

# fraser



## crescent school

### NEWSLETTER

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### Newsletter 7

### 13<sup>th</sup> May 2022



### Important Dates

- 20<sup>th</sup> May Pink Shirt Day
- 20<sup>th</sup> May Junior School Trip to Whirinaki
- 25<sup>th</sup> May Tough Guy'n'Gal Mud Run Event
- 25<sup>th</sup> May Board of Trustees Meeting 7pm
- 27<sup>th</sup> May PB4L Celebration
- 3<sup>rd</sup> June Teacher Only Day – School Closed
- 6<sup>th</sup> June Queen's Birthday holiday
- 8<sup>th</sup> June Home & School meeting 7pm
- 24<sup>th</sup> June Matariki Holiday



## From the Principal

### Extra Programmes and Opportunities for Students

Our students at Fraser Crescent School come from a range of diverse backgrounds. This means that their needs, experiences and opportunities are also very different. We are fortunate that this really helps to make our school a vibrant and exciting place. Over the years we have noticed that some of our children take part in lots of extra programmes within the school and the community. I firmly believe in the saying that '**Success breeds success**'. This means that the more children do and take part in, the more success they experience. We have some children who participate in almost all of our extra clubs and sports, and complete lots of Fraser Quests, furthermore, they belong to a number of community groups and teams. They are really maximising the opportunities that life has on offer. Furthermore, skills such as confidence, teamwork and resilience are developed, as well as learning skills and making friendships. Our Board of Trustees and staff are highly committed to ensuring that the school goes the extra mile in maximising the opportunities for all of our students. Some of the potential programmes and initiatives on offer include:

#### Clubs and groups for all

Art Attack – Tuesday mornings, run by Kaitlyn and Carla

Hoop Club – Wednesday lunchtimes, run by Benzi

Kapa Haka, Taiaha and Poi Club - Thursday after school

Active Adventurers – Friday mornings, run by Benzi and John

#### Leadership, wellbeing and social/emotional support and development programmes

Friendship groups and Social Skills groups

Brick Club – Lego programme

Numerous other extension and support programmes run through the HUB

Various health, wellbeing and self-esteem programmes run by Anita, our Wellness Coordinator

Counselling support for students

#### Extra Arts, Music, Cultural, Sports and Community programmes

DanceSplash

Community Sports and Arts programmes through the Upper Hutt City Council

School Basketball and other sports

Goodtime Music Bus, Shuttle Time Badminton, Tough Guy and Gal

We also have a number of exciting programmes in the pipeline including Toy Making, Weaving, Cooking, Fraser Quest support, Art Therapy and more (some are pending funding applications). We may also be in a position to support/fund some out of school activities, and potentially offer transport help in getting children to or from before and after school activities. Please email me at [principal@fraser cres.school.nz](mailto:principal@fraser cres.school.nz) if you would like more information about our extra programmes and opportunities for your kids, especially if they are a bit reluctant to get involved in things, or could do with some additional opportunities or support. You can also reach out if you have any ideas about more things we can offer our kids, or better still, anything you could potentially help with!

## **Covid Update**

The recent school holidays helped to slow the spread of Covid throughout the school, however cases are on the rise again. We are still encouraging the wearing of masks, but have left this decision down to individual choice. A few other things to remember are:

- Covid is still in our community, please continue to stay home if unwell and keep your children at home if they are unwell
- Regular hand washing remains a priority. Soap will be available in all bathrooms and hand sanitizer is available for everyone to use.
- Adequate ventilation is also key, while the heating will be on at school this term please ensure your child has adequate clothing to stay warm throughout the day.
- If you have had your tamariki vaccinated and are happy to give this information to the school, please email Kathie in the office at [office@frasercres.school.nz](mailto:office@frasercres.school.nz)
- Parents are welcome into school
- If you are visiting school between the hours of 9am and 3pm, please sign in and out at the office
- All parents, caregivers and whānau are encouraged to wear face masks while they are on site

Once again, I would like to thank everyone for their recent support in regards to our Covid management. It is really appreciated.

## **Building update**

The end is in sight with our building work. Early next week Rooms 5 and 6 will be moving out of the hall, back into their usual classrooms. We hope to have the Hub back up and running towards the end of next week. Breakfast Club won't be available for the start of next week. I do want to thank the children, staff and our school community for being so being so accommodating throughout the building work. Finally, I would like to do a huge shout out to Mark and the team at RMR Decorators, who have painted our new staffroom for free. Mark is Zoe Draper's brother-in-law and has always been a great supporter of Fraser Crescent School.

## **Michelle Picard's Farewell**

It was a very sad end of term for Michelle Picard as we had to postpone her farewell at the last moment, due her needing to isolate at home. We are looking to invite Michelle back to school in the new few weeks to give her the proper send-off that she deserves. We will send out a separate notice about this event once we have confirmed the details. Some parents purchased tickets for the trampoline park for the night of Michelle's farewell. If you purchased tickets, please email Kathie in the office with your bank account details to have your money refunded.



## **Badminton Club – Children in Years 4 and above.**

We have a number of Fraser Kids who play badminton each week at the Expressions Hall on Thursday afternoons. This is a great sport for the kids, as it is easy to learn and lots of fun to play, plus the equipment is all supplied. Also, if new children from our school join, there will be lots of familiar faces when they turn up. We are exploring transport options to get the children to Expressions Hall in Upper Hutt each week. There is a cost of \$5 per week, for the badminton, but please let me (John) know if this is an issue, as we can help with the fees.

## **My Picnic Rules**

The Voyagers and Trailblazers recently had a "My Picnic Rules" competition, as a follow up to a healthy food programme the students had taken part in. The children had a budget, and in teams had to plan a picnic menu and budget of mostly healthy food. The food was then purchased, and the children prepared their feast. The weather was kind, allowing the children to eat their picnic outside. See pictures at the end of this fortnight's newsletter.

## **Guess Who Portrait Competition**

Attached with last term's newsletter was a Guess Who portrait competition of the staff having painted a self-portrait. Reuben S was our winner, successfully guessing 16 out of 25! This was great considering a lot of our staffs' painting skills (often a lack of). Allan C and Mackenzie G also did really well with their efforts, managing to pick 12 staff each.



# School News

## School Pool

There are still a number of pool keys outstanding. Could these please be returned to the office as soon as possible.

## School Lunch Orders from Redwood Dairy

Due to price increases all pies (except butter chicken) will now cost \$2.90 and Cookie Time Cookies \$3.00. The new price list for lunches will be sent home separately next week.

## Fraser Crescent School – Home and School Association

Our Home and School Association met earlier this week for our first proper get together for the year (our previous meeting was held online). We have started to plan out a number of upcoming fundraising events over the year. Another key goal for the Home and School is to make sure they continue to do fun things for the children, as well as encouraging parents and whānau to be involved in the school. Parental involvement in the school will be easier to achieve as the Covid restrictions reduce.

Ngā mihi nui

John Channer

Next Newsletter 27<sup>th</sup> May



Our new basketball hoop in action.



My Picnic Rules competition



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# SHUTTLE TIME NEW ZEALAND

Shuttle Time is a worldwide programme that aims to give kids of all ages and abilities an enjoyable and accessible experience to Badminton.

This programme is for school aged children Year 4-13

COST: \$5 per session per player payable on the day of play, racquets available for use

For information about Shuttle Time, visit [www.bwfsuttletime.com](http://www.bwfsuttletime.com)

For enquiries contact Nikki  
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## UPPER HUTT JUNIOR BADMINTON CLUB

Term two, Thursday's  
from 5 May 2022

3.30 – 5.30pm

Expressions Hall, 836  
Fergusson Drive, Upper Hutt