



## NEWSLETTER

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Newsletter 5

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Important Dates

2 <sup>nd</sup> Apr	Good Friday
5 <sup>th</sup> /6 <sup>th</sup> Apr	Easter Holiday
7 <sup>th</sup> Apr	Home and School Meeting
14 <sup>th</sup> Apr	Board of Trustees Meeting
16 <sup>th</sup> Apr	End of Term 1
3 <sup>rd</sup> May	Start of Term 2



## From the Principal

### Easter Holiday Reminder

This newsletter is a Thursday Edition, due to tomorrow being Good Friday. **Please note that school is closed on Easter Monday 5<sup>th</sup> April and Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> April.** There have been a few questions raised about the Tuesday holiday, but this date is observed by all schools as directed by the Government.

### Fraser Time Success

This term our Fraser Time has involved the children taking part in a wide range of the extra-curricular opportunities that we offer at school, in order to generate more interest and participation in these clubs. The children have tried a new activity each week including Art Attack, Active Adventurers, Coding Club, Kapa Haka, Dance Splash, Maker Space, Fraser's Quest, and Gardening Club. The great news is that we have had lots more children taking part in these clubs, many with record numbers. We have also had a huge increase in children completing their Fraser Quests and sharing these, which often inspires other children to get involved in this rewarding programme.

### Teacher Only Days 2021

There are a number of Teacher Only Days for 2021. In most cases these dates have been coordinated with other local schools in an effort to minimise disruptions. The dates for upcoming Teacher Only Days are:

- Friday 4<sup>th</sup> June (joined to Queen's Birthday weekend).
- Friday 27<sup>th</sup> August
- Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> October (joined to Labour Day weekend).

### Massive Thanks to the Upper Hutt City Council

I would like to acknowledge and sincerely thank the Upper Hutt City Council for all of their recent support in terms of funding a number of additional opportunities for our Fraser Kids. The Council set aside some funding for post-Covid support. We have been fortunate to receive some of this money in order to provide a number of different opportunities including music therapy, 2020 Year 6 camp, transport and resourcing costs, and a couple of upcoming leadership and cultural programmes. The Upper Hutt City Council have also funded a number of our students to participate in local sports, arts and music programmes, made possible by applications from both parents and our staff. The impact of Covid meant that our kids missed out on lots of things and it is wonderful to see our local Council making a big effort to redress this.

### Teacher Trainee Welcome

We have a few teacher trainees start their placement at our school this week. They will be doing a few school visits in the next few weeks, as well as being with us from the 3<sup>rd</sup> May – 11 June.



## From the Board

### Home Learning Review

Attached with last fortnight's newsletter was a copy of our new draft Home Learning Policy. Please email me at [principal@frasercres.school.nz](mailto:principal@frasercres.school.nz) if you have any feedback you would like to share in regards to this policy.



## School News

### Fraser Ambassadors.

We are the Fraser Ambassadors. There are 22 of us from Years 5 and 6. You will often see us in the playground with our red Fraser Ambassador hats on. Some of our jobs include duties at lunchtime, morning tea and in the Hub. We look out to make sure everybody has somebody to play with and everyone is using the FRASER Values in the playground. We give out tokens to kids that are showing the FRASER Values. We also help out doing jobs, thanking visitors, showing people around the school and helping to run assemblies. From time to time we might run pop-up Fraser Quests, Fraser Times and lunchtime activities. Written by Issy, Naomi and Bayley.



### School Lunches

We've noticed quite a few children are asking for a top up for the lunch they bring from home. Please check with your children that they are taking enough for morning tea and lunch. Also check if they are still hungry after lunch. Children sometimes need extra if they're going through a growth spurt.

### Traditional Maori Games

A group of our senior Fraser Kids recently took part in a Traditional Maori Games event at Trentham Memorial Park in Upper Hutt. The children are mixed into teams with other students from different schools throughout Upper Hutt and take part in a number of traditional Maori sports. Feedback from the children who attended was that they loved the day, and were able display our **Active Adventurer** value.

### Home and School Chocolate Fund-raiser

Please return all monies raised from the chocolates to the school office as soon as possible. This fund-raiser ends at the end of Term 1. If you are unable to sell the chocolates these should be returned as well.

### School Pool Closed 1<sup>st</sup> April 2021

Due to the change in weather and the drop in usage, the school pool will be closed from Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April. Please return your key by Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> April.



# Community Notices

**Clyma Park Community Garden Group Sky Lantern Festival Friday 9<sup>th</sup> April starting at 5pm (if too wet or windy - Postponement date Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> April i**

Members of the Fraser Crescent School Community are welcome to join the Clyma Park Community Garden Group in our Sky Lantern Festival of Light. This fun community/school event is happening at the northern end of Clyma Park on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> April. **Lanterns can be purchased at the school office – Cash, EFTPOS or internet banking 12-3478-0052145-00 Ref 'Sky Lanterns'. \$6.00 each or 2 for \$10.00**

The proposed agenda is outlined below;

**5.00 - 5.30pm** Old fashioned games for kids, Easter Egg Hunt & Upper Hutt College Music group

**5.30 – 5.45pm** Fraser Crescent School Kapa Haka Roopu Performance

**5.30 - 6.30pm** **BBQ** sausages (\$2.00 ea.) for purchase.

**6.15 - 6.45pm** Quick speech then lighting of the 'sky lanterns'.

Bring something to eat for your family/whānau or buy a sausage (\$2.00 each) from the community BBQ. There will also be a plant table with plants for sale.

Ngā mihi nui,  
John Channer  
Next Newsletter Friday 16<sup>th</sup> April



**Selena's Creagami Fraser Quest**



**Jayden's Kea Zoo Sleepover Fraser Quest**



**Malo's Electric Bug (made in the Hub)**



**Ivy's Electric Bug (made in the Hub)**