Welcome to 2026 at Te Kura o Te Awahou

Tēnā koutou katoa,

He mihi ki a tātou, he harikoa te ngakau kei te timata te kura mo te tau, mauri ora ki a tātou.

He mihi aroha ki o mātou mate hūhua o te wā. Ki te whānau Taylor mo Aunty Lucy, te whānau Ketu mo Whaea Ellen (tuakana a Whaea Nina), te whānau Whareaitu mo Whaea Joanne, te whānau Kahukoti mo Nanny Maire (te māmā a Whaea Tracey), te whānau Hines mo Mossy. E ngā rangatira, e ngā māreikura, ānei mātou e tangi ana mo koutou katoa, e okioki ai.

Kei te tuku ngā whakaaro aroha ki te whānau Te Peeti hoki. Nā te mauiuitanga o Melody, te tuahine o Pāpā Heemi, e te whanaunga kia kaha, kia māia.

Mauri ora ki a tātou.

We also acknowledge Matua James who is currently away on leave. Piki te ora, Matua. In his absence, Whaea Ani Skipper has stepped in as Acting Principal.

As a kura, we're looking forward to a positive start to the year and welcoming tamariki back on Monday February 2nd. To help you plan well for their return, please find key updates and dates included in this newsletter.

If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact the kura on 06 363 8269/ office@foxton.school.nz.

Ngā mihi,

Whaea Ani Skipper
Acting Principal - Foxton Primary School

Start of Term Notices:

School Returns: Monday 2 February
We will start the day with a short mihi whakatau at 8.45am. Please join us.

Pōwhiri for new students: Tuesday 3 February
Join us at 10am to welcome our new students to kura. We also invite you to join us afterwards for kai as part of the pōwhiri process.

Dress Code: Women — skirts or dresses & Men — long trousers

2026 Staffing & Class Information

Tumuaki
Matua James Los'e

Turanga Class Bilingual Year 1-4
Whaea Nina Pilkington & Whaea Jeannie Barnett

Takihiku Class Bilingual Year 5-8
Whaea Tracey Tanoa & Matua Ali Williams

Whakatere Akomanga Rumaki Tau 1-4
Whaea Emerly Todd & Matua Troy O'Carroll

Rākau Akomanga Rumaki Tau 5-8
Whaea Atawhai Nepia & Whaea Ani Skipper

Office Manager: Erin Rauhihi
Admin Support: Tylah McKay
Caretaker: Victor Taylor
Catering: Kathy Taylor & Penny
Cleaner: Penny

All stationery requirements are provided by kura. The cost is $20 per student and can be paid at the office in full or by payment arrangement.

🏊 Swimming Lessons

As part of our commitment to building confidence and safety in and around wai, swimming lessons will begin in Week 2 and be held at Foxton Pools. Please find the schedule below:

Bilingual Classes – Tūranga & Takihiku
Lessons begin Monday 9 February

Rumaki Classes – Whakatere & Rākau
Lessons begin Thursday 12 February

Whānau are welcome to come along and observe lessons at Foxton Pools.

☀️ Sun Safety & Daily Essentials

To keep our tamariki safe in the sun, hats and sunscreen are required. School hats are available if required.

A reminder that we are a water-only kura, students are encouraged to bring a water bottle each day. Please ensure all student gear is clearly named.

⏰ Change to Wednesday Finish

As we settle into the new year, we'll be returning to our full school day hours. School begins at 8.45am and finishes at 3.00pm.

🗓️ Key Dates

Feb 6th - Waitangi Day - School Closed
Feb 13th - Year 7 & 8 Technology Classes at Manawatū College begins
March 12th - Swimming Sports at Foxton Pools