

Frasertown School

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Principal News



Welcome to Our New Look!

We're excited to introduce our refreshed newsletter! We hope you find the new format engaging and informative.

Our newsletters will be sent home fortnightly on Fridays via Skool Loop and posted on Facebook. We welcome any feedback to help us make it even better!

A Fantastic Start to the Year

What an amazing beginning to 2024! We kicked off the year by welcoming our new tamariki and their whānau with a special whakatau. It was wonderful to see our students settling into their classrooms, meeting their teachers, and embracing the new school year.

Fun Day Highlights

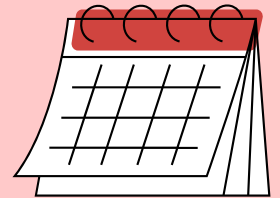
Later that week, we held our annual Fun Day—a fantastic way for students to settle in, build friendships, and practice our school values while having a great time.

Korero Mai – Building Strong Connections

Last week, we hosted our Korero Mai sessions, giving parents and teachers an opportunity to connect. These meetings are invaluable for fostering strong relationships and gaining insight into each child's learning journey. Thank you to all who participated!



Key Dates



Swimming Festival
February 20th Thursday

Last Day of Term 1
April 14th Friday

Term 2 starts
April 28th Monday

Principals message continued

Welcome to Raiha Smith

We are delighted to welcome Raiha Smith to our staff as our classroom release teacher. Raiha brings a wealth of experience and will be working across several rooms on the following schedule:

 Wednesday: Room 2 (Weeks 3,6,9), Room 3 (Weeks 4,7,10), Room 5 (Weeks 5,8,11)

 Thursday: Room 4

 Friday: Room 1

Raiha's adorable puppy, Jack, may also make an occasional visit—your children might come home talking about him!

Engaged & Excited Learners

Our classrooms are buzzing with learning and enthusiasm, thanks to our dedicated staff. Before the term started, our teachers undertook professional development in the **new Maths and English curricula**, ensuring we implement the best practices for our students.

- **Maths Curriculum:** Teachers are exploring how best to integrate new materials, including the workbooks recently featured in the media.
- **English Curriculum:** Our structured literacy PLD is well underway, and you may notice changes in home learning as we implement new strategies.

We acknowledge the effort and adaptability of our teaching team and are incredibly proud of their commitment to providing the best learning experience for our students.

Upcoming Event: Swimming Festival!

We're looking forward to our **Swimming Festival next week**, and we can't wait to see many of you there!

Thank you for your continued support—we're excited for another fantastic year ahead.

Ngā mihi,

Mrs Megan Marshall

Student awards

Room 4

Ruby Middleton -
Responsibility

Penelope Mann - *Being organised*

Room 1

Ayva Smith - *Being a great role model*

Robert Corker - *Being a great role model*

Room 5

Indie Walker - *showing excellent school values*

Daisy Bullock - *showing excellent school values*

Room 2

Eligh Everest - *Leadership*
Isabelle Boaler - *Leadership*

Room 3

Freida Corker - *Being a great role Model*

Louis Jones - *Responsibility*

Meet the Teachers

Hi, I'm Sue Smith and I teach the New Entrants and Year Ones in Room 4. I joined the staff as the New Entrants teacher in May 1995 and have been Deputy Principal for most of those years. I have served under five principals, each one bringing positive change and growth to the school. A special treat for me is teaching the children of children I had in Room 4 all those years ago. It is great to catch up with ex pupils and hear their stories. I love teaching at Frasertown School and this year I am looking forward to delving into the new Maths and English curricula with my little charges.

Once again, this year, I have a class of lovely children that I am thrilled to be working with. They are a credit to you.



Sue Smith
Room 4, Year NE - 1



Mike Spooner
Room 5, Year 2

Kia Ora,

I am the qualified teacher of Room 5. My youngest son, Elliot, is a student of room 2 here at Frasertown School. I enjoy Sports and Outdoor activities, Music, and Art. I am also currently representing Ngati Kahungunu ki te Wairoa, performing for 'Te Rerenga Kotuku' at Te Matatini o te Kahui Maunga Kapa Haka festival 2025, New Plymouth which will be streaming live all week at the Gaiety Theater Wairoa Feb 25th - Mar 1st.

Ko Charles tōku ingoa, te kaiako ō te akomanga Tahī. I have been lucky to call Frasertown home for the past four years and feel privileged to be part of such a supportive and vibrant community of tamariki and whānau. In addition to my role as a classroom teacher, I also serve as the Cultural and Within-School Leader. These roles allow me to contribute to strengthening and developing the teaching and learning at Frasertown School, ensuring a positive and inclusive environment for all.



Charles Hall
Room 1, Year 3

Meet the Teachers



Jo Gray
Room 2, Year 4 & 5

Kia ora koutou

I moved home to Wairoa last year to be closer to my whanau I have been teaching for 30 years in varied roles - time flies! I enjoy having a fun and active class with lots of hands on learning, working hard and celebrating successes. Building relationships and trust, I believe, is key to establishing a great learning environment. I look forward to getting to know more of the whanau and friends of Frasertown school, and am enjoying being back in a rural school that has such a positive and friendly feel.

Nga mihi
Jo Gray

Kia ora koutou

I moved to Wairoa in 2023 after growing up and living in Napier. I have been teaching for 25 years. I had a break from teaching to fix up the house and property I bought on Tiniroto Road when I moved here. It is now liveable!

I am enjoying teaching at Frasertown school - the whanau feel, and relaxed focus on fun while learning, really appeals to me. Nothing creates more success in a child's learning than having trusting relationships with the adults around them.

Nga mihi,
Nicky



Nicky Bailey
Room 2, Year 4 & 5



Hemish Chandra
Room 3, Year 5 & 6

I am incredibly proud to be the Room 3 teacher at Frasertown School in 2025, where I get to inspire and support our amazing Year 5 and 6 learners.

The unwavering support from our school administration allows me to create a positive, engaging, and inclusive classroom where every student can thrive.

With a strong team behind me, I am excited for a year of growth, learning, and success in Room 3!

Support Staff

- ★ **Jane Bidios** - Student Teacher and Teacher Aide (Room 2)
- ★ **Ashlea Mudd** - Student Teacher and Teacher Aide (Room 1)
- ★ **Tarn Ferris** - Librarian, Te Reo Teacher, Teacher Aide (Room 4)
- ★ **Lynne Cox** - Early Literacy Support Teacher
- ★ **Cherie Kopilvich** - Teacher Aide (Room 5)
- ★ **Nilam Chandra** - Teacher Aide (Room 4)
- ★ **Sonia Howard** - Office Administrator
- ★ **Judy Johnston** - SENCO
- ★ **Raiha Smith** - Release Teacher



We are grateful to have such a fantastic team of support staff for 2025!

Message from the BOT

I am pleased to introduce myself, My name is Mike Wilson and I have been on the board for the last 6/7 years, and chair for the past couple.

I grew up the Mangapokie road and attended Frasertown School in the late 80's. My children are 4th generation at Frasertown School.

Being on the board and in a governance role can be quite rewarding, its not about the day to day running of the school but more around the strategic direction, setting policies and monitoring the schools performance.

I am really looking forward to the year ahead, and especially working on getting some new classroom buildings.

I look forward to seeing you all around and another great year at Frasertown School.

Thanks,
Mike Wilson
Frasertown School BOT Chairman

MEETING

Upcoming BOT Meeting dates

- Wednesday 5th March
- Wednesday 2nd April

Swimming Festival



Where: Frasertown Swimming Pool
When: 1pm Thursday 20th February

Our swimming festival is a chance for all students to hop in the pool and show you the skills they have been practising in class swim time.

We will kick off at 1pm with the 5 year olds up first.

Please come along and watch the fun!

Note: in the unfortunate event we have to postpone the swimming festival, the postponement date will be Monday 24th February.

From the Frasertown PTA:

The PTA would like to thank the community for their support last year in what was a successful start to a Frasertown School PTA.

We raised a total of \$1630.70 from our BBQ's and bake sale last year. We look forward to continuing to build our momentum and support the tamariki and our school.

We have some neat ideas for fundrasing this year so keep an eye on the Newsletter and Frasertowns facebook page for upcoing events to get involved with. Once the AGM date is confirmed we will let you know for those wanting to come along and join.



Staff Contact Details

Your child's teacher will be the main point of contact for any learning, social or emotional concerns and questions you may have.

Please feel free to reach out to them via email below

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Room 5:

Mike Spooner

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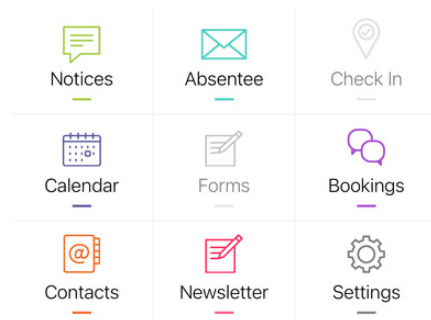


To keep up to date with what's happening at school please make sure you have downloaded the "Skool Loop App"

Apple users - head to the App Store and search skool loop, then download

Android users - google play store app and search skool loop

If you have any trouble downloading the app please pop into school and we can help you out



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Community Notices



Learn to Surf with Ocean Rhythms Surf coaching !

Mahia Surf Camp 22/2/25 ☀️

Signups are now open for another surf camp in Mahia!

when: Saturday (22/2/25)

from 9am-3:30pm.

Cost \$115 per kid or \$125 with a surfboard rental 🏄

email : oceanrhythmscoaching@gmail.com to secure a spot or ask any questions

