

REMINDER

Netball for all Year 3 – 6 Students



If you are interested in joining one of our netball teams for this season, please return your forms by Monday 8 March. More forms are available from the school office. Please pay for fees and uniform at the office too.

FUNDRAISING YEAR 6 TONGARIRO CAMP



MAYORL CYCLING CHALLENGE
NEW DATE: Saturday 6th March
NEW START POINT: Council car park
Centreway Road Orewa
 For more info go to www.rodney.govt.nz.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR TERM 1 2010

Interschool Swimming
 Tuesday 9 March
 Year 2/3
 Interschool Sports
 Tuesday 30 March
 End of Term 1
 Thursday 1 April
 Term 2 starts
 Monday 19 April



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.

BOT NEWS

Community Climate Survey

The Board of Trustees has been analyzing the feedback from the School Community Survey undertaken at the end of last year. Thanks so much to everyone who took the time to respond. In general the respondents were positive about the direction the school is taking and the standard of education being offered. Children are seen to be progressing well and the school is building a safe and positive learning environment. We also got some really useful ideas and suggestions that will take us into the future. Last year was a big year and we are excited about the possibilities for this year. Some graphs displaying the results will be available in the near future.

Board of Trustee Elections 2010

As you will be aware, elections for the Snells Beach School Board of Trustees will be held this year, to align with the nationwide round of elections. Maybe you are interested in standing for election but not sure what being a Trustee involves? You may have heard the term 'governance' but what does this really mean?

The Ministry of Education states, "The over-riding focus and objective of effective trusteeship is the quality of education that students at the school are receiving". Boards have three main areas of activity:

Representation

Trustees, on behalf of the community, make decisions in the best interests of all students at the school.

Accountability

The Board is responsible for ensuring that the school is well managed and is working towards achieving its vision.

Leadership

Boards set the direction for the school and are future focused.

Snells Beach School PTA

Our next PTA meeting is on
Thursday March 25 at 7pm
 in the staffroom
Come along if you can Everyone is Welcome



Newsletter

5 March 2010

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



From the BOT

Kia ora, kia orana and greetings to our school families

Hi everyone – you may have noticed some familiar faces missing from school this week. Where have Mrs Corkin and Miss Ramel got to?

The Board is pleased to inform you that Mrs Corkin and Miss Ramel are currently overseas completing some professional development.

As part of their trip they will be in the United States meeting with and learning from international education experts and principals. They will also be visiting the Fitzroy Community School in Victoria, Australia. This is where the Fitzroy programme was developed and it will be a wonderful opportunity to observe the programme in action and further their knowledge around using the programme and integrating it throughout our school.

They have a busy programme ahead of them and we look forward to the information and ideas they will bring back to our school.

One of the strategic goals of the Board is to make sure "a sense of innovation and 'leading edge' development is apparent in the activities and programmes of the school." We are certain that what our staff learns while they are overseas will help us achieve this. In their absence Mrs Mackay has been holding the fort this week and Mrs Gore will be doing the same next week.

Meanwhile back in New Zealand the debate around National Standards is still raging. Our Board is making sure we are reading and becoming familiar with both sides of the debate and encourage you to do the same. You may like to check out the following websites for a range of opinions and articles.

<http://www.minedu.govt.nz/Parents/YourChild/ProgressAndAchievement/NationalStandards.aspx>

<http://www.nzei.org.nz>

<http://www.nzpf.ac.nz/nzpf-national-standards.php>

<http://www.national.org.nz/education/>

Outside of the political climate, we feel well prepared to implement the Standards and to keep parents up to date with developments. Look out for more information about National Standards in subsequent newsletters.

Have a great weekend. Have a read of some more important Board Information at the back of the newsletter.

School Diary

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

Week 6

8 Monday	9 Tuesday	10 Wednesday	11 Thursday	12 Friday
	Interschool Swimming Yrs 4, 5, 6	9am - Pre-school Visits WALKING WEDNESDAY		2pm - Full School Assembly DAWG DAY

Week 7

15 Monday	16 Tuesday	17 Wednesday	18 Thursday	19 Friday
		9am - Pre-school Visits WALKING WEDNESDAY		2pm - Junior Assembly DAWGDAY

Education Information for Parents

SAFETY OF CHILDREN IN THE SCHOOL GROUNDS

Schools are bound by law to take responsibility for the health and safety of children on school grounds during the day. This responsibility is enshrined in the National Administration Guidelines, for which the Board and the Principal are responsible, and in the idea of being 'in loco parentis' as stated in the Education Act. This means that we recognize that you pass your children over to us between the hours of 8.15am and 3pm, and we undertake to act in their best interests to keep them safe from harm. That safety covers all aspects of their wellbeing – physical, intellectual and emotional.

We have a very open site here at Snells Beach School, which technically allows free entry into the school. We are very conscious of this and the instructions under which we all operate is to challenge anyone on site who is not wearing an official visitors badge, and who therefore does not have permission to be on site. We recognize that first thing in the morning and at 3pm, parents are very visible on site dropping off or collecting children, and we allow this without the need to check in at the office first, as that would be unreasonable.

However, we still keep a close eye to ensure that children do not go off with other parents or adults without permission after school, or without us checking first. During the day, however, we are very safety conscious and ask that ALL visitors (including parents) check in at the office first. This is for the safety of the children, but also for our own safety procedures in the event of a fire or other emergency, so that we know who is on site. If we seem a little over protective about this, or if you are challenged if you come into school and go straight to your child's room without coming through the office, this is why.

We hope you appreciate this, for the sake of your children, and assist us by going through this procedure if you have a need to visit your child at all during the day.

LIBRARY BOOK AMNESTY

Please check your child's bookshelves. Our school Library books are clearly marked with a "Snells Beach School Library" sticker on the back cover. Children can hand the books in to their class teacher, or put them in the Returns Box in the library at school.

MISSING LIBRARY BOOKS

FICTION

More naughty little sister stories : -
Edwards, Dorothy – Hughes
Diary of a wimpy kid: - Greg Heffley's
Ferno /the fire dragon: - Blade Adam

PICTURE BOOKS

Eating the alphabet? fruits and vegetables from A to Z: - Ehlert, Lois
Hairy Maclary's bone: - Dodd, Lynley
T. Rex trick-or-treats: - Grambling, Lois G

QUICK READS

Sami's genies: - England Kathryn
The invisible Vinnie: - Nimmo, Jenny

SOPHISTICATED PICTURE BOOKS

Oliver Twist and other great Dickens stories: - Williams, Marcia

NON-FICTION

Fighter pilot: - Anderson, Jameson
Out of this world / rockets and astronauts:
– Jones, Morris
Martin's junior writers guide: - Martins, Rodney
Pick me up/ stuff you need to know: -
Roberts David
How to draw cartoons:
What are my rights and responsibilities: -
Pearson, Jane
1990s / electronic media: - Parker, Steve
CKC: cool kids cookbook: Top Shelf
Productions
Captain's log/ New Zealand's maritime history: - McLean, Gavin
Illustrated history of New Zealanders at war: - Stenson, Marcia

NON-FICTION cont...

In the beginning: - Gossage, Peter
Cameras in Narnia / how the lion, the witch and the wardrobe came to life: - Brodie, Ian
Zac attack / an unauthorized biography: - Norwich, Grace
Football and other ball games: -
Page, Jason
Pollution: - Orme, Helen
Cycling, shooting and show jumping:
- Page, Jason
Future energy: - Orme, Helen
Track athletics: - Page, Jason
Habitat destruction: - Orme, Helen
Quentin Blake: - Powling, Chris
Why fight?: - Amos, Janine



School Events

INTERSCHOOL SWIMMING

On Tuesday the 9th of March, 32 Year 4, 5 and 6 children from Snells Beach School will be travelling to Mahurangi College to compete in the Inter School Swimming Sports. Events include free style, backstroke and breaststroke. Events will start at 9.45 am and they plan to finish at 2.00pm. **Please note all those children that are involved have been given a permission slip to be returned to Mr Morley a.s.a.p.**

Parents of children involved are welcome to attend. Your help with transport and supervision will be greatly appreciated.



WALKING SCHOOL BUSES

<u>'Park & Walk' WSB (Algies Bay)</u>		No	Stop	Morning	
Mon	AM only	1	Highfield Reserve	8.15am	
Tues	AM only	2	Fidelis Avenue	8.18am	
Wed	AM only	3	Rangimaarie	8.20am	
<u>Fosters Crescent WSB</u>		No	Stop	Morning	
Mon	AM only	1	Bottom of Foster Crescent (entrance to Goodall Reserve)	8.35 am	
Tues	AM only	2	Corner Iris and Foster Crescent	8.40 am	
Wed	AM only	3	School entrance gate at the end of Foster Cres Walkway	8.45 am	
Thurs	AM only				
<u>Seaside Strollers WSB</u>		No	Stop	Morning	Afternoon
Mon	AM only	1	Corner of Kawau View Rd and Snells Beach Rd (just down from the roundabout)	8.25am	3.25pm
Tues	AM only	2	Corner of Kauri Crescent and Kawau View Rd	8.28am	3.20pm
Wed	AM only	3	Corner Dalton Rd and Washington Ave	8.32am	3.17pm.
Thurs	AM only	4	Walkway at the end of Virginia Circus	8.35am	3.12pm
		5	Mahurangi East Rd (at entrance of walkway from Virginia Circus (still on seaward side)	8.38am	3.10pm
		6	Snells Beach School via Dawson Rd	8.45am	3.05pm



Picture – Olywn Hill, June Brown and Gloria Cunningham from the Lions Club of Kowhai Coast, with John Bettridge from JB's No.1 Landscaping pictured in the sandpit with children from Years 1-3

SANDPIT OPENING AT SNELLS BEACH SCHOOL

Junior school children gathered to see their new sandpit opened on Friday 26 February. Using names thought up by the children, the new addition to the school grounds will be called "The Snells Beach Pride Pit" reflecting the fact that it was constructed with money raised by the Lions Club of Kowhai Coast dance, held in the school hall last year. The Principal, Jill Corkin said that the name links the Lions Club and also indicates how much pride the children have in it. The ribbon was 'cut' by Jessica Bettridge and her father John, whose company JB's No.1 landscaping constructed the sandpit and organized the sand from Rathe Contractors and the cover from Kaiwaka Saddlery.

"We would like to thank everyone involved with this project. It has been a great community effort, and the children love it"