

A VERY BIG thank you  
to the following people  
who turned up to  
garden with us  
on Saturday 26 November:

- Lizzy Collins and Keisha
- Ian Suckling and Edward and Clara
- Yvonne & Michael Just and Zane
- Ylia Sawatzki, Ian Drower and Anjamo
- Carla Morrison, Mia, Zach and Sarah
- Don & Ruth Scandrett and Xanthe
- Jo Hathaway
- Simon Savage and Lewis, Brooke & Trace
- Jude Johanson
- Brigid Maire – for her work on the gardens after we finished.

We really appreciate your support and help to tackle this big task. Thank you very much for your efforts!

We are hoping to do this on a more regular basis next year – so watch this space for dates.



**SKIDS**  
Holiday Programme

16<sup>th</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2011

Then

23<sup>rd</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> January 2012

For details email  
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## HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS

17 – 27 January

10am – 3 pm daily

For enrolments, school donations,  
uniform and stationery sales.

Enquiries ph 09 425 6058

**Kawau Bay**

## FISHING CLASSIC

**Waitangi Weekend 2012**  
4th & 5th February  
**Salty Dog Inn, Snells Beach**

Start Time: 5am Saturday 4th February  
Weigh-in: 3-5pm Sunday 5th February

**Prize Pool: \$9000**  
**Average Weight: \$1000\***

\*Seniors only

Tickets Available from:

cost:

Salty Dog Inn  
Snells Beach Dive & Fish  
Wellsford Sport and Leisure  
Hunting and Fishing Warkworth  
Or Contact Ross Brown 027 5648243  
Ticket sales close 3rd February 5pm  
(available at Salty Dog Friday up to 10pm)  
**Fish Auction from 5.30pm Sunday**

Seniors \$60.00  
(Includes Meal Ticket)

Juniors \$20.00  
(12 and Under)

All Proceeds to:



# Newsletter

9 December 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*

Dear Parents and Caregivers

This is our last newsletter for 2011 and I would like to begin by once again thanking all those parents and caregivers for the time you have given to support us, the funding you have given through donations and fundraising activities and for the positive feedback we receive from you on a regular basis. This more than anything means a great deal to us – so please don't forget to tell us! I can say with pride that we have a wonderful, hardworking group of teachers and support staff at Snells Beach School. We are a great team and for all of us, our most important focus is always your children. Our mission is to do what is best for them so that they can learn and enjoy doing so.

On behalf of the staff I would also like to thank the Board of Trustees under the leadership of Don Scandrett for their support this year. We have had a full and busy work schedule, so thank you for your time and careful governance.

#### A Warning About the Skate Park

It is a shame that I also must end the year with a strong warning to parents about your children using the skate park in Snells Beach.

I am putting this out now because I am conscious that over the summer holiday period there will be many more teenagers and young adults around and our children will also have more free time on their hands to congregate at the skate park.

We have been told by our local police that this is not a safe place for our children to be at the moment, because of the activity that takes place there. There is evidence of drug use (needles, bongos and other drug paraphernalia) and many of our children, through the KOS programme have told us that they feel intimidated by the behaviour of the older teenagers and young people who also gather there.

A greater adult presence may help modify the behaviour, but I know that I and many other adults also feel intimidated by the behaviour and tone of these young people.

The best thing we can do to keep our young people safe, at the moment, is to keep them away from this location and I urge you to do so. It is a shame that we cannot use this community facility, as it should be there for all to use safely, but this is regrettably just not the case at the moment.

A very happy Christmas to you all and a safe and happy New Year. I look forward to seeing you all back on 31 January next year

Regards  
Jill Corkin  
Principal



### School Diary

Week 8: 12 -15 December

Monday 12 December

2pm - Junior end of year concert in the hall – All Junior parents & caregivers welcome

Tuesday 13 December

1pm – 3pm Awards Ceremony – All welcome

Wednesday 14 December

6.30 pm – 9.30pm Year 6 Graduation Evening – Salty Dog Inn

THURSDAY 15 DECEMBER

3pm - End of the School Year

2012

SCHOOL STARTS

9am 31 JANUARY

See the back page  
for  
holiday office hours

VERY IMPORTANT !!!!!

Please if your child requires medication to be held at school check the expiry dates and supply to Miss Henry or your child's teacher for the start of the New Year.

# The Puriri 2 Legend

November 2011

## The Beginning

We started out wanting to do something together as a class to live our school values and we wanted to do it about a made-up island, so first we started with the rules like: no smoking, no drinking, no petrol operated contraptions and a lot more. The second thing we did was make all our stuff eco-friendly. Mrs Bishop split us up into groups to research different things such as: native animals, shelter and eco-technology. We prepared it on paper and made a poster, later we presented it to the class. The last thing we did before the structure was designing how we would build it. We rolled up 16 pieces of paper and cello taped them together, finally the perfect idea came to us, off we go to start our blood-curdling adventure.

## The Middle

Mrs Bishop had gone to the Warehouse and brought some bamboo, we started with tying the triangle roof to a square base with flax but we spent a whole afternoon marking and putting it together. Next came tying the palms to the roof so the water would run off the end, it took a lot of afternoons but the roof was finished Now what to use? Then we got the idea! Again we used bamboo to make the structure, but instead of a triangle we did a square and did 2 separate walls. After making the square we needed

to fill the gaps and because we used flax already we used it again. We went down and finally realised that there was flax poles that for: 1. we didn't need them in the garden, the 2nd thing is we didn't want them because they aren't pretty. Everybody hurriedly shoved their shoes on and ran down the hill and across the court to the flax bushes. We all grabbed only the brown flax poles and with mostly ease we pulled them all out, after that we ripped the flower bits off and bought them back. Next came tying the poles to the walls, (I think myself that it took a very, very long time) but after the walls were covered, the shelter was nearly finished When that was finished the thing that we needed to do next was put it all together and then the structure would be mostly completed. We used even more bamboo and connected the walls after that and put more flax poles on; all that was left was the roof to go on.

## Where we are today

The dramatic feeling was amazing the roof went on like the air was carrying it. The roof is on and everybody was tying it, to the rest of the shelter. It been a long time but I deeply believe we all think

LEI is real.



By Stephanie Walsh

Yr5

## MISSING FROM THE LIBRARY

### Picture Books

The Runaway Train  
Suddenly!  
Shock Monday  
Mrs Parata Rides Again  
Hairy Maclary's bone  
Kiwi has a big secret  
Sharing a Shell  
Oh the Places You'll go

### Sophisticated Picture Books

Discovery of Dragons: new research revealed  
Window

### Quick Reads

Phantom of the Subway  
Return of the Killer Coat  
Victoria the violin fairy  
Sami's genies

### Non Fiction

Horse Crafts  
See how it's made: clothes, toys etc.

### Materials

Big Book of things to do  
Weather  
Life Processes  
Pacific Islands  
Crimpy's cooking for Kids  
Traditional Maori Legends - Nga tai korero  
Skateboarding  
Which Native Tree?  
Rivers and Water  
On the Move

### Fiction

Uncovered  
Timesnatch  
Payback  
Holes  
The World around the Corner  
Trouble Patch

### Reference

Cells  
Football and other Games  
Quentin Blake  
Collins Junior World Atlas  
Concise Atlas of the World x3

### Teacher Resources

Charts and Graphs  
Plants

PLEASE LOOK FOR THESE BOOKS AND RETURN TO MISS HENRY OR MRS MCKAY

## Interschool Athletics

We did extremely well at this event this term. **Congratulations** to the following athletes for success in their events:

Yr4 Girls 50m running - **2<sup>nd</sup>** Pualogouma Kikii  
Yr4 Girls 80m running - **3<sup>rd</sup>** Pualogouma Kikii  
Yr4 Boys 200m running - **2<sup>nd</sup>** Ethan Reiff  
Yr4 Boys 400m running - **1<sup>st</sup>** Jackson Gradwell  
Yr4 Relay running - **2<sup>nd</sup>** Snells Beach School  
Yr6 Relay running - **3<sup>rd</sup>** Snells Beach School  
Yr6 Boys Shot Put - **1<sup>st</sup>** Kikii Kikii  
Yr4 Girls Shot Put - **2<sup>nd</sup>** Pualogomus Kikii  
Yr5 Boys Discus - **3<sup>rd</sup>** Elijah Newey

Yr4 Boys 50m running - **2<sup>nd</sup>** Blake Heaven  
Yr4 Boys 80m running - **2<sup>nd</sup>** Blake Heaven  
Yr6 Boys 400m running - **3<sup>rd</sup>** Levi McGlynn  
Yr5 Girls 800m running - **3<sup>rd</sup>** Zarnika Rawlinson  
Yr5 Relay running - **3<sup>rd</sup>** Snells Beach School  
Yr4 Boys Long Jump - **3<sup>rd</sup>** Lucas West  
Yr5 Girls Shot Put - **3<sup>rd</sup>** Arielle Heslop  
Yr5 Girls Discus - **3<sup>rd</sup>** Arielle Heslop  
Yr4 Boys Discus - **2<sup>nd</sup>** Jackson Gradwell

Once again Snells Beach School kids are rocking it!

Also to Kikii Kikii who took out **2<sup>nd</sup>** place in the Shot Put at the Hibiscus Coast Zone Athletics. Well done!

## SCANDRETT PARK SCHOOL PICNIC



## LOST PROPERTY FROM THE SCHOOL PICNIC

- Child's blue & black striped hooded sweatshirt with white "Daredevil Academy" logo on front.
- Pink bead necklace
- Red McDonald's Cap
- Pair of white jandals with black stars and 2 red stars on the thongs
- Adults black "active" brand parka with white stripes and detachable hood

Please collect these items from the office if they belong to you. If not claimed by the end of the school year, they will be disposed of.

Thank you.

