

## BOT ELECTION KEY DATES

Having determined that the election will be held on 7 May 2010, the following key dates are now set:

- Call for nominations by **24 March**
- Nominations close noon **23 April**
- Voting papers distributed by **28 April**
- Voting **7 May**
- Count and declarations **13 May**
- Board takes office **14 May**

### Interested in Becoming a Trustee?

Come and find out what is involved – 5.30pm Monday 22 March in the Boardroom

Current Board members will be available or an informal chat over coffee and you will have opportunity to ask questions. You would be welcome to stay for the Board meeting that follows commencing at 6pm.

Nominations forms will be available shortly.

## OPEN WEEK

Open Week 21st- 27th of March.

Come along and play at Warkworth Playcentre.

All our usual Playcentre fun, including face painting for pretend play and baking for learning about science. Our mixed ages sessions are Tues, Thurs, Friday 9:30-12. Children ages 18 months and under can also come along to our Wed morning session, 9:30-12.

Call 425 8331 for more information

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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

Year2/3 Interschool Sports – 30 March  
End of Term 1 – Thursday 1 April  
Terms 2 starts – Monday 19 April

## REMINDER

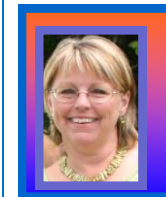
**YR6 TONGARIRO CAMP FUNDRAISER  
PIZZA PROMOTIONS  
ORDERS WITH PAYMENT DEADLINE  
3PM MONDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> MARCH**



## FREE SUNGLASSES VOUCHER

VISIQUE Optometrists are offering free sunnies for five year old new entrants. Vouchers were printed and given to Kauri 1 students

“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*

Miss Ramel and I are back, exhausted from the travelling, but very energized by the experiences we have had. The 30 hour trip back from the USA last week allowed for plenty of thinking time!

We started our journey in Melbourne, Australia where we visited the Fitzroy Community School, the home of the Fitzroy literacy programme we are using.

This school has amongst the best results for literacy (and numeracy) in Victoria and Australia. We were very impressed with the programme in action and the articulate, confident and motivated language learners we saw at the school during our 2 days there. We are very grateful to Faye and Philip O’Carroll, the founders of the school who allowed us such open access.

On to San Antonio, Texas, where we attended a conference with 8000 people over 4 days. We heard some exceptional and inspirational speakers, and learnt a lot about digital learning, new technologies and creativity – all subjects dear to our hearts. We listened to debates about testing and standards, and to our surprise discovered that a number of other countries are moving away from national standards, after finding that they have not raised achievement as everyone had hoped. China, Japan, Singapore and Korea are all countries who are putting more emphasis on self motivation, creativity, and critical thinking, realizing that these attributes are what the world will need more of in future years.

We had a brief overnight stop in Los Angeles on the way over and managed a walk down the red carpet as they were preparing the Kodak Theatre for the Oscars – that made us feel very special! In the evenings after the conference we managed to explore the beautiful city of San Antonio, visit the Alamo and learn something about the history of Texas. A huge ‘thank you’ to the Board, Mrs Gore and Mrs Mackay for enabling us to go – you will hear more about this fabulous trip! *Jill Corkin*

## School Diary

Term 1 Dates 2010:

Wednesday 3 February 2010 – Thursday 1 April 2010

### Week 8

Monday 22 March	Tuesday 23 March	Wednesday 24 March	Thursday 25 March	Friday 26 March
Jane Gifford School Trip  5pm – Information session for prospective trustees 6pm – Board Meeting		9am - Pre-school Visits	7pm – PTA Meeting	2pm – Full School Assembly

### Week 9

Monday 29 March	Tuesday 30 March	Wednesday 31 March	Thursday 1 April	Friday 2 April
	Year 2/3 Interschool Tabloid Sports Day		SCHOOL FINISHES TODAY AT 3PM	Good Friday – Happy Easter  1 <sup>st</sup> Day of school holidays

**Congratulations to the following people  
who have been awarded leadership roles  
in our school this year:**

**House Captains:**

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| <b>SCHOONERS</b> | Sophie Gradwell & Matthew Peagram  |
| <b>SCOWS</b>     | Taryn Meachin & Caleb McGlynn      |
| <b>CUTTERS</b>   | Gaby Bailey & Dylan O'Neill        |
| <b>DORIES</b>    | Zahra van Donselaar & Sam Collings |

**Head Mediators:**

Luke O'Neill & Eloise Mart

**Transport Monitors:**

Selena Kells & Zahra Van Donselaar

**Head Librarians:**

Joni Bairstow & Alisha McLennan

**Green Team: Leaders**

Matthew Peagram, Taryn Meachim & Kikii Kikii

**Flag Monitor:**

Gaby Bailey

**Bell Monitors:**

Lucy Gore, Alisha McLennan & Jessica Frazer (reserve)

**Staff News – Babies!**

As you all know (and can see!) Miss Robbins is expecting her baby boy in April, so we should have some news for you at the start of the term. We will be employing a reliever for her class for the remainder of the year and hope to be able to announce who that will be soon.

You may also know that Mr Morley and his wife are also expecting a new baby, due in May. We congratulate them both and wish Mrs Morley well for her pregnancy.

Mrs Steffener our wonderful classroom release teacher is also now well into her pregnancy and will be off on maternity leave later in the year. We congratulate her and her husband on their news as well.

**Jane Gifford Trip**

Just a reminder that the whole school will be travelling to Warkworth next Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> March. We will be leaving the school at 10:00am, and expect to return about 1:30pm. Many thanks to the parents who have offered to help with either transport and/or supervision at Lucy Moore Park. We have been asked to pay \$2 per person to cover fuel costs for the boat – please send this to your child's teacher. Your child will need:

- Full school uniform
- A big lunch and full water bottle
- Their school polar fleece (it may be cold on the water)
- Shoes or sandals on
- Sunblock and a school hat

**Reminder: The children from Kauri 1, Puriri 1, Kahikatea 1 and Nikau 2 need to be taken directly to the wharf, all others will meet at Lucy Moore Park.**

**Welcome to:**

Lyall Sutton Yr1

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

## School Events

### Swimming

On Tuesday the 9<sup>th</sup> of March Snells Beach School sent 25 prime athletes to compete in the Inter-Zone Swim competition. All students gave it their best effort and we excelled ourselves with our manners and enthusiasm throughout the day. Highlights include...

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| <b>1<sup>st</sup> Place</b> | Y.4 Boys Freestyle width Blake Lambert      |
| <b>3<sup>rd</sup> Place</b> | Y.5 Girls Freestyle width Tayla Glover      |
| <b>1<sup>st</sup> Place</b> | Boys Backstroke width- Callum Harnish       |
| <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Place</b> | Boys Backstroke width-Brody Bruer           |
| <b>1<sup>st</sup> Place</b> | Y.6 Boys Breaststroke width- Caleb McGlynn  |
| <b>1<sup>st</sup> Place</b> | Y.5 Boys Breaststroke length-Callum Harnish |
| <b>3<sup>rd</sup> Place</b> | Snells Beach School Y.5 Relay Team          |



Well done Callum Harnish who has been selected to represent Rodney Combined Schools Swim Team at the Hibiscus Coast Competition next Thursday! Special thanks to the parents who helped with transport and supervision on the day, and Mr Morley who acted as a competition judge.



### Winter Sport

The cold snap over the past few days has been a reminder that winter is on it's way, and preparations have begun for Saturday morning sport. We are delighted to have two netball teams this year, Year 3/4 & Year 5/6. These teams will compete in the Rodney Competition held at Wellsford on Saturday mornings. A big thank you to Carla Morrison and

Jo Hathaway who have returned for a second season of coaching/managing our senior side. We would also like to thank Charlene McKenzie who has come on board as coach of our junior team and wish her best of luck for the season.

Once again we will be entering the Mahurangi Hockey Competition with combined teams from the Christian School. Games are played on Saturday mornings at Mahurangi College. We wish all our hockey players good luck, and are sure they will continue to do well after their successful season last year.