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From the Principals Desk



Kia Ora Koutou Parents and Whānau,
My newsletter write up this week shares the future of mathematics and statistics learning at Frasertown School.

We are implementing the new New Zealand Curriculum for Mathematics and Statistics, Te Mātaiaho, which is designed to empower our students to become confident and capable mathematicians and statisticians.

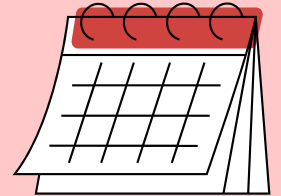
This new curriculum has a clear purpose: to help students study, learn, and appreciate the power and beauty of abstraction, reasoning, and symbolic representation. It aims to equip them to investigate, interpret, and explain patterns and relationships in quantity, space, time, data, and uncertainty. Mastering maths means our students are able to accurately and efficiently use mathematics and statistics as a foundation for new learning, problem-solving, reasoning, and making connections between concepts.

The curriculum is structured around three key elements: Understand, Know, and Do.

- Understand focuses on the deep and enduring big ideas and themes that students develop over their learning journey. This helps connect school maths with the wider world and identifies critical learning.
- Know comprises the meaningful and important content, concepts, and topics that exemplify and enrich students' understanding of the big ideas. These are broken down into six strands: number, algebra, measurement, geometry, statistics, and probability
- Do describes the practices (skills, strategies, processes, and competencies) that are particular to mathematics and statistics and that bring rigor to learning. These include processes like investigating, representing, connecting, generalizing, and explaining and justifying.

At Frasertown School, we are committed to a structured approach to teaching and learning that aligns with this new curriculum. Our implementation is guided by the principles of maths mastery, which builds deep conceptual understandings through carefully sequenced content and the use of material and pictorial representations before moving to abstract concepts. We ensure students have

Key Dates



Mitre10 Mega Tough Kid
April 3rd, Thursday

Last Day of Term 1
April 11th, Friday

Good Friday
April 18, Friday

Easter Monday
April 21, Monday

ANZAC Day
April 25, Friday

Term 2 starts
April 28th, Monday

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opportunities to practise new knowledge and skills in different contexts and receive timely feedback to address any misconceptions.

Our teachers use explicit teaching, where concepts are explained thoroughly and clearly, with planned purposes for each lesson. This involves modelling, guided practice, and a gradual handover of responsibility to students for their independent practice. We also intentionally incorporate literacy skills through verbal representations, vocabulary, word problems, and student explanations and justifications to enrich learning.

We plan for daily mathematics lessons, averaging about an hour a day, which include a structured approach: a 'getting started' introduction, dedicated working time, and a 'connect and reflect' summary. We link learning to prior knowledge, introduce new concepts using engaging activities, and provide opportunities for students to develop and consolidate their understanding through various tasks.

The new curriculum emphasizes the importance of developing positive relationships with maths by building confidence, engaging with students' interests, and reinforcing that maths knowledge develops with effort. We create an inclusive learning environment where all students feel supported to contribute and take risks, and we connect maths tasks to students' languages and cultures.

Assessment is an ongoing process, informing our teaching and helping us to understand students' learning needs. We use standardised tools for students in Years 3-8 twice yearly - which we already do. This helps us monitor progress and provide targeted support where needed.

We believe that this new curriculum provides a strong foundation for our students in mathematics and statistics, equipping them with the skills and understanding they need to thrive in an increasingly complex world. We look forward to working with our students and you, our whānau, on this exciting journey.

Nga mihi nui,
Mrs Megan Marshall
Principal, Frasertown School

Student Awards



Room 5

Katelyn Middleton - Awesome attitude towards tasks and improvement in printing

Hiirym Fulford - Excellent Values and improvement in writing

Harvey Isherwood - Reading and writing

Zara Kahn - Positive attitude in maths and reading

Room 4

Lowkey Tawhara - Can blend letters to read words

Ezme Nohotima - Attempting all tasks happily

Marlowe Pryde - settling in nicely to Room 4

Grace Read - settling in nicely to Room 4

Room 3

Te Aniwa Cooper - Excellent leadership

Bonny-Ray - Writing, values and being a great role model

Zoe Wilson - values star during learning

Ryker Black - Practicing resilience and being a wonderful maths model

Room 2

Amelia Tipuna-Collister - Art

Daisy Marshall-Hall - Effort in report writing

Ryland Maxwell - fantastic effort to become an active learner and listener

Titan Thompson - pushing himself to take risks with learning

Room 1

Kymania-Rose Lackner - being a responsible learner

Vonae Nohotima - showing resilience

Welcome Mrs Tiara



We are excited to introduce Mrs. Tiara Bligh, as the new Office Administrator at Frasertown School.

Tiara will be the friendly face greeting students, parents and staff at the front office. She has previously taught dance at Frasertown School, and her love for working with children, along with her dedication to fostering positive relationships, will be an asset in her role here at Frasertown School.

Please stop by the front office to say hello, and give Mrs Tiara a warm welcome!

Wairoa District Swimming Sports Results



Noah Powdrell

1st Place 25m Freestyle
1st Place 25m Backstroke
2ns Place 50m Freestyle
1st Place 50m Backstroke
3rd Place 50m Breaststroke

Jimmy Brownlie

2nd Place 25m Backstroke
3rd Place 50m Freestyle
2nd Place 50m Backstroke
1st Place 25m Breaststroke

Asha Hikawai

1st Place 25m Freestyle
1st Place 25m Backstroke
2nd Place 25m Freestyle
2nd Place 50m Backstroke

Sam Powdrell

2nd Place 25m Freestyle

Aila-Rose Isherwood

2nd Place 25m Breststroke

Daisy Marshall-Hall

2nd Place 25m Freestyle
3rd Place 50m Backstroke
1st Place 25m Breaststroke

Congratulations to these students on their outstanding swimming achievements at Districts last week!

REMINDER

Mitre10 Tough Kid Challenge next Thursday

Reminder our Year 3, - 6's will be travelling to Hastings Sports park for the Mitre10 Tough Kid Challenge. Please make sure you have completed the consent form on Skool Loop! Buses will be arriving back at an estimated time of 3:45pm - 4pm, and will drop off at New World, or Frasertown School. Please keep an eye on updates on our Facebook page, and messages via Skool Loop for these arrival times.

INTRODUCING OUR SUPPORT STAFF



Patricia Taumata-Albert
Student Teacher

Ko Whakapunake me
Rakauwhakatangi oku maunga.
Ko Wairoa-hopupu-honengenenge
matangirau me kopuawhara oku
awa.

Ko Takitimu te waka.
Ko Takitimu me Te Rakato oku
marae.

Ko Ngai-Te apatu me Ngai.
Te Rakato oku hapu.

Patricia is a first year student teacher, who comes from Mahia. She loves working with the 5 year olds at Frasertown School because the kids are so cute and funny.



Cherie Kopilovic
Teacher Aid

Cherie is a Teacher Aid in Room 5, and also does speech and language therapy. She has lived in Wairoa for 16 years. Both of her sons are past students of Frasertown School. Cherie really enjoys the atmosphere here at Frasertown School.



Nilam Chandra
Teacher Aid & Cleaner

Nilam is a Teacher Aid in Room 4, and also serves the children breakfast in the mornings. Her husband is Mr Hemish who teaches in Room 3. Nilam has been living in Wairoa for 2 years and has one daughter here too. She loves to make friends.



Tarn Ferris
Teacher Aid, Te Reo & Librarian

Tarn was born and bred in Frasertown, attended Frasertown School, and her 2 children have also been Frasertown school students. She absolutely loves her job, working with the tamariki and being able to give back to her community. Tarn says "everyday is different, and I love the energy the tamariki give off." For Tarn, this is more than just a job, it is her passion and she loves coming to work everyday.



Jane Bidios
Student Teacher & Teacher Aid

Jane is in her second year at Teaching College, is a Student Teacher and Teacher Aid here at Frasertown School. Jane loves working with the tamariki and seeing their growth. Jane previously lived in Tamaki Makaurau and worked at Farmers Head office. She moved to Wairoa with her partner 14 years ago. Jane also has a passion for equestrian eventing.



Tiara Bligh
Office Administrator

Tiara is originally from Auckland and has recently made the move to Ruakituri, where she now lives with her husband. With a passion for dance, she has spent years teaching and inspiring children through movement. Tiara is excited to begin her new role in office administration at Frasertown School and is looking forward to building strong connections within the school's vibrant community.

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Ashlea Webby
Student Teacher & Teacher
Aid

Ashlea is a 3rd year Student Teacher studying at Te Rito Maioha. She is also the Teacher Aid in Room 1. Ashlea has 3 daughters, is from Mohaka, and grew up in the bay. You may know Ashlea from Beauty Antix where she spent 5 years as a beauty therapist. She made the transition to teaching as it has always been her passion.



Renee Morin
Learning Support
Co-ordinator

Renée works as a Learning Support Coordinator in four primary schools across the Kahui Ako. Her role involves helping the tamariki, their teachers, and whānau find the best ways to make learning easier and more engaging. If a child needs extra support, Renee can work with them to build confidence and succeed. Renee loves seeing kids feel proud of what they can do!



Mazz Stickle
Caretaker

Mazz is Ngapuhi, and Muaupoko. He was born in Waitangi and spent time growing up in the Bay of Islands, and Levin. He has worked in Maori affairs and did his trade training as a carpenter and has been a builder for the past 30-40 years. Mazz moved to Wairoa 2 years ago, with his wife Poppy who is a local midwife.

This wonderful team of support staff, complement our teaching staff, and are a great asset to our school.

We value their enthusiasm, knowledge and experiences that they bring to our Frasertown School Community.

From the Classroom.....



Welcome to Room 4!

Happenings in Room 4 where Little Learners are Loving Learning

Structured Literacy Learning

Sounds and Names of Letters

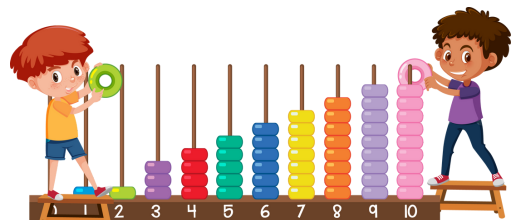
This is great for early literacy development. Children are getting a solid foundation by practicing letter sounds and names. Homework books serve as a valuable tool for reinforcement.

Writing

The children are working on forming letters correctly and beginning to write stories. Copying over or under dictated stories helps build both fine motor skills and literacy. Some children are beginning to write their own stories



Mathematics



Recognizing, writing, and sequencing numbers through games is a fun way to build number sense.

Moving into addition and subtraction is a big milestone, and the children will likely be excited to apply these concepts in their learning

More from Room 4.....

Science

The exploration of the life cycle of frogs and caterpillars provides hands-on learning, which is often one of the most effective ways to engage young learners. Having live tadpoles and caterpillars in the classroom makes this a memorable experience.



It's great to see that the children are enthusiastic and enjoying their learning. We have a positive, energetic classroom atmosphere which is key to fostering curiosity and engagement at this age"

Mrs Sue Smith - Teacher, Room 4

Art

The class have painted wonderful portraits of themselves and have played around with paint using sponges and cotton wool



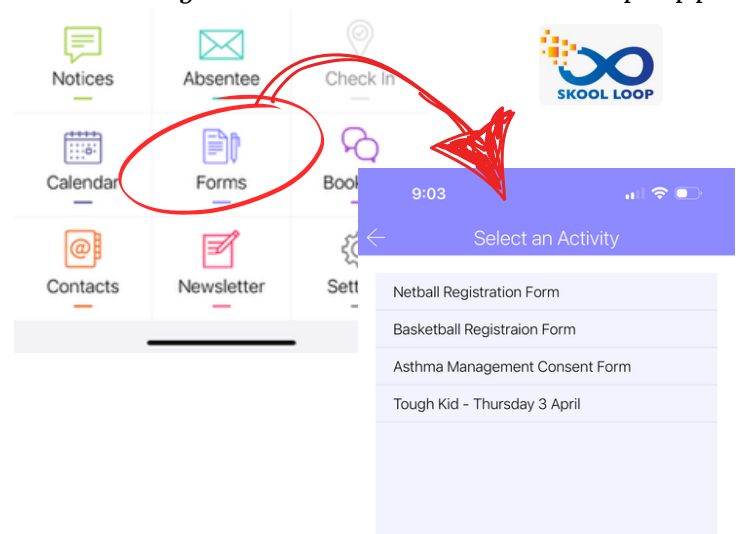
Sports & how to register:



Please register your child via Skool Loop, for Basketball and/or Netball, by **Friday 4th April** so we can organize teams and coaches.

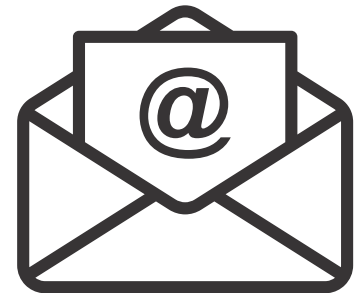
If you are available to help with coaching please email the school office and let us know office@frasertown.school.nz

For registration use the Skool Loop App:



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



Principal:

Megan Marshall
principal@frasertown.school.nz

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Jo Gray & Nicky Bailey
jo@frasertown.school.nz
nicky@frasertown.school.nz

Room 3:

Hemish Chandra
hemish@frasertown.school.nz

Room 4:

Sue Smith
suesmi@frasertown.school.nz

Room 5:

Mike Spooner
mikes@frasertown.school.nz

Keep up to date

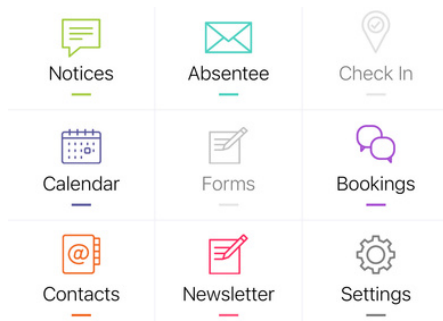


To keep up to date with what's happening at school please make sure you have downloaded the "Skool Loop App"

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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- > Go to the 'Settings' tile in the bottom right hand corner of the Home Screen
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