

# Snells Beach School News Update

## Message from our Board of Trustees

Welcome back to all our returning families and a special welcome to all new families at the school in 2010. The 2009 Foundation year was both exciting and challenging and it is nice to be able to return to school with everything a bit more established and settled for this year. One of the positives for staff and for the Board is that we now have a year of school to work with – we have student achievement data, staff know the students better, many of you have gotten to know each other and the Board has learnt a great deal about our role within the school.

Our focus is on supporting the staff of the school to provide the best learning environment possible and ensure that every student is reaching their potential. We also hope the children and families at the school have a lot of fun and can feel safe and secure while they are at school. We are currently analyzing the parent survey undertaken in 2009 and will endeavour to incorporate your feedback into our decisions this year.

2010 is election year for Boards of Trustees so if you are interested in being on the Board, feel free to contact us for more information. Board meetings are public meetings with dates notified in the newsletter and all parents are welcome to come along and see what happens.

As is fitting with our Term One value of Happiness, we would like to wish you all a very Happy 2010 and look forward to working together with our school community to make it the best it can be.

Bridget Farmiloe  
Chairperson

### Snells Beach School – Board of Trustees



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### **Meet The Teacher Afternoon**

**Wednesday 17 February 4:30pm – 6:00pm**

Class teachers will run two sessions to outline class programmes, routines and expectations, as well as introduce themselves to you. These will occur at 4:30pm and 5:15pm to enable parents with multiple children to visit both classes.

**Year 6 Camp Meeting for Parents will follow at 6:00pm in Nikau 1**

## Music Lessons 2010

Music lessons will be continuing at Snells Beach School this year, on Wednesdays. Instruments offered are:

Drums  
Guitar  
Piano  
Bass Guitar

Others may be available by negotiation.

There are three pricing options for lessons – individual \$23, shared \$15 and group (up to 4) \$10. Payment is on a per term basis. Instruments may be hired, and we have guitars for use at school.

For further information and bookings please contact Ross Browne from R & B Music directly:

021 703 146

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[rbmusic@maxnet.co.nz](mailto:rbmusic@maxnet.co.nz)

## Student Safety

We have noticed that a number of parents are parking in the staff carpark when picking up their children in the afternoons. This is creating a potentially dangerous situation where cars are turning in and out across the main exit from the school where children are walking. The design of our parking/drop zone area has been working well, allowing parents to loop through easily, and also the bus free access. We ask that, in the interests of student safety, parents park in either the visitor carparks on the left before the bus bay, or on the road side, so no vehicles are moving directly across the path of our children.

A reminder that we are a Travel Wise school – we offer bus services for those who qualify, walking school buses, supervised crossing and bike/scooter storage at school. Please ask at the office if you would like to know more. ***We strongly encourage children to walk while it is still fine.***

## Winter Sport Codes

It is time to consider if you would like your child to play after school or weekend sport this winter. Last year we had a successful netball team, and combined hockey team with Mahurangi Christian School. Both teams trained after school mid week, and competed on Saturday mornings. Please contact Kathryn Ramel [kramel@snellsbeach.school.nz](mailto:kramel@snellsbeach.school.nz) if you are interested in coaching/managing netball, hockey, or another winter sport.

***Please check our next newsletter for information regarding children registering for teams.***