



Learning for Life

Newsletter

13 December 2013

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



Merry Christmas!

**Thank you all for your wonderful support and involvement this year!
Thank you to all the children and parents who have brought us gifts and cards
We really appreciate your Christmas wishes.**

And thank you to the wonderful Mums who have supplied us with delicious morning teas over the last couple of weeks!

**We appreciate your kind thoughts and season's greetings.
We have had a great year and we have loved every minute of it.**

Merry Christmas everyone and have a very happy holiday!

Meri Kirihimete ki a koe me te whanau.

Come back to us safely in 2014.

From the Principal, Teachers & Support Staff of Snells Beach School



Some reminders for the start of 2014

School starts on MONDAY 3 FEBRUARY 2014 at 9am.

- Class lists will be posted on the office windows on Wednesday 29 January 2014 – the week before school starts. They will remain there until after school starts. We are still making up class lists and depending on enrolments this process will continue over the holidays.
- The office will be open for uniform purchases, general enquiries and enrolments from Monday 20 January 2014 from 9am – 3pm Mon-Fri. Please see overleaf for information about stationery.
- If you have second hand uniform to sell please bring it into the office **washed** with an itemised list of what you are selling, giving your postal address and contact phone no. as soon as possible after 20 January 2014.
- Please check and rename any uniform items that need it so we are able to return them to you.

A Personal Message from the Principal

We had a wonderful day at Scandrett Bay yesterday and the weather was very kind to us (unlike last year!). I was so pleased that we were able to have our picnic. I want to thank all the parents who came along to help, and I would also like to pay tribute to the staff who worked hard to make the day a success. A special thank-you to Richard le Bas for his towing skills!

I feel very proud of what we have achieved as a school this year, and it could not be done without the dedicated teachers and support staff in our school. Everyone who is on staff is very focused on children being at the heart of our work, and I believe this shows in the way everyone cares for the students. I would especially like to thank Miss Su Henry who is nurse, secretary, receptionist, bursar and occasionally caretaker! She does a fantastic job and is the glue that holds us all together.

We also could not do what we do without the backing of a supportive Board of Trustees that provides strong governance to the school. Thank you to our trustees for your stewardship in this first year of your formation as a new Board!

I would also like to thank the PTA for the items donated to the school this year and the many parents who help out in a myriad of ways, every week. We feel and appreciate your support; thank you.

On behalf of the staff, I wish you all a happy and peaceful Christmas and New Year. Enjoy the time to relax with family and friends.

To our Year 6's – all the very, very best for next year! We will miss you all.

With warm season's greetings,

Jill Corkin

SCHOOL STATIONERY 2014

There will be 2 options for purchasing stationery in 2014.

1. Your child will come home with a stationery request form on the first day of school (as normal) and the entire pack of what you require will be offered from school within the first week.

This option allows for a no-fuss way to acquire **the correct stationery in a timely manner**. I can assure you that we do not charge a mark-up on these items – we pass on to you the cost we pay for our bulk stationery purchases.

The cost of our packs will be very competitive, if not cheaper, than the price you will pay in retail outlets.

2. You can download the list of what is required from the school website and purchase the stationery yourself. If you choose this option – these will be available From 13 January. We will insist that students have **the complete correct stationery by Monday 10 February**. Please make sure you select the correct year level list for your child. **Please note** that there are some required items that cannot be purchased through normal retail outlets.

Please also note that we will be insisting on the purchase of two main brands of exercise book – Warwick (available from most retailers) and Impact (available from Warehouse Stationery). This is because there are other brands which simply do not stand up to normal school use.

LOST PROPERTY

We have a huge number of sweatshirts and other items awaiting collection.

Please see Miss Henry in the office before 20 December to check these.

Any items remaining after 20 December will be disposed of.

5th Year Jubilee Magazine 2009 - 2013

The Magazine Group has been working hard on a special magazine to celebrate our 5th birthday.

Copies will be available for sale at a special new release rate of \$7 from Monday 16 December 2013 and can be purchased from the school office up until 24 December.

Be in quick for your copy!

REMINDERS FOR NEXT WEEK

MONDAY 16 December – WEDNESDAY 18 December 2013

Monday	1pm – 3pm	Awards Ceremony in the Hall	<i>All welcome</i>
Tuesday	Shared lunches and celebrations in classes (see separate notices from class teachers) 6pm	Year 6 Graduation at Life Café	
Wednesday	LAST DAY OF SCHOOL – FINISHING AT 3PM Children will be dismissed from the hall at 3pm. From 1pm there will be a Mr Whippy van available at school for an ice-cream treat for the students to purchase – see separate notice about this		

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