtime in the Hub



Our Active Adventurers



Art Attack



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Interschool Netball



Interschool Netball



Floorball Action