



To enrol your child in our after school programme @ Snells Beach School

please contact SKIDS on

0800 2741722 or enrol online

@www.skids.co.nz

If you have interest in a before school care programme Please let SKIDS know and if numbers support this they will consider putting this in place.

### ABSENCE TEXTING...

#### WE HAVE TEXTSTREAM ABSENCE NOTIFICATION

When the rolls have been checked if we have not heard from you, you will receive a text requesting a Yes & reason or No reply. When you respond to this text it will notify me by my email.

### School Banking

#### A REMINDER

#### THAT FRIDAYS ARE SCHOOL BANKING DAYS.

Children are to bring their banking to the office in the morning. If you would like to start banking through the school you need to open an account at the BNZ and state it is for school banking at Snells Beach.

THIS & PREVIOUS NEWSLETTERS AS WELL AS OTHER SCHOOL INFORMATION CAN BE FOUND ON OUR WEBSITE: [www.snellsbeach.school.nz](http://www.snellsbeach.school.nz)

### IMPORTANT DATES FOR TERM 1 2010

Interschool Swimming – Tuesday 9 March  
End of Term 1 – Thursday 1 April

Year2/3 Interschool Sports – 30 March  
Terms 2 starts – Monday 19 April

## Remembering Summer

On cold, winter days...

My nose remembers the sausages sizzling slowly on the B.B.Q.

My ears remember the cicadas and crickets chirping in the sunlight.

My feet remembers the hot, boiling sand squashing between my toes.

My hands remember the slimy sunblock Rubbing onto my legs.

My mouth remembers the sweet, juicy Taste of ice-cream melting in my mouth.

My body remembers the shining sun Beaming down on me.

By Josh Hanna  
Nikau2

## Snells Beach School P.T.A

Our next PTA meeting is on Thursday, February 25 at 7pm in the staff room.

Come along if you can everyone is welcome!



# Newsletter

19 February 2010

"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, kia orana and greetings to our school families*

Thank you to all those who came along to our **Meet the Teacher** sessions on Wednesday evening.

We were pleased to see so many of you come and make contact with your child's teacher and find out a little bit about classroom programmes. We hope this was helpful and informative. Thanks also to SKIDS for supporting the evening by entertaining the children with face painting.

This added a festive element to the evening and was much appreciated. I am very pleased with the way the children have started and settled over the last couple of weeks. Despite the heat and humidity, classroom programmes are well underway and you are no doubt aware by now that the focus this term is on the brain and how we learn. Children are always fascinated by this topic and it is a good opportunity for us all to stretch our minds as we try and get our tongues and heads around the terminology of the parts of the brain! We hope you enjoy learning with your children about this and can share what they are doing through the website links that the class teachers will have made you aware of on Wednesday.

This week's **Education Information for Parents** (see over) is about ways that you can support your child at home and that ever-asked about topic of homework.

Miss Ramel and I will be away for the first two weeks of March travelling overseas to further our knowledge of teaching, learning and assessment. With National Standards a hot topic at the moment and developments in technology continuing to increase at a fast pace, it is important that we continue to keep ourselves up to date to ensure that Snells Beach School continues to be at the leading edge of things. We appreciate the Board's strong support for us to do this.

Mrs Kerry Gore and Mrs Christine Mackay will be leading the school in our absence over these two weeks and I know you will give them every support.

Jill Corkin

Principal

## School Diary

Term 1 Dates 2010: Wednesday 3 February 2010 – Thursday 1 April 2010

### Week 4

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
22 February	23 February	24 February	25 February	26 February
6pm – Board of Trustees meeting	Beach Education Day Yrs 5,6	9am - Pre-school Visits	7pm – PTA meeting in the staffroom. All welcome.	2pm – Senior Assembly

### Week 5

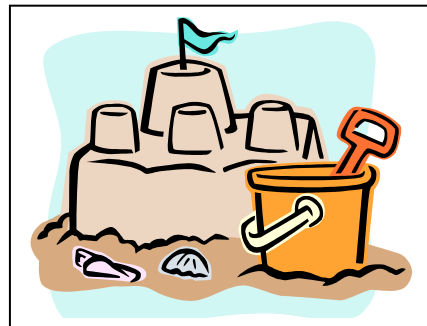
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1 March	2 March	3 March	4 March	5 March
	Swimming Yrs 1,2,5,6 Vision & Hearing testers in Visiting New Schools Group from Wellington	9am - Pre-school Visits	Swimming Yrs 1,2,5,6	2pm – Full school assembly

# Education Information for Parents

Parents always ask about ways to support their children's learning at home, and there are many ways you can do this.

- Being interested and asking about what your child is doing/learning about at school is the first important aspect. Keeping in touch with this means that you can then have conversations about it and look for opportunities to reinforce the topics or learning that your child is doing.
- Reading is the best gateway to unlocking language at all levels. Most children love being read to, and the more you can do of this at home, or the more you can encourage older children to pick up a book and read, the more successful they will be with their school work. Joining the library and always having books around to pick up and read is one of the best resources you can provide for your child.
- Many parents consider homework to be a necessity and there are many differing schools of thought and philosophies on this. Research shows that homework is only worthwhile if it is relevant to the work being done in the classroom and is achievable for the child. Anything else (homework for homework's sake, or homework that is just too hard) leads to frustration and resentment and becomes counter-productive. We know it can often be a useful tool for self discipline, regulation and peace and quiet in the home – however, we do have to bear in mind that children have been hard at work for at least 5 hours of the day when they get home, and at this age, they also need some time and space to let off steam and unwind after concentrating all day. Please be guided by your classroom teacher as to how much time should be spent and what should be done for homework.
- *Your help at home with the following is always appreciated, whether it has been set as homework or not:*
  - Reading, reading, reading to and with your child, or encouraging them to read independently.
  - Learning basic number facts – times tables (off by heart), quick additions and subtractions, counting in 2's, 5's, 10's, 20's, understanding halves, quarters, thirds etc (talk about this when you are cutting fruit or dividing up afternoon tea or potions for dinner) – mental agility and recall of number facts is very important and will help with coming to grips with the curriculum.

**We will be holding literacy and maths information evenings later this year for parents which we hope you will find useful to understand more about the curriculum in these areas.**



**Welcome to:**

Jonathan Kent

*We hope you will enjoy being a part of our school.*

# School Events

## Year 5 & 6 Beach Education

As part of the Swimming Programme, our Year 5 and 6 students will be heading to Omaha Beach next Tuesday to work with the lifeguards on their water survival skills. The day will involve a theory component, as well as practical skills in the surf. Many thanks to the parents assisting with transport and supervision on the day.

## Winter Sport 2009

It is time for us to begin organizing teams for winter sports, because although play doesn't commence until Term Two, registrations are due this term. Out of school sport is dependent on parent support, so please consider if you are able to coach, manage or generally assist with a team. Players will need to play a registration fee – we will confirm this shortly as soon as we have confirmation of cost.

### Netball

Last year we had a successful netball team participating in the Rodney competition at Wellsford on Saturday mornings. Trainings were after school mid week, and parents shared transport duties on Saturdays. We are keen to extend this to two teams this year – a Year 3/4, and a Year 5/6.

### Hockey

We also had a shared hockey team with the Mahurangi Christian School, competing in the competition held at Warkworth on Saturday mornings. Trainings were held mid week after school at the Christian School.

### Other Sports

If you would like to organize a school team in another competition, please let us know.

### Registration

Please complete the form below, and return to school by next Friday 26<sup>th</sup> Feb if you would like your child to participate this year.

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Child's name: \_\_\_\_\_ Year: \_\_\_\_\_

- I would like my child to play netball for the school this year Yes No
- I would like my child to play hockey for the school this year Yes No
- I am able to coach/manage a team Yes No
- I would like to organize a team in another sport Yes No

Details: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_