

BUS CHANGES

Tuesday 8 November
Wednesday 16 November

Due to the College closing early and holding a Teacher Only Day on the above dates, the **No. 11 Bus (Algies Bay/Martins Bay / Scotts Landing)** will leave Snells Beach School at **3pm** on both of these days.

The time of the No. 8 Bus remains the same.

Message from the Snells Beach Volunteers who look after the Skate Park

It is great to see children getting enjoyment from the skate park, and with the longer evenings and better weather, it will continue. However, we are concerned about the graffiti and littering that have been occurring. Also items of left clothing that are there for days on end. Could parents please supervise their children when attending the park? Ideally, a roster of parents could be started to ensure the area is respected and that we can continue to have this facility. The Council are getting annoyed with the problems, and are considering giving up on the park. There have also been reports of bullying.

Please help us look after this facility.

Parents who want to help can contact Lesley Leversha

bobles@clear.net.nz

or leave your name at the school office



Newsletter

28 October 2011

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

From the Principal

Tena kotou katoa; greetings to all our school families and friends

Welcome back to the last term of the year. It is truly hard to believe that we are at the end of October already! What a great Rugby World Cup we had – and what a great result! I am sure that you were all on the edges of your seats like I was on that last Sunday of the holidays.

This term our school focus is on **assessment and reporting** to you about the achievements of your children this year. Written reports will come home in the second to last week of the term. Up until then, teachers will be busy rounding off assessments and we will all be heavily engaged in analysing the year's student achievement data to report to the Board and the Ministry, reset our goals for next year and plan what the learning programmes will look like for the students in 2012.

Term 4 is also about **celebrations**, and a big part of that is celebrating the learning successes we have had. At this week's Board meeting I reported to the Board of Trustees the results of our **STAR Reading** testing from year 3 – 6 this year. They were pleased to learn that:

- 57 children (49% of the Y3-6 children) improved their stanine results from March – October 2011.
- Overall 82% of the Y3-6 group are maintaining or improving performance.
- There has been a shift upwards across all year levels when compared with nationally expected levels.



- In summary, across the whole Y 3-6 group, the figures show that we have 'added value' during the course of the year.

In addition, we have had some great results in the **ICAS Exam in English** this year. Congratulations to the following students who received special awards:

Year 6 CREDIT AWARDS

Tayla Glover Leila Kleyn

Year 5 CREDIT AWARDS

Cayle Farmiloe Uriel Teo
Jordan Vegar Jonathan Bassett

Aran Cordeen

Year 5 DISTINCTION WARD

Lauren Adams - 99% school percentile/91% NZ percentile

Well done to all these students and especially to Lauren for receiving a Distinction Award.

We welcome **Mrs Rietta Young** back full time in Nikau 2, and **Mrs Pauline Watkin** who is now doing three days in Kahikatea 2. **Mrs Gore is Acting Associate Principal** this term and **Mrs Bradshaw** has taken on the role of **Team Leader, Senior School**. We look forward to a great term ahead. There is much to celebrate and we hope parents will be able to find some time to come and share with us in the term's events.

Regards
Jill Corkin
Principal

School Diary

Week 2: 31 Oct - 4 November

Wednesday 2 November

7.00pm PTA Meeting. All Welcome

Friday 4 November

DAWG DAY – Y5 Camp
2pm Junior Assembly. All welcome.

Week 3: 7-11 November

Tuesday 8 November

Lions Fashion Parade – Kidz Kabaret performers performing in Warkworth

Wednesday 9 November

10.30 am Kah2 Cake Stall

Thursday 10 November

Year 3 & 4 Swimming starts

Friday 11 November

DAWG DAY – Y5 Camp

Y6 Orientation Day – Mahurangi College

2pm – Senior School Assembly. All welcome.

Important Events Term 4

Please refer to the attached Events Calendar for Term 4

Welcome to:

Devyn Fa'au	Kauri 1
Deanna Laird	Kauri 1
Luka Vegar	Kauri 1
Ryan Douglas	Kauri 2
Danielle Douglas	Nikau 2
Jenna Stirling	Nikau 1

We hope you enjoy being at our school
Total Roll 211

*** MISSING LIBRARY BOOKS ***

We currently have a large amount of unreturned books.

Your child may have received a letter identifying outstanding book/s.

PLEASE HAVE A GOOD LOOK FOR THESE & RETURN TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE.

Unreturned books will be invoiced for payment. Thank you, Mrs Mackay

hot tips event

MARRIAGE & RELATIONSHIPS
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FRIDAY 28 OCTOBER

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Mahurangi College Auditorium
Woodcocks Road

Start: 7.30pm. Single ticket: \$15. Double ticket: \$25

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Mahurangi Presbyterian Church Office

Enquiries: Robyn Fisher 09 4258018, heao@xtra.co.nz

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PTA Thank You

Your PTA would like to say a 'BIG THANK YOU' to all the parents and teachers who helped before, on and after our Car Boot Sale and to all those that made delicious delectable edibles for us to sell.

We would also like to thank the following businesses for their support: Matakana Butchery, Snells Beach 4 Square, Elocin, Foods, B & J Weck, Roamin' Beans Coffee Van and New World - Warkworth.

The delicious Chocolate Cake Raffle was won by Vicki Savage. Congratulations!

We made just over \$600! Mufti Day also raised \$224. All proceeds go towards the new junior playground.

Well done and thanks again for your support!!!

Next PTA meeting: Wednesday 2nd November at 7pm, in the School Staffroom. ALL WELCOME ☺

PROUD TO BE KIWI

Ruapehu, way up high
To the clouds, in the sky
Down to the lakes flowing free
To the wild and rapid sea.

To the lush and green paddocks
Don't forget about
our rugby addicts
Rugby is New Zealand's sport
Tauranga is our biggest port
Come along and you'll have fun
Playing in Aotearoa's sun

By Billy O'Rielly

Why I'm Proud To Be Kiwi

The All Blacks make us proud
As they do the haka to the crowd.

Running and getting tries
as Piri Weepu kicks to the skies.

We played against France and we
gave them a chance, but at the
end of the day the All Blacks
lead the way.

So now we celebrate with all
of our mates.

Cause we are number one
and man it was great!

By Brody Buer

I'M PROUD TO BE KIWI

New Zealand
From mountains to trees
to bays.

New Zealand
Together we're standing side
by side.

New Zealand
We stand as one, as a team
and a nation.

New Zealand
That's why I'm proud to be
A KIWI.

By Elijah Newey

School Events

MAHURANGI COLLEGE NETBALL CLUB 2011 AGM

Monday 14th November : 6.30pm in the College Staffroom (adjacent to the Library)

Annual report 2011 and election of officers for 2012 season.

Netball is one of the biggest participation sports at the college. We aim to support and encourage all members of the club, whether they are players, umpires, coaches or managers. We want netballers at Mahurangi College to both be the best and to enjoy their sport, wherever they are playing. Several of our current Committee are standing down so now is your chance to have your say. All are welcome to meet the outgoing committee, see how the club is set up, and help us out by taking part in 2012.

Phone Chair Sharon Fraser on 0212288705, Secretary Anne Dickson 0274307660 or the current Teachers in Charge of Netball at the College Ann Marinus (Yr 7 and 8) & Yvonne Holdgate (Year 9 to 13) if you have any queries.

For your information

Road User Rule Amendment 2011 as pertaining to school crossings and buses.

On 29 August, the Transport Minister Steven Joyce signed the Road User Rule Amendment 2011. Changes to the Road User Rule affect all drivers, riders, walkers and cyclists in NZ. Included in this, are three amendments which are specifically related to schools.

1 From 1 October 2011, drivers approaching a pedestrian crossing controlled by a school patrol will only be required to stop when the school patrol sign is extended. As you may know, school children are only permitted to cross when the patrol sign is extended so it's unnecessary and confusing to require drivers to stop when the patrol sign is not extended. This is consistent with school patrol training.

2 There is an existing requirement of 20km/h speed limit when passing a stationary school bus (in either direction) displaying a fixed school bus sign. From 1 October 2011, drivers passing a stationary school bus with an optional "flashing sign" will also need to reduce their speed to 20km/h.

3 From 1 October 2011, buses travelling on school trips, where all passengers are seated, will be exempt from having to display a 'school bus' sign and be permitted to travel at 90km/h, in line with other buses on the road. This will improve traffic flow and also means that schools will be able to hire newer, safer buses and coaches for these school trips.

I've learned
That no matter what, you have to be honest
unless it hurts someone else.

I've learned
That no two people are the same
everyone is different.

I've learned
That you dont have to be good at everything
to be good at something.

I've learned
Just because someone is more popular than you, you
dont need to copy them.

I've learned
that if you make a mistake, always try again.

I've learned
that the dreams people have may be outrageous
but do not dis them.

By Leila Kleyn

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I've learned that
Some people don't know how to express love, so
some times they seem grouchy, but really
They love you.

I've learned that not everyone will care
No matter how much you do.

I've learned that
The richer you are, the less satisfied you are.

I've learned that
You can't rely on someone
else to do something,
you have to try as well.

I've learned that
No one is perfect, and you must always
be ready to not have your way sometimes

I've learned that
Honest people are the people
That you least expect.

By Samuel Thompson

I've learned
that sometimes love twists itself in different ways.
You just have to hold on tight or you might fall.

I've learned
that to have a good friendship with someone,
no matter what they say or do you have to still care for
them.

I've learned
that we are responsible for our actions,
for there is no turning back.

I've learned
that don't love someone because they love you,
love them for who they are and their personality.

I've learned
that if you make a mistake to try again,
because the world isn't going to stop to help you.

I've learned
that you should never tell someone their dreams are
weird or unlikely, for everyone has a mind of their own.

By Lucy Gore

I've learned
That your best friend can be
Your worst enemy

I've learned
That you are not too
Big or too small to do anything

I've learned
That you should listen
More than you talk

I've learned
That you should never
Never judge people for their looks

I've learned
That you don't need to be the best to be cool
It's just your personality

I've learned
That if you hit someone down you Help them up

By Kikii Kikii

Yr5 CAMP FUNDRAISING DAWG DAYS

FRIDAY 4TH, 11TH & 18TH NOVEMBER

DAWGS \$2 - JUICIES \$1

MORNING TEA - CAKE STALL

WEDNESDAY 9TH NOV

Kahikatea 2 are raising money to build a friendship seat

All items will be sold for 50c per piece

PLEASE SUPPORT THIS GREAT IDEA!

STARS OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL

Ben & James McMurtrie appeared on What Now on the first Sunday of the holidays. Ben has a great photo of himself with Adam and Johnson. Well done Ben!

If you have achieved something in your sport or hobby outside of school, please let Mrs Corkin know so that we can recognise you in the newsletter!