

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

## From the Principal

### Greetings to our school families and friends

I hope you all have a happy and relaxing break at the end of what has been a busy and productive term.

Today you will receive an envelope home with your child's **midyear assessment results**. When we come back next term you will be offered the opportunity for another interview to discuss the specific detail of this report. Although the format is similar to that used last year, this year we have incorporated the “Next Learning Steps” as suggested by Minister of Education as part of the National Standards reporting guidelines, alongside the actual test or assessment results. We hope that this will help you to know what your child should be learning or focusing on next. On the reverse of the Mid Year Summary you will find an explanation of the assessments which includes the National Standards. This may look confusing at first, and is an indication of how difficult it is to align the assessment tools and the curriculum levels with the standards. However, if you work your way through each line, using the year level of your child as a guide and the information on the front of the report, you will see where they sit in relation to the expectations of both the curriculum and the standards. The information evening being run on 29 July will further clarify this for you – so please come along then and hear more.

Keep safe over the holiday break and enjoy your family time. We look forward to seeing you all next term.

*Jill Corkin*  
Principal

### Information Evening for Parents Thursday 29 July at 7pm Maths and the National Standards.

This meeting is designed for you to find out practical information about how the maths curriculum is taught, and also to help you understand the achievement levels we are reporting on. A section of the meeting will also cover the National Standards – what they are, how you can judge how your child is doing and what we are required to report.

### Staff Farewells

Sadly **Mrs Kylie Steffener** will be leaving us at the end of Term 2 on maternity leave. We look forward to hearing about the birth of the baby early in Term 3 and wish her and her husband and family well for the arrival of the new one.

We also farewell **Mrs Meryl Tucker** at the end of this term to take up a full time role elsewhere on the North Shore. Mrs Tucker has been our ESOL teacher and has also provided team Leader Release for us over the last term. All the best for your new position!

### Teacher Fellowships

We shared the news some time ago that **Mrs McDonald** had won as Royal Society of NZ Fellowship for two terms. Congratulations also now go to **Mrs Amanda Bradshaw** who has ALSO won a Royal Society Fellowship. **Both of these teachers will now take up their Fellowships at the start of 2011 for two terms.** Congratulations to you both – this is a high honour for you and for our school, and we look forward to the benefits this will bring us in the future for science and inquiry learning in our school.

### Vandalism over the Holidays

We have unfortunately had some bad weekend vandalism at the school in recent weeks, but have been very lucky to have had excellent witnesses in some of our children and parents who have been up here at the time. As a result, we have been able to refer this to the police with great results.

We welcome school families who will respect our grounds and facilities in the weekend and over the holidays, as it acts as a deterrent to those with other intentions and also increases the possibility of good information about any damage done. If you see people causing damage, we encourage you to call the police, or Insite Security on 425 7113 and report it to the school office when it re-opens in the second week of the holidays. Your assistance with this would be greatly valued.

## THANKS to the PTA FROM THE BOARD

At the end of another busy term, the Board of Trustees would like to extend our thanks to all the parents who have given their support to the school. In particular we want to recognize the wonderful efforts of the PTA. This year the PTA have been busy fund raising as well as offering support at school events such as Arbor Day and Book Week. They are gradually becoming expert Milo makers and sausage sizzlers! Through the PTA's efforts we are enhancing the school environment with newly laid coloured pavers in the playground area, giving our children 2 hopscotch and 2 four squares to play on - all being well used every day. The lifted pavers will be laid in the kitchen garden area too, once the weather permits. The Mothers Day raffle has generated further funds and commission from Book Week sales has meant our library will be getting some more new books. Just this week the PTA have also organized an evening of reader book covering to help prevent damage to books in the class room. Getting parents together and getting tasks such as these done really makes a positive impact on our school. We look forward to more fun and fundraising in Term Three. Thanks again and we wish our PTA and all our parent helpers a very happy holiday.

## PTA

**Bored Over The School Holidays?**

**Raining – Nothing to Do?**

**Then clean out the Kitchen Cupboards!!!!**

The Snells Beach School PTA is looking for good quality cooking utensils such as Pots, Stock Pots, Fry Pans, a set of Knives, Chopping Boards, Tongs, Mixing Bowls, Whisks, Muffin Trays, Cake Tins, Measuring Spoons & Measuring Cups.

This is to equip the School Hall kitchen for the kids to use in the Technology Programme.

Please drop off any utensils to the School Hall in the 1<sup>st</sup> week of Term 3. Your support is very much appreciated!

### **Thank you to Denise Le Bas and the PTA!**

For organising the BOOK COVERING night. We had a highly successful evening resulting in lots of children's books being covered.

#### **Thank you to:**

Sandy Sims	Ricky Brown
Rona Bairstow	Lizzy Collins
Danielle Kleyn	Carla Morrison
Glenys Milne	Marlene Ettritch
Rebecca Heaven	Helen Sutherland
Kim Millward	Annette Pahl
Leonie Meredith	Debbie and Brooke Adamson



who made it a great night and to the PTA for the awesome supper!

### INTRODUCTION TO NETBALL FOR JUNIORS

Thank you to Rachyl Collins who has offered to run a netball skills hour on Wednesday afternoons, from 3pm – 4pm, starting week 2, next term. This is aimed at Year 1, 2's and any Year 3's students who are not already playing for the school. Boys are welcome! Focus will be improving ball and movement skills in preparation for when they do play. Check the reminder notice in the first newsletter of next term for details.

Please check uniform names! I can only return items if I can read who they belong to. Thank you Miss Henry 😊

## **TERM DATES FROM TERM 3 – 2010**

**SCHOOL START FOR Term 3 2010**

**Monday 19 July**

#### **Term 3, 2010**

**Monday 19 July – Friday 24 September**

**Holidays: Saturday 25 September – Sunday 10 October**

#### **Term 4, 2010**

**Monday 11 October – Tuesday 14 December**

**Holidays: Monday 25 October – Labour Day**

**SCHOOL FINISHES FOR 2010, TUESDAY 14 DECEMBER**

## **HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS**

**THE OFFICE WILL BE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

**Wednesday 14 July – 8.30am to 4.30pm**

**Thursday 15 July – 8.30 to 4.30pm**

**Friday 16 July 8.30 to 4.30pm**

**For Enrolments, Uniform Sales,  
School Donations & Inquires**