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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, Talofa, Kia Orana, Mauri and Greetings to school families

Totara Block Opening Friday 15 August

Last Friday we had a lovely ceremony to signify the opening and completion of Totara Block. Our Year 6 students were heavily involved and once again did us proud – speaking confidently and hosting our guests with pride. I would like to thank the Year 6 parents for supplying us with a beautiful afternoon tea which was enjoyed by all and I would also like to thank Miss Henry, Mrs Neels, Mrs Gore, Mrs Bishop, Mrs Watkin and Mrs Williamson who all contributed hugely to make the afternoon a success. It was disappointing that we did not have more school parents able to be with us to celebrate what is a milestone event for our school. The building of these two classrooms have been a long time in the making but they are here just in time to cope with the growth we are currently experiencing and which will continue to come. When the school opened in 2009, we estimated that we would need more classrooms in 5-6 years, and so it has proven to be. However, I suspect that growth in the next phase will be faster than that. The Ministry of Education has commissioned a consultant to investigate growth in our area and the consultation for this process is already underway. Part of that work will involve examination of proposed housing developments and demographic information and predications based on last year's census. It will be interesting to see what the report will predict for us and the immediate area.

Please see the photos online and in this newsletter for a sample of the opening celebrations. A huge 'thank-you' to Donald Bayer for taking many of these photos for us on the day. We are very grateful to have this record.

Investing in Educational Success

You may have heard about this proposal in the media, and the news yesterday that members of NZEI (the primary teachers' union) voted to oppose this and not to engage with the government about it through the wage bargaining process. This proposed policy has given us much to think about and discuss in recent months and provided us with a dilemma. On the one hand, no one I know in the education sector is opposed to the ideas of collaboration and sharing of expertise that underpin the policy, but most of us are very concerned about the details of how the government has proposed this will be implemented and the time that it will involve for our teachers and ourselves. Our Board of Trustees has discussed it at length, and we agree that it would be detrimental to our school to have our best teachers away from their classes for up to the equivalent of two days per week. We do not believe most parents would support that. We also believe that it would be detrimental to the quality of what the system can deliver to ask teachers and principals to continue to be experts in their own classrooms and schools while at the same time taking on responsibility for mentoring and supervising professionals in up to ten other schools, even if they are paid for it. The current wage bargaining round is instrumental to the Government being able to implement this, because the Collective Agreement will be the tool to establish the new positions they want to create. It is unclear what will happen now that NZEI members have voted to oppose this.

School as a Polling Place

The general election is on Saturday 20 September and polling booths will be set up in the school hall. Please let your neighbours and friends know this if they are looking for a place to cast their vote.

Jill Corkin
Principal



Welcome to Our New Students – we hope you enjoy our school!

Amelia Leaning - Kauri 1, Micaiah Phillips - Kauri 1, Clarissa Rhodes - Kauri 1, Callum Wood - Kauri 1

School Diary for the Next 2 Weeks

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 6 25-29 August	3.15pm Homework Club 3.45pm Sport with Tony	3pm – Hockey Practice	Pre-school Visits, Kauri 1 9 – am Yr6 Mahu College Testing 3.15pm Homework Club 3.45pm Sport with Tony	3pm Netball Practice	Daffodil Day –Mellow Yellow Pinkalicious fundraising 3.15pm Homework Club
Week 7 1-5 September	3.15pm Homework Club 3.45pm Soccer with Tony	3pm – Hockey Practice	Pre-school Visits, Kauri 1 3.15pm Homework Club 3.45pm Winter Tennis with Tony	3pm Netball Practice	3.15pm Homework Club 3.45pm Games with Tony

Volunteer or Volunteers Wanted for the Library We are looking for volunteer helpers to work in our library on a regular basis. The job requires a commitment of half a day a week. Training will be given. You will be cataloguing new books, repairing books, weeding and deleting books and helping to keep our library an exciting and vibrant learning environment. If this sounds like you please contact Pauline McDonald on pmcdonald@snellsbeach.school.nz or call the school office on 425 6058.

Snells Beach Schools Cross Country

The children once again put lots of training and effort into the event this year. We were lucky enough to get our cross country run completed with a minimum of rain involved. There was a great turn out of family here to cheer the children on and support the Yr5 camp sausage sizzle held on the day. This was a successful start to fundraising with a big thank you going to **Snells Beach Motors** for donating \$50 bringing the total to \$361.60 raised. *The top ten runners listed below went on to represent SBS at the inter-school cross country champs in Warkworth. Well done everyone. What a top effort!*

Results for SBS races:

Year 0/1 Girls 1st Olivia Church 2nd Tailah-Rose McLiver-Franklin 3rd Liana Dove 4th Ella Joblin 5th Phoebe Chillingworth 6th Aurora Forsyth 7th Sienna Keoghan 8th Brittany Howlett 9th Caelyn-May Harris 10th Tenisha Manumalo

Year 0/1 Boys 1st Conor Gallagher 2nd Rai Thompson 3rd Ephraim Heslop 4th Elliot Hunt-Reynolds 5th Elijah Howson 6th Zephia Adams 7th Sol White 8th Joseph Saleupolu 9th Connor Perry 10th Levi Bason

Year 2 Girls 1st Zara Brangwynne 2nd Zoe Turner 3rd Amy McMurtrie 4th Annika Bayer 5th Dakota Corringham 6th Olivia Prior 7th Aaliyah Phillips 8th Charlee Fraider 9th Gemma Price 10th Yvenette Mahue

Year 2 Boys 1st James Elder 2nd Kerwin Brown 3rd Carlos Ferreira 4th Cayden Steffener 5th Jacob White 6th Levi Trout 7th Fraser Davis 8th Cruz McLiver-Franklin 9th Blake Olsen 10th Austin Nightingale

Year 3 Girls 1st Paige Bettridge 2nd Tycey Feleti 3rd Joy Saleupolu 4th Cristina Webb 5th Fern Julian 6th Gabby Magnusson 7th Zara Yorke 8th Deanna Laird 9th Katie Hawken 10th Georgia Howlett

Year 3 Boys 1st Tommo McGuire 2nd Elyjah Wood 3rd Luka Vegar 4th Iou Lanyon 5th Devyn Fa'au 6th Lewis Savage 7th Izaak Church 8th Kauri Morrison 9th Francis Groenhart 10th Dante Phillips

Year 4 Girls 1st Sammie Le Bas 2nd Eden Fa'au 3rd Jessie Chapman 4th Jenna Brangwynne 5th Sophia Gardiner 6th Pearl Kleyn 7th Samantha Butcher 8th Kiara Coulthard 9th Isobelle Ferreira 10th Sapphire Vuletich

Year 4 Boys 1st Quinn Morley 2nd Mitchell Heaven 3rd Jack Leaning 4th Kyron Smith 5th Oliver Adams 6th Rekahn Stent 7th Taine Mahue 8th Cullen Fahey 9th Ethan Bayer 10th Ava Manumalo

Year 5 Girls 1st Rachel McGuire 2nd Bella McCormick 3rd Jessica Bettridge 4th Renae Payne 5th Sophie Joblin 6th Alyssa Gore 7th Sila Colman 8th Danielle Keats 9th Sophia Brown 10th Brooke Savage

Year 5 Boys 1st Gus Holland 2nd Stiven Lopez-Valencia 3rd Peter Webb 4th Oliver Corteen 5th Matthew Elder 6th Brooklyn Fraider 7th Patrick Yorke 8th James McMurtrie 9th Ashton Werner 10th Riley Gwyn

Year 6 Girls 1st Lily Groenhart 2nd Jessica MacGillivray 3rd Jenna Farrell 4th Kaitlyn Repia 5th Tahjai Ryder 6th Caprice Cormack 7th Brianna Mercer 8th Tevalega Feleti 9th Taalia Teokila 10th Maya Nessim

Year 6 Boys 1st Eli Pahl 2nd Fynn Pahl 3rd Sam Bayer 4th Tobi Higginson 5th Cody Keoghan 6th Luke Brown 7th Jack Anderson 8th Stratton Craig 9th Jayden Smith 10th Noah Magnusson

Inter Schools Cross Country

Congratulations to our Cross Country team who were exceptional, both in performance (as you will see from the following results) and in behaviour at the Interschool Cross Country on Tuesday. We took out a massive 25% of the top ten places – an amazing result given the size of our school. I would like to acknowledge the efforts of all of our teachers and Mr Tony Mordaunt in preparing the children for this event.

J Corkin - Principal

Results:

Year 0/1 Girls 8th Ella Joblin

Year 0/1 Boys 5th Conor Gallagher

Year 2 Girls 1st Zara Brangwynne 4th Amy McMurtrie 7th Annika Bayer 9th Zoe Turner

Year 2 Boys 1st James Elder

Year 3 Girls 5th Paige Bettridge 10th Cristina Webb

Year 3 Boys 1st Tommo McGuire 6th Elyjah Wood 9th Luka Vegar 10th Devyn Fa'au

Year 4 Girls 1st Samantha Le Bas 2nd Edan Fa'au 10th Jenna Brangwynne

Year 4 Boys 3rd Quinn Morley 6th Mitchell Heaven 9th Oliver Adams

Year 5 Girls 2nd Sophie Joblin 6th Rachel McGuire 7th Jessica Bettridge

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