

# READING AT HOME

SUPPORTING YOUR CHILD'S READING

## Make reading fun

- Reading at home should be fun and easy – something you both look forward to; a time for laughter and talk.
- Share the reading, take turns or see whether your child wants to read or be read to today.
- All children like to be read to, so keep reading to them. You can read in your first language.
- Visit the library together to help them choose books to share.
- Read emails from family or whānau aloud.
- Play card and board games together.

Talk a lot to your child while you are doing things together. Use the language that works best for you and your child.

If your child is stuck on a word:

- wait a few seconds, give them a chance to think...
  - if they are still stuck, help them to try to work the word out by saying "read the sentence again and think what would make sense". Ask "could it be...?" (and give a word that might fit). The pictures also help them check they have got the right word...
  - if they still can't work out the word, tell them and praise their efforts.
- Remember, reading should be fun.



## Talk about reading

- Talk about pictures in books.
- Talk about the learning they are doing and what they are most interested in.
- Sing waiata and songs, make up rhymes together – the funnier the better.
- Be a role model. Let your child see you enjoying reading and talk about what you are enjoying.
- Share favourite books, point out words on signs, shops and labels, read poems and play word games like "I Spy" and "Simon Says..."

## Make it a special time together

Reading is a great chance for you and your child to spend special time together. Make reading:

- quiet and relaxing
- a time to sit close to your child
- 10–15 minutes without interruption, away from the TV
- an enjoyable, interesting and special time
- a time to praise your child for making an effort.

Help your child to link stories to their own life. Remind them about what they have done when a similar thing happens in the story.



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"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, and greetings to our school families*

Welcome back to our final term for the year. Already we feel as if the time will slip away quickly and it will be Christmas before we know it! When you see the term calendar of events in this newsletter, you will realize just how busy it will be. In addition to the events listed here, of course we will continue with our teaching and learning programmes and all that they entail. Our inquiry focus this term is on **the celebration of water and its uses**, and we hope to finish our year's work in this area with a special 'celebration day' to share all we have learned this year about water and this special place that we live in.

Our Living Values focus for the term is **tolerance**. We will be teaching the children what this value means in relation to other people and especially in contexts where they are meeting new people or experiencing new things. The children already know that it means we should not 'judge' other people before we get to know them, and even when we know them, we need to make allowances for who they are sometimes. Please help us reinforce this with the children this term.

We are also providing an opportunity for you to have your say about the **health programmes** we run in school at a special meeting on Thursday 4 November. We would very much like to have your input to this, so please come along and discuss it with us. We will be showing you what we can offer, as there are a range of programmes to choose from that focus on keeping children safe in every respect – physically and emotionally, as well as learning about the body and keeping it healthy. The Life Education Programme forms part of this.

On a health theme, I will be taking some more definite steps this term to help rid our school of the head lice problem that we have been suffering with for 2 years. This will call for some affirmative action, and in classes where this is rife, you will be getting a note from me outlining what the programme will be. Like many of you parents out there, we too are tired of having to continually deal with this problem, and it is simply not fair on the children to subject them to having to have their hair treated continually. As a parent, I also fully appreciate the worry and concern that comes with this. I know that many of you are willing to help us deal with this problem – so thank you in advance for your support to get on top of it.

I hope we will see many of you in and around the school this term to share some of the events we will be holding. Term 4 is always such a great celebration term as we come to the end of our programmes and appreciate the progress and achievements of the children.

Jill Corkin,  
Principal

## School Diary

Term 4:

Last Day of School is Friday 14 December 2010

Week 2

Monday 18 October	Tuesday 19 October	Wednesday 20 October	Thursday 21 October	Friday 22 October
Life Education Caravan	Life Education Caravan	Life Education Caravan 9 – 10.30am Pre-School Visits Options start 5pm – BOT Meeting 7pm – PTA meeting	Life Education Caravan	2pm Junior Assembly All welcome

Week 3

Monday 25 October	Tuesday 26 October	Wednesday 27 October	Thursday 28 October	Friday 29 October
LABOUR DAY HOLIDAY		9 – 10.30am Pre-School Vistis		2pm Senior Assembly All welcome



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9am - 4pm  
Thurs 21st—Sun 24th  
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## Snells Beach School Term 4 2010 Key Events

- **Life Education Caravan** at school, Weeks 1 & 2
- **Labour Day Holiday:** Monday 25 October (Week 3)
- **Orientation/information session for new entrant parents:**  
1.30pm Tuesday 2 November
- **Sport:**  
Tuesday 9 November – Cross Country with Mahurangi Christian School  
Tuesday 16 November – School Athletics  
Tuesday 23 November – Interschool Athletics  
Swimming – Years 3 & 4 Dates to be finalized
- **Choir:** Carols by Candlelight  
7.30pm Friday 10 December, Lucy Moore Park
- **Options:** Year 4-6, Wednesday afternoons starting Week 2
- **Year 5 Camp:** 25/26 November  
Dawg Day fundraising from Week 3 onwards  
Thursday 21 October – Camp Meeting for parents
- **'Water Celebration' Day:**  
Date to be finalized
- **Health Consultation with Parents:**  
6pm Thursday 4 November
- **Year 6 Orientation at Mahurangi College:**  
10am – 1.30pm Friday 12 November
- **Assemblies:**  
2pm Friday 15 October Full school  
2pm Friday 22 October Junior school  
2pm Friday 29 October Senior school  
2pm Friday 5 November Special Music Assembly  
2pm Friday 12 November Junior school  
2pm Friday 19 November Senior school  
NO ASSEMBLIES Weeks 7- 9 as we prepare for end of year events
- **Board of Trustees Meetings:**  
5pm Wednesday 20 October  
5pm Wednesday 24 November
- **PTA Meetings:** 7pm Wednesday 20 October  
7pm Wednesday 17 November
- **PTA/Helpers afternoon tea:**  
4.15pm Friday 3 December
- **Reports issued:** Friday 10 December
- **End of Year Events:**  
School Picnic Monday 6 December at Scandrett Regional Park  
Monitors' Waiwera Trip Thursday 9 December  
Junior Christmas Concert Thursday 9 December  
Awards Ceremony 1pm Friday 10 December  
Year 6 Graduation Evening Monday 13 December  
Shared Class Lunches Monday 13 December  
Mufti Day Tuesday 14 December

SCHOOL FINISHES ON TUESDAY 14 DECEMBER at 12.30pm

Bus times will be confirmed closer to the date.

**Children start school again on Wednesday 2 February 2011.**

## School Events

### School Production Video Footage

Our inaugural School Production, Guardians of the Sea, was a success with ticket sales far exceeding our expectations. Footage from the night has now been uploaded to our website. Scroll down to view the "Event Gallery", then select "2010 events", then click on the "Production" link on the right. Footage has been uploaded in individual class items, & separate choir songs so you can view what you specifically want to see. We are currently investigating getting a DVD created of the entire Production for purchase. Thank you, again, to all the parents who helped us with the Production.

### Life Education Caravan

You will have noticed that the Life Education Caravan has arrived at our school, with sessions starting today (Friday) and now continuing through to Thursday next week. Each class will have two sessions in the Caravan. The Life Education programme has been running in Kiwi schools for many years, and we see it as being of particular value to our school as it complements and reinforces our own Living Values Programme which is central to our school culture. Harold the Giraffe's appearance is a highlight of any Life Ed lesson – be sure to ask your children about him!

### Excellent ICAS English Results

Our Year 5 & 6 students sat the ICAS English examination in June of this year. ICAS (International Competitions & Assessments for Schools) is run by the University of New South Wales, and students from twenty countries now participate. In Australia, New Zealand and the Pacific alone there are over 1.3 million entries. The following students achieved outstanding results:

Finley Lawlor Mendez	Distinction (top 3% of participants)
Tayla Glover	Distinction (top 9% of participants)
Leila Kleyn	Credit (top 14% of participants)
Eloise Mart	Credit (top 15% of participants)
Jackson O'Reilly	Credit (top 24% of participants)

All Year 5 & 6 students will be bringing home Certificates of Participation & analysis of their results today.

### Touch Rugby

Touch Rugby- Last Monday our Y.5-6 team recorded their first win with a great 9-3 victory over Matakana 1. Our Y.1/2 teams are also proving competitive also having convincing wins.

### Athletics

This term's Sports focus is Athletics - Run/Throw/Jump. Our School Athletics day is Nov 16th with the Inter School Athletics being held on Nov 23rd. Simon Mills will be in our school on Fridays to work with the Year 4 – 6 students, and Thursdays to work with the Year 2 – 3 students to support our class Athletic instruction as part of our Kiwi Sport Partnership.

### Cross Country

Finally we have been invited to send a 10 strong Cross Country team to compete in Mahurangi Christian School Cross Country on Nov 10<sup>th</sup> so we look forward to this.

#### WELCOME TO:

Sommer Bell	Kauri 1	Emily Morrice	Kauri 1	Taine Mahue	Kauri 1
Jeston Brown	Kauri 1	Rhiannon Morrice	Kauri 1	Jenna Farrell	Kahikatea 1

We hope you enjoy your time at our school. Roll total 206