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Principal News



Swimming Festival

What an incredible turnout we had for our Swimming Festival last week! The weather was perfect, and it was fantastic to celebrate such a fun event together. Our amazing Tamariki all jumped in and gave it their best. The day was filled with sunshine, smiles, and plenty of splashes!

Matua Mike at Te Matatini

As you may know, Matua Mike is away this week, proudly representing us at Te Matatini. We were fortunate to come together as a school to watch his performance—what an inspiring moment! In his absence, we're grateful to have Raiha in Room 5 for the week, providing continuity and familiarity for the class.

Swimming Pool Mural

Our talented Rebecca Stone has begun work on a stunning mural at the swimming pool! Every one of our students will contribute to this artwork, making it a true team effort. We're excited to see the transformation take shape!

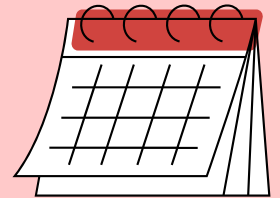
Curriculum Changes

At Frasertown School, we are thoughtfully embracing the new curriculum changes, ensuring we move at a pace that best supports our tamariki. On Monday, our teachers engaged in professional learning around the new Maths curriculum, and there's a real sense of excitement about this journey.

One key decision we've made as a staff is to use workbooks and textbooks as teaching resources rather than as daily prescribed materials. Our focus is on teaching to the curriculum in a way that best meets the needs of our learners.

Following is an insightful media release from Leanne Otene, President of the New Zealand Principals' Federation. Unfortunately, this wasn't widely covered by the media, so we felt it was important to share with you all.

Key Dates



District Swimming
Sports
March 18th, Tuesday

Wairoa Recovery
Obstacle Course
March 20th, Thursday

Mitre10 Mega Tough Kid
April 3rd, Thursday

Last Day of Term 1
April 14th, Friday

Term 2 starts
April 28th, Monday

Minister's View Not the Experience of Schools, Say Principals

New Zealand Principal's Federation – February 17, 2025
NZPF Media Release, 17 February 2025

Source: NZ Principals Federation

The New Zealand Principals' Federation (NZPF) President, Leanne Otene, has expressed her surprise at the recent pronouncements of the Minister of Education, on the Q and A Show, that the roll out of the new curriculum in Literacy and Mathematics is going magnificently well.

"Other than Cambridge Intermediate School, I am not sure which schools the Minister is visiting, but this is not the feedback I am receiving as President of the Principals' Federation," she said.

"I am hearing from schools that the year by year mathematics curriculum is not working at all well – especially in Intermediate schools – who have received only year 7 and 8 resources, yet have children up to two or even three years below that level and some children exceeding their level," she said.

"We have been very clear for many years now that our learners do not arrive at school all the same. They arrive at school with a broad range of readiness for formal learning, and about 30% will need some form of learning support. Conversely, there are children who exceed their year level. That is why we have always opposed a year by year curriculum," said Otene, "because it sets up an expectation that every child is exactly at their year level, which is simply not true," she said.

Otene was also less optimistic than the Minister about the roll out of the professional learning for teachers and principals, and said trying to change two major areas of the curriculum at once was not the best way to design curriculum change.

"We are pleased that the Minister has offered free professional learning in Mathematics and Literacy for our principals and teachers," said Otene, "however we have received varying feedback on the quality of professional learning on offer, because it is a 'one-size-fits-all approach'," she said.

"We know that schools are at different stages of development, with some having adopted structured literacy, for example, several years ago and some are well familiar with the mathematics resources. Other schools have no experience of either structured literacy or structured mathematics," she said.

"NZPF called for a slowdown of the curriculum change, asking for one subject at a time," she said, "so that teachers and principals could be fully trained and feel confident and competent to implement the changes," she said.

"If we are to be successful, then it is critical that we also inject substantial resources into learning support," said Otene. "Successive governments have failed to adequately address learning support, and we have seen no improvements with the present government," she said.

If you would like to discuss any of the curriculum changes – or what you might be hearing about in the media, please feel free to have a chat with me, at this time of change it is my responsibility to keep the loads of our teachers as small as possible.

Nga Mihi,
Mrs Megan Marshall

Student awards

Room 4

Kahutia Spooner -
Excellent class captain
Royal-Blue Tahuri-Edmondsa - *Coming with a smile everyday*
Nathan Chapman -
Learning in Maths
Cooper Perry - *Sharing his knowledge of tadpoles*

Room 1

Armie Black
Trixie McDonald

Room 5

Krewdence Thompson -
Confidence
Lochie Mutton -
Completing his work on time

Room 2

Aila-Rose Isherwood -
Working hard
Sabar Hikawai -
Improvement in swimming

Room 3

Jess Nicholls - *Values*
Asha Hikawai - *Values role model*
Kalani Cooper - *writing superstar*
Jimmy Brownlie - *Values and resilience*

Swimming Festival Success!!



Thank you to all those who came to support our Swimming Festival last week. What a great turn out, and a great day in the sunshine supporting our Tamariki in the water!



District Swimming Sports

Following our successful Swimming Festival last week, those students who expressed their interest in attending District Swimming sports are having tryouts this week.

We look forward to announcing those students who will represent Frasertown School at the Wairoa District Swimming Sports, which will be held at the Wairoa Community Centre on Tuesday 18th March.

Wairoa Recovery Obstacle Course

Wairoa Recovery is excited to invite your kura to take part in the Wairoa Recovery Building Champions Obstacle Course, an epic experience designed to challenge, inspire, and uplift our tamariki.

Location: Clyde Domain

Dates: Thursday 20 March 2024

Time: From 10.25am - 11.30am (50 tamariki per 30 minute sessions)

This high-energy obstacle course has traveled all the way from Auckland and has been enjoyed by thousands of tamariki across Aotearoa. As we overcome two years since Cyclone Gabrielle and mark the one-year anniversary of the June Floods, let's continue to prioritise the hauora ā-tinana, ā-hinengaro of our tamariki through movement, teamwork, and fun.

We will travel as a whole school by bus. Tamariki will need their morning tea and a drink bottle.



WAIROA RECOVERY presents

BUILDING CHAMPIONS OBSTACLE CHALLENGE

WHEN: 19 & 20 MARCH

WHERE: CLYDE DOMAIN

TIME: FROM 9.30AM

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- JUMPING HURDLES
- ALEX BALANCE INFLATABLE

CONTACT MICHELLE ON 027 216 8008 OR MICHELLE@WAIROADC.GOVT.NZ

A heartfelt message from Matua Mike

Kia ora e te whanau,

Our Whanau at Frasertown Primary school have been a great source of inspiration, supporting my journey towards representing Ngati Kahungunu ki te Wairoa, Te Reo and Tikanga Maori at 'Te Matatini o te Kahui Maunga'. Our stories of perseverance and triumph remind me that hard work and dedication can overcome any obstacle working as a team.

Just like our Kapa 'Te Rerenga Kōtuku' Each sacrifice we've made for our collective well-being instills in me a deep sense of responsibility to honor our efforts and striving for my goals. Everyones belief in my potential fuels my determination, encouraging me to push beyond my limits and embrace challenges as opportunities for growth.

I am empowered to envision a future filled with possibilities, knowing that I carry your Mana, strength and Wairua within me as I lay a path for our future Tamariki and Mokopuna.

Nga mihi kia koutou,

*Matua Mike
Mauri Ora!*



The Mitre 10 MEGA

TOUGH KID

Children's Obstacle Course

This year we are excited to attend the **Mitre10 Mega tough Kid challenge** with our Year 3 - 6's! This event was a great success last year, with so much fun had, so we are looking forward to doing it again this year!

A little about the challenge:

"The Mitre 10 MEGA Tough Kid® is a fun and challenging obstacle course designed for primary (Yr 3-6) school children. The aim of the day is participation and fun in a "challenge by choice" philosophy that promotes confidence-building and personal achievement. The course includes lots of running with obstacles the kids need to navigate such as cargo nets, cable reels, climbing wall, bank climb & slide as well as lots of other challenging and fun tasks".



Where: Mitre10 Park, 42 Percival Road, Tomoana, Hastings

When: Thursday 3rd April, 11.30am - 2pm

Who: All Year 3-6's

How: We will be travelling by bus to and from the event

Departure Times: We will depart Frasertown school at 9am

As the event will not finish until 2pm, we estimate we will be arriving back to Frasertown at 4pm, and will do a bus drop off at the New World bus stop on our way through Wairoa. We will send a text, post on Facebook, and on skool loop, when we leave Hastings, so you can keep track with pick up times.

Please let us know where you will collect your child from (either Frasertown School, or New World bus stop).

What to wear

All students must wear their Frasertown school shirt, school hat and are able to wear any shorts. As there is water and mud on the course it is recommended that long pants are not worn. Shoes are required for travel but are optional for the event, and bare feet will be at the risk of the individual. Students will need a spare change of warm clothing, as they will get wet and cold during their race - this does not need to be a school uniform.

Food and Drink

We will provide our school lunches. You will just need to send their morning tea along. It is a good idea for each child to bring a water bottle with them. Water will be available around the venue for people to fill their water bottles up. There will not be a set lunch break as there will be plenty of time for children between the race/s they are involved in.

This event will be amazing for our school, as you can imagine there is a large cost for the transport for this event and we are lucky enough to have support from Mitre 10 so that we can attend the event. If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact Megan.

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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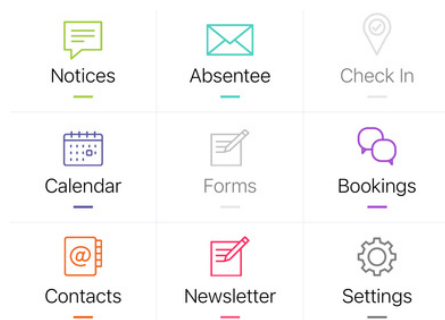


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Android users - google play store app and search skool loop

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