

REMINDER

TravelWise Week 21st – 25th March!!

Students across Auckland are being encouraged to step-up to the challenge and take part in

TravelWise Week

The week is all about getting to school in a sustainable way – which means walking, cycling, catching public transport or even scootering!

As a TravelWise school, we at Snells Beach are going to be 'stepping out in style' and encouraging as much walking and fun participation as possible.

Throughout the week, teachers will be promoting the benefits of the Travelwise programme within their classrooms.

See Diary for details and come and join in the fun on Thursday.

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.

PLEASE CHECK THE NAMING OF YOUR CHILDRENS UNIFORMS. I already have unnamed (or worn named) items that I am unable to identify the owners of. Thank you Miss Henry

School Diary

Week 8: 21-25 March 2011
All Week - Travel wise Week

Tuesday 22 March - Wheels Day
Lunchtime activities

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

Thursday 24 March - Walkathon
Parents welcome to join the walking - from 1.50 pm
2pm - Walking starts

Friday 25 March
9.30am - Fancy Feet Parade
2pm - Junior School Assembly. All welcome.

Week 9: 28 March - 1 April

Thursday 31 March
2pm - Information Session for New Entrant Parents (Library)

Friday 1 April
2pm - Senior School Assembly. All welcome.

Important dates coming up:
4 April - USA Rotary Visit
6 April - PTA Meeting. All welcome

End of Term 1 -
Friday 15 April - Full School Assembly on this day

Term 2 Dates - Monday 2 May - Friday 15 July 2011

Term Dates 2011

Term 1 Start – Wednesday 2 February 2011
Finish – Friday 15 April

There are no public holidays in Term 1:

- Auckland Anniversary Day (31 January) will fall before school opens
- Waitangi Day (6 February) falls on a Sunday
- Easter & Anzac Day fall in the holidays

Term 2 Start – Monday 2 May



Newsletter

18 March 2011

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



From the Board Chair

Kia ora, mauri and greetings to our school families.

Thanks to Mrs Corkin for giving me the opportunity as chairperson of the Snells Beach School Board of Trustees to let you know about some of the things that we have been involved with recently.

Late last year we commenced a full review of where we would like our school to be heading over the next three to five years. This process is now nearly complete and we are expecting to be able to formally adopt our new strategic plan at our next Board meeting. Our focus for this was on what it was we wanted for our kids to be able to achieve while at Snells Beach School. We want to continue to develop a life long love of learning for our kids and we want to provide opportunities for them that not only recognises that each person is different, but that will also mean they are well balanced individuals.

Another area that the plan addresses is the future growth of our school. The school has only been open for a little bit over two years and we are now looking at expansion within the school as we expect the school to reach its full capacity early next year. We have already commenced discussions with the Ministry of Education on this and would expect to be able to make some exciting announcements about the school later in the year.

Late last year we let our school community know that the Board had decided to take a public stand and express our concern about the National Standards that the Government has implemented. While we believe it is important that parents know what levels their kids are working at, we believe that there are some fundamental flaws with the way the current standards are written. We will be meeting our legal requirement with regards to National Standards but we will also continue to work constructively with the Ministry on ways to make them effective in lifting student achievement.

Recently we hosted at our school a meeting between the Boards of Trustees of six schools in our area and our local Member of Parliament, the Right Honorable Dr Lockwood Smith to let him know our experiences with National Standards. It certainly helped that Dr Smith was the Minister of Education for six years and he has undertaken to get some answers from the present Minister.

At the beginning of the next term we will be hosting a team from the Education Review Office who will be conducting their first full review of the school since the school was opened. Needless to say that there is going to be a lot of work put in by our school staff, management and Board to ensure that they receive all of the information that they require.

And finally on behalf of the Board, I would like to congratulate Mrs Corkin who has been elected the Vice President of the Auckland Primary Principals Association. It is a wonderful opportunity for not only Mrs Corkin but also the school and we wish her well.

Regards
Don Scandrett,
BOT Chair

Welcome to:

Kiara Coulthard	Kauri 1
Milly Wasley	Kauri 2
Ben Wasley	Manawa 1
Freedom Walsh	Nikau 2

We hope you enjoy being at our school!

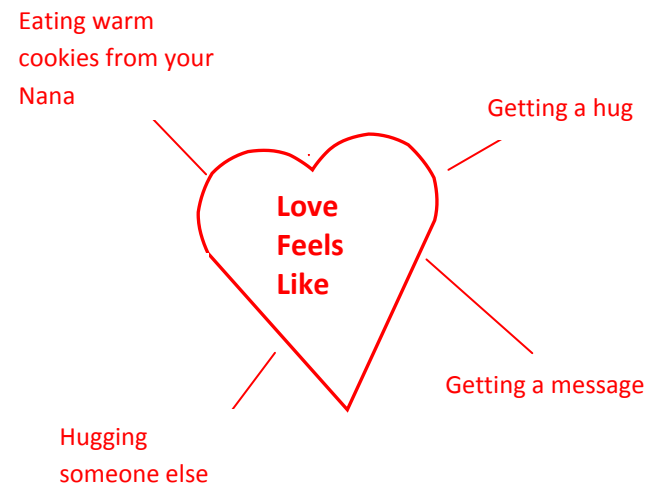
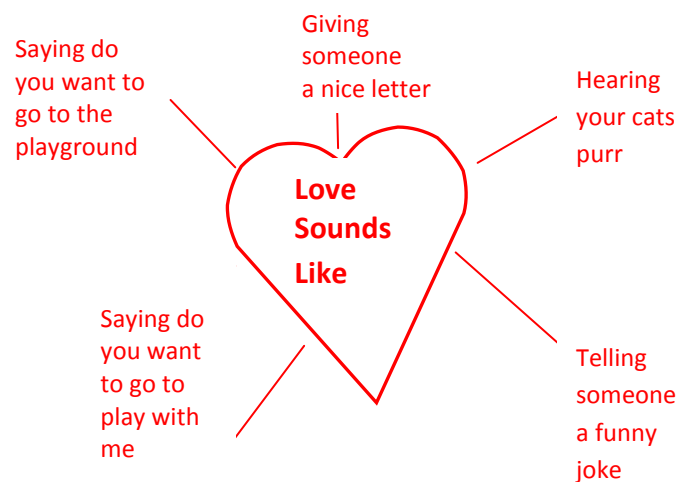
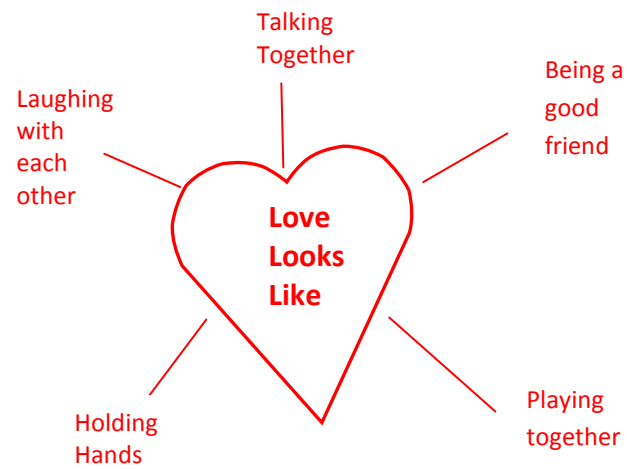
Red & Black Day

Fundraiser for Christchurch

THANK YOU EVERYONE for the superb fundraising efforts on our Red and Black Day for Christchurch. We have donated **\$718.80** from our events on this day. Well done everyone!



Author **Josef Williams**



School Events

VARIETY CLUB VISIT

The Variety Club visited us on Tuesday 8 March and we had a wonderful time. They came in some fabulously wacky cars and fire engines with equally whacky costumes and gave out lots of free treats to the children. The special visitor travelling with them on Tuesday was Ronald McDonald – what excitement that was! We heard a bit about the Variety club and the millions they have raised to help children throughout NZ. **They donated a fabulous box of books to our library and gave us a wonderful puppet theatre set and Target Throw Game.**

Thank you Variety Club for your generosity!



THANK YOU!

THANK YOU to the parents and grandparents who responded to our requests to help with the washing, Leah Gillespie, Leonie Bettridge, Lizzy Collins & Helen Sutherland. We are very grateful for your help!

THANK YOU to Mr Ken Borg who is helping us out with the replenishment of bark around our classrooms. He has very generously negotiated a great deal for us on this and donated his time, expertise and equipment to make it happen. THANK YOU!

THANK YOU to Mr Grey Jackson (grandfather of Blake and Mitchell Heaven) who has generously donated a new starter gun for school athletics and sports events. Mr Morley is especially pleased!

THANK YOU the PTA for their donation enabling us to purchase a heavy duty gillotine

Have you seen our new sign for the sandpit?

This sign acknowledges the generosity of the **Kowhai Lion's Club** in donating the money for this and the name "Pride Pit" is acknowledgement of the Lion's connection.

The sign was generously donated by



Thank you Glenn & Michelle and Team!

