

Kia ora,

Education is certainly in the headlines at the moment. There is a lot to talk about and plans to make. There is not a teacher or school leader who doesn't want to do better in teaching and learning. Our school has been working very hard in the past three years to lift student achievement and teacher practice.

Our mid year data shows that our school is well on track with lifting our achievement, we are especially proud of the work we have done to close the gap between our Maori and non Maori learners:

64% at or above

36% below.

79% at or above

21% below.

68% at or above

32% below.

Currently we have five staff undertaking intensive professional development in our Structured Literacy practices at Frasertown School.

Our attendance stats are tracking a little lower than we would like but I appreciate that it was winter and there are still a few bugs out there. Please let the school know if your child is going to be away or respond to the messages from the school. The Ministry of Education is looking at schools' attendance data on a weekly basis now instead of termly. If we do not know why your child is absent it is automatically marked as an Unjustified Absence and this adds to ministry statistics which in turn adds to the narrative that there are major attendance issues across the education sector. Our school has good attendance most of the time.

We wanted to share with you what a normal week and/or day is like at Frasertown School - we know that each and every tamariki are getting an amazing safe learning experience - however we are aware that you often don't hear about this at home.

- Before school starts your child is greeted and welcomed by their teacher, they are encouraged to put themselves on the Te Ara Whakamana chart to show how they are feeling.
- School starts with us all together opening our day with a Karakia and Waiata - if there are any notices this happens then. - On a Friday we have our celebration time with certificates and values.
- We then head into class for the rolls and outline of the day and math work around the day of the week and timetables.
- In our classes 9.00 - 11.00 is literacy time - Reading and Writing.
- Morning tea starts with a short snack and then a play - there is a duty teacher out there at all times.
- Following morning tea 11.20 - 12.30 is usually math time.
- Lunchtime starts with play with our PE shed open and sports activities happening. - there is a duty teacher out there at all times. Lunch eating happens with us coming together first and saying a Karakia for kai - then we sit to eat our lunch.
- Our afternoons often start with mindfulness
- Afternoons have inquiry learning, Whole School Kapa Haka, Sport, Art, Science, KC Play
- Everyclass during the week will have Matua Mike in for teacher CRT, this learning is based around Te Ara Whakamana and includes reading, writing and art plus lots more.
- Tarnz goes into each class for 30 mins of Te Reo teaching a week.
- Our day is finished all together where we close our day with Karakia and Waiata

Your child may be lucky enough to be involved:

Jump Jam

Sport with Grace

Visits to our school library

Art with Bex

Dance with Miss Tiara

Gardening with Mrs K

Wheao Programme - empowering students through cultural heritage - with Kaysie Kohu

Performance Kapa Haka

Swimming

Fitness

Sports afternoon

Extra support:

Teacher Aides in classes

A SENCO that works with whanau and tamariki to ensure needs are met

Lynne Cox - working one on one with reading recovery

Renée Morin - Learning Support Coordinator - working in classes and with individuals supporting teachers

Marlene Hema - RTLit - working with individuals and supporting teachers

RTLb's - Working with teachers and students

Judy B - Working in our classrooms with tamariki

There is so much more that we do as well - you will have a chance to see how great our learning is at our Term 4 Student Led Conferences. If you want more information about what we do or anything we have mentioned please feel free to have a chat with your child's teacher.

School Lunches

We are over the moon with our new school lunches and our tamariki are happy with lovely full tummies. We are working through a final menu for Frasertown as we all learn what are our most popular meals.

Community Consultation - Te Ara Whakamana - Tuesday Oct 22nd 5.30pm Room 1 Frasertown School

Te Ara Whakamana: Mana Enhancement is our tool designed in Aotearoa/New Zealand that introduces ancestral archetypes through the Māori creation story, and employs animals, colour, shape, imagery, narrative and metaphors as powerful tools to connect individuals to their Mana (spiritual authority), their sources of strength, and their world. Te Ara Whakamana allows you to work with people for positive behaviour change and wellbeing in ways that you have probably already thought about and even actually do, but can't quite describe, share or measure. With Te Ara Whakamana you get a simple and effective tool that supports cultural identity, builds capacity, raises academic achievement and achieves positive outcomes for all involved – individuals, whānau and families, staff, support workers, agencies and organisations – that can be clearly identified, shared and measured.

We would love to share with you more about it, how we are implementing it and the benefits of it. We will be holding this community Consultation on Tuesday oct 22nd at 5.30pm.

Te Wiki o te Reo Māori this week

Te Wiki o te Reo Māori is an annual celebration for all New Zealanders to show their support for the Māori language, an official language of this country. The theme for Te Wiki 2024 is 'Ake ake ake – A Forever Language'. It represents the resilience, adaptability and endurance of our language. It also reflects the commitment New Zealanders have to embracing and learning te reo Māori long into the future. Under enduring pressure te reo Māori has shown it will adapt and survive. It grows with our people, our culture and our environment. We have lots of little extra bits of Te Reo this week - maybe ask your child what our word of the day was.

Maori Games

As part of Te Wiki o te Reo Māori we will be heading as a whole school to the Wairoa Maori games. This is a whole day event at Lambton Square. All our learners have had training leading up to this and it will be a great day to celebrate Te Wiki o te Reo Māori. We will send out a draw once we have one. We will travel to this event by bus.

Our teacher's emails are:-

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Term 4 Dates - at this point

First Day Term 4 - Monday 14th October

Te Ara Whakamana Community Consultation - Tuesday 22nd October 5.30

Pet and Flower Day - Thursday 24th October

Hawkes Bay anniversary - Friday 25th October

Labour Day - Monday 28th October

School Photos - Friday 1st November

Kapa Haka Festival - Friday 8th November

Teacher only Day - Friday 15th November

Student Led Conferences - Thursday 21st November

Prizegiving - Tuesday 10th December 1.30pm

Camp (Yr 6) - Wednesday 11th December - Friday 13th December

End of Year Reports home - Friday 13th December

End of year Values Celebration Day - Monday 16th December

Last Day of the Year - Tuesday 17th December @ **12pm**