



Mahurangi Tri4 Fun Tryathlon

Brought to you by the
Mahurangi Sport & Recreation Collective

Sunday 13 March Snells Beach
Registrations form 11am, event starts
12.30pm

Categories for all ages (under 5s to adults)

\$5 per participant or \$20 per family.

All funds raised go toward our new van for our
Community Sport Project

For more information check out:

www.sportsground.co.nz/warkworthpushplay or

Ph: 425 6649 or Email: warkworthpushplay@gmail.com

School Donations Rebate

DID YOU KNOW that school donations qualify for the Donations Rebate (refund) from Inland Revenue of 1/3 of the donation? You can claim this on your IRD tax return for the year ended 31 March 2011. Parents need to complete a Rebate Claim Form (IR 526) which will be sent you if you call IRD (0800 257773), or you can download one from www.ird.govt.nz. You will need your donations receipt from the school office (if you do not have this, please ask Miss Henry for it).

Pay your school donation by 31 March & be in the draw for a \$50 uniform voucher

The Board of Trustees is offering all families who have paid their school donation by 31 March 2011, the chance to win a uniform voucher that can be used anytime between 1 April 2011 and 31 March 2012.

There is one voucher available for each year level (i.e. 6 vouchers in total) to the value of \$50 each. This will buy 1 polar fleece sweatshirt or close to one and a half other uniform items.

Together with the IRD rebate, if you give your donation by 31 March, you will be making a saving of \$83 – \$103.

All receipts of paid donations (in full) by 31 March 2011 will automatically go into the draw.

HELP REQUIRED

We would be grateful for one or two parents that are on town supply water who would like to help SBS by taking the school washing (sickbay-bedding & tea towels) home on a Friday wash it and bring it back on Monday.

Laundry powder will be supplied!

Our Principal has done this for the last 2 years and is feeling the hit on her tank water. See Su in the office. Thank you!



Newsletter

4 March 2011

"Snells Beach School will prepare children for successful futures and life-long learning through dynamic teaching and quality learning opportunities"



From the Principal

Kia ora, Talofa and greetings to our school families

Christchurch

The events of the last two weeks in Christchurch have shaken us all and our hearts and thoughts are with those there who have lost homes and loved ones. With NZ being the small country it is, we all know of someone - family or friends - who have been affected. Through the national Principals' Associations we are part of an effort to link with Christchurch children and schools and our fundraising efforts today will go via those channels to the children and families who need it most. Some of our classes are writing messages of support and these will also be sent.

Thank you for supporting our efforts today for our Red and Black fundraising.

We never think an earthquake will happen here, but that is what Christchurch thought, too. So today we practiced our earthquake drill. Our Civil Defence guidelines tell us to **DROP, COVER & HOLD:**

DROP low and crawl to the nearest cover;

"Continuity gives us roots; change gives us branches, letting us stretch and grow and reach new heights." ~ Pauline R. Kezer

COVER yourself with a table or other solid object (door frame, bench);

HOLD onto a table leg or side of the frame in a turtle position until the episode is over.

You may want to reinforce this with your children at home as well.

PTA

The PTA held its Annual Meeting this week and we are delighted to offer congratulations to:

Rona Bairstow who has stepped into the role as Chairperson; and

Denise Le Bas who has agreed to continue on as Treasurer.

We look forward to working with you both.

Thank you to **John Bettridge** who has stepped down from the Chairperson's role. *We appreciate your hard work over the last year.*

As you will see from the notice in this newsletter about our new Gymnastics equipment, the PTA has done a great job in the last 12 months! We could not have purchased this without your support.

Thank you!

Yours in red and black

Jill Corkin
Principal

School Diary

Week 6: 7-11 March

Tuesday 8 March -

9.10am - Swimming Zone Day

9.30am - Class swimming (Y1&2, 5&6)

9.50am - Variety Bash Visiting - parents welcome to join us on the field

Friday 11 March - 2pm

Senior School Assembly. *All welcome.*

Week 7: 14 -18 March

Friday 18 March - 2pm

Full School Assembly *All welcome.*

Important dates coming up:

**Week 8 21-25 March -
Travelwise Week**

**Wednesday 23 March 5pm -
Board of Trustees Meeting**

**End of Term 1 -
Friday 15 April**

Welcome to:

Seth Wall, Kauri 1

We hope you enjoy being at our school!

Matakana Soccer Club 2011

All games on Saturdays at Port Albert

Age 5yrs+
Girls and Boys

Local practices
Enrolments

Enquiries phone:
Michelle
422 7167
021 1716672

Wicked Wednesday Roast
Rusty Pelican
3 courses for \$19.50
The Best Free Meal Deal in Town
Rusty Pelican

House Captains & School Council 2011

Congratulations to the following school leaders who have been chosen this year:

HOUSE CAPTAINS

SCHOONERS

Riley Hathaway
Brody Buer

SCOWS

Leila Kleyn
Zane Just

CUTTERS

Isabelle Brockie
Billy O'Reilly

DORIES

Lucy Gore
Jackson O'Reilly

HEAD MEDIATORS

Cassie Clark
Ashlee Gwyn
Levi McGlynn

HEAD LIBRARIANS

Tayla Glover
Joshua Hanna

This group of student leaders makes up the School Council. They will meet regularly throughout the year and plan events for the school, as well as carrying out the regular tasks that are part of their duties in the various roles they have.

We look forward to seeing them grow in their leadership roles!

What is in the box?

Is it
a scaly snake slithering?
a buzzing bee biting?
a funny fantail flying?
a frightened frog floating?
a silly slater sliding?
a crunchy caterpillar crawling?
We don't know, let's look!

**By Erin Cope,
Year 3**

What is in the box?

Is it
a tree hopper hopping?
a wolf spider scuttling?
a grey house dust mite sliding?
a green cicada fluttering?
a bushy luna moth crawling?
a caterpillar slippery sliding?
a stink bug stinking?
a cat flea jumping?
an Army ant stomping?
a bumble bee getting nectar?
We don't know, let's look!

**By Adriana Phillips,
Year 3**

School Events

Gym Equipment Purchase

We are delighted to announce that yesterday we received an exciting shipment of new Gym Equipment. This was funded by generous donations from the Snells Beach PTA, and Pub Charities.

- Snells Beach PTA \$2500
- Pub Charities \$2500

The following equipment was purchased:

- 4 x 38mm gym mats
- 1 x large crash pad
- 1 x junior crash pad
- 1 x mini-tramp



This equipment will be an invaluable asset to our school PE resources, and consists of high cost items which are not covered in our working budget. We would like to thank the Snells Beach PTA for the hard work they did last year, enabling them to contribute such a significant amount towards this purchase.



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Mahu 2 Touch

A fun game for all.

This tournament will be open for children from year 1 to year 8.

A mixture of touch rugby, netball and American football.

Simple rules. Easy to play.

- When: Wednesday 4 pm to 6 pm starting 23 February until 30 March
- Where: Warkworth Showgrounds. (Mahurangi Rugby Club)
- Who: teams of 5-10 in year levels.
- Cost: a voluntary gold coin donation.
- Uniform: wear your school pe uniform or school uniform shirt. Bare feet or shoes ok.
- Entries: get your team organized at school or just turn up on the day. We will put teams together if you don't have enough from your school.
- Cancellation: we will play in the rain unless the weather is atrocious.
- Refreshments: the bar will be open upstairs for drinks and there will be a sausage sizzle.
- Contact: Simon Mills 02102157701

Swimming Sports

Once again this year we have a team of Snells Beach Rocking Kids heading for Mahurangi College to put the other swimmers to the test.

This will be held on **Tuesday 8th March** at the **Mahurangi College Pool**. The tournament will begin at 10am and finish at 2pm. We will aim to leave Snells Beach School approximately 9.10a.m and return around 2.15pm. Our ability to enter in this event largely depends on parent transport and supervision. If you are able to help with either, please let Mr Morley know. We look forward to the post event report. **GO SNELLS BEACH!**