

“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

Our busy fourth term is underway with a hiss and a roar. We have had a number of new enrolments this term and are currently receiving enquiries for enrolments for 2010. As you will appreciate, we are also in the busiest phase of the year, planning for classes and the curriculum for 2010. It is vitally important that we have an accurate idea of how many children to expect next year so that we can plan for them. If you have neighbours or friends who are considering enrolling their children at Snells Beach School for 2010, it is vitally important that they contact us as soon as possible and receive enrolment forms to fill in. *I would be very grateful if you could assist us with spreading this message to those in the community who may be asking.*

Today we sadly farewell Ms Maja Bosshart, our Swiss Teacher who has been with us since the start of the term. Ms Bosshart has been based in Manawa 1, so she will be known to many of these parents. It has been great to have her here, sharing with us and learning about the NZ system. We hope to maintain our connection as she returns to Switzerland. Thank you Mrs Bradshaw and the Manawa 1 pupils for making her feel so welcome!

This morning we had the experience of a major power cut to our area – not the first and I dare say not the last! In situations like this, the Board of Trustees makes the decision to close the school, following guidance from the Ministry of Education. That guidance is that we may operate without power so long as health and safety is not compromised, and so long as we can continue to flush our toilets. We are on a pump system for our toilets as we use recycled rainwater from our tanks for this purpose, so our situation is delicate. Had the cut lasted much longer this morning we would have been forced to close, and in that case, all parents would have been contacted. Children would not be allowed to leave the school unless parents have been contacted and a skeleton staff would remain at school to look after any children whose parents were out of communication.

We hope to see many of you involved in our Travelwise activities next week!

Jill Corkin
Principal

Other Important Dates to Note for 2009:

Friday 4 December – Carols by Candlelight at School
Saturday 5 December – Warkworth Santa Parade
Friday 11 December – Carols By Candlelight at Lucy Moore Park

School Diary

Week 4 Term 4

Travelwise Week – all week.

Monday 2 November

1pm – School walk to Goodall reserve

Tuesday 3 November

Lunchtime – Wheels Day event

Wednesday 4 November

WALKING WEDNESDAY – ALL CHILDREN WALKING, BIKING OR BUSING TO SCHOOL IF POSSIBLE

Thursday 5 November

Swimming for Y3 & 4 classes
Cycle Day for Senior classes

Friday 6 November

1pm – Fancy feet Parade
2pm – Travelwise Launch Assembly

Week 5 Term 4

Ministry of Education Post-Occupancy evaluators in the school.
Auckland Primary Principals' Executive visiting.

Thursday 12 November

Swimming for Y3 & 4 classes

Friday 13 November

10am-1.30pm – Mahurangi College Orientation Year 6 students
2pm – Junior School Assembly

Board of Trustees News

Sadly we have accepted the resignation of Selina Ryan-Lentini as a trustee on the Board, as the Ryan –Lentini family have relocated to Auckland. We wish them well in their new location. As a result, The Board has resolved to fill this vacancy by selection and the following announcement will be published in the Times newspaper next Tuesday, 3 November

Casual Vacancy for Elected Trustee

A casual vacancy has occurred on the Board of Trustees for an elected parent representative. The Board has resolved under Section 105 of the Education Act 1989 to fill the vacancy by selection.

If ten percent or more of eligible voters on the school roll ask the board within 28 days of this notice being published to hold a by-election to fill the vacancy, then a by-election will be held.

Any eligible voter who wishes to ask the Board to hold a by-election should write to:

**The Chairperson
Board of Trustees
Snells Beach School
PO Box 26
Snells Beach 0942**

By Tuesday 17 November 2009

**Meeting Dates Term 4
19 November
17 December**

**Meetings start at 5pm and are held in the Boardroom.
Interested parents
are welcome to attend.**

WELCOME TO THE FOLLOWING NEW CHILDREN

Year 4

Levi McGlynn

Year 6

Caleb McGlynn

Total Roll 162

TERM DATES

Term 4 Start – Monday 12 October

Labour Day Holiday - Monday 26 October

Finish – Friday 18 December at 12 noon (to accommodate buses)

**School will start for 2010
on Wednesday 3 February**

YUMMY STICKER PROMOTION

A big thank you to all those who have collected Yummy Apple Stickers for the school. We have received \$229 worth of sports gear for our stickers. With this we bought 12 playground balls and 50+ cones.

Thank you to Miss Jolliffe for organising this.

KEEP COLLECTING

Snells Beach School PTA Disco Time!

We are having a disco on Friday 27th November 6- 8pm in the school hall. This event is for Snells Beach School pupils and their siblings only.

It is sure to be a great night so come along for a fun evening of dancing and music!

There will be a sausage sizzle to save you cooking dinner and

ice creams, chips, drinks and glow sticks will also be available to purchase.

A detailed notice will be coming home shortly with an order form for tickets.

Ticket prices will be:

\$2 per child

\$5 for a family with 3 or more children

Adults free

If anyone has access to some disco lighting could you please contact us via the PTA email address shown below

Next PTA Meeting:

Monday 23rd November, 7pm in the staff room.

This is a special 'Disco night' meeting, so if you can help in anyway at the Disco, please come to the meeting or email us on

snellsbeachschoolpta@yahoo.co.nz

THIS & PREVIOUS NEWSLETTERS AS WELL AS OTHER SCHOOL INFORMATION
CAN BE FOUND ON OUR WEBSITE: www.snellsbeach.school.nz

Lily The Lamb Visits Pururi 2

Lily came to visit our school and Lily's tail fell off. I fed Lily a bottle of milk.

Chloe Sutherland



Lily the lamb came to school and Sophia's lamb was soft and it was cute. Sophia's mum came too. Lily hopped and her tail fell off!

Danyon Ashcroft

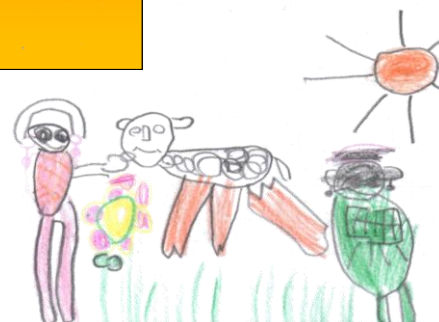
Lily came to school to visit. She was so fluffy and we fed her. She chased us and she was soft and cuddly.

Tobi Higginson



Lily came into school. She was soft. Lily's tail fell off.

Caleb Hood



Lily Lamb visited school today. It was fun and she weed in the car! She chased us. She followed the baby and wanted to come in the classroom.

Fynn Pahl



Lily came to our school and it chased us around. She nearly went into our classroom and her tail fell off and Mrs Corkin held it up. The tail was soft.

Eli Pahl

If I was a pohutukawa tree...

If I was a pohutukawa tree I would have wood as my trunk and people would climb me. Bumble bees would collect nectar from my flowers. I would have twisted branches reaching to the sky. I would have pohutukawa flowers, glowing red. I would feel the wind blow past my leaves.

By Jessica Frazer, Nikau 2



TravelWise

Walk & Save the Planet

MONDAY 2nd – FRIDAY 6th NOVEMBER

<p>Monday 2nd Nov.</p> <p>1pm Whole School Walk – (Saving Day if raining Wednesday 4th Nov) All Parents Welcome!</p>
<p>Tuesday 3rd Nov.</p> <p>12:10–12:45pm Wheels Day</p>
<p>Wednesday 4th Nov.</p> <p>Walking Wednesday</p>
<p>Thursday 5th Nov.</p> <p>Senior School Cycle Safety Day</p>
<p>Friday 6th Nov.</p> <p>1pm Fancy Feet Parade</p> <p>2pm Whole School Assembly— Official Launch as a TravelWise School All Parents Welcome!</p>

NB: Throughout the week there will be a House Competition. Come to school a 'TravelWise' way each day and earn your House some points!! We will also have a special prize draw at Friday's assembly

SPORTS ROUNDUP

SWIMMING

This term our Year 3 & 4 swim programme will commence on 5th November, at the Mahurangi College pool.

This completes our School wide Swim Programme consisting of:

- Year 1 & 2 Water Confidence at Snells Beach (Term 1)
- Year 3 & 4 Instructional Swimming at Mahurangi College Pool (Term 4)**
- Year 5 & 6 Water Survival at Snells Beach and Omaha Beach (Term 1)



Mahurangi College have kindly offered the use of their pool free of charge, which is wonderful. We are currently looking for parental support for transport to complete our organization for this programme.

TENNIS

MAHURANGI EAST TENNIS CLUB INC
JUNIOR CLUB TENNIS

This year the club is hoping for a great turn out for the start of the season on Monday 19 October. The coaching times are as follows:

5-7yrs Monday 3.30 to 4.15pm 8-12yrs Monday 4.15 to 5.15pm All ages Saturdays 8.30 to 10.00am

The Fees for the whole season running from October to December and from February to April 2010 when we will be having a prize giving and barbecue at the club rooms are \$95 per child. The children will need a tennis racket, sports shoes, hat and sun block as it can get very hot on the courts.

For more information ph: Barbara Robbins - 4255330

SCARECROW COLLECTION

SCARECROWS ENTERED IN THE COMPETITION AT SHEEPWORLD ARE NOW ABLE TO BE COLLECTED FROM SCHOOL. PLEASE !!! SEE SU IN THE OFFICE AND DO THIS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.



Notice for Parents Regarding Buses

The contract for school transport does not allow children who do not have a bus entitlement to travel on school buses unless special arrangements are made and agreed to within the bus network, involving all schools in the district.

In cases where children are making arrangements for others to come home and play or stay after school, we would prefer that separate arrangements are made for the children to be collected from school, rather than for the invited children to travel home on the bus. Bus arrangements can be made on VERY rare occasions if the receiving parents do not have transport or are 'stuck', but as we assume that you will be at home if your child is inviting someone home to play, we would ask that you pick your children and their friends up on those days.

Thanks for your co-operation.

Jill Corkin and Kerry Gore.

P.T.A REMINDER

**PLACE YOUR ORDERS FOR CHILDRENS ART CALANDARS
A.S.A.P**