

23 May 2014



"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

After School Activities

I have been aware that since SKIDS pulled out of the school last year, many families have been looking for replacement after school activities for their children. I am very pleased to announce that we will be starting a new initiative from Monday 26 May (next week), in association with Tony Mordaunt and **Make a Difference Through Sport**. Tony is our Kiwisport Coach and he has been working with the students every Friday for the last two years, developing the skill base of both students and teachers. He knows the children and we have complete faith in his ability to work with them through sport. It has been one of our goals since we opened the school to develop and run an after school Homework Club, to assist students to complete homework and take the stress of this away from parents. The purpose of homework is to reinforce the work done in class through practice and to ensure that students get enough 'mileage' in their work, so that concepts and aspects taught are cemented in place. This is particularly important in reading, writing and maths.

So, we are bringing these two concepts together, through the generosity of both Tony and the Senior Leadership Team of the school, to offer a service after school on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays that will allow homework to be completed and the children to engage in some healthy activity from 3-5pm.

How will it work?

At 3pm, children intending to come to Homework Club will have 15 minutes to get their things organized, go to the bathroom, have something to eat and report to the library.

From 3.15pm – 3.45pm, a member of the senior leadership team (Mrs Gore, Mrs Bradshaw, Mr Morley, Mrs Neels and I) will supervise Homework Club in the Library. Any child of any age is welcome to attend. If they are intending to move on to sports following this, this means that homework will be completed and they will not need to sit down and do it later in the evening when they get home. This part of the afternoon is provided free of charge.

From 3.45pm – 5.00pm, Mr Mordaunt will run the sports sessions – either outside or, if wet, in the hall. Mondays will be soccer, Wednesday will focus on winter tennis and badminton and Friday will be a fun games day. There is a charge for these sessions of \$10 per child per session, payable to Tony or Michelle on the day. You do not need to pre-book. Payments can be made online by arrangement.

Who can attend?

Children of any age can attend both Homework Club and the sports activities.

Children who attend Homework Club do not need to carry on to sports activities afterwards if they don't want to. They can be collected at 3.45pm or walk/bike home after that.

However, any child remaining at school at 3.15pm, waiting for sports to start at 3.45pm, will be required to attend Homework Club for reasons of safety and supervision within the school grounds.

Please see the separate flier coming home today, or call us if you have questions. Children can attend either session or BOTH.

In addition to the above, we currently have **Hockey** practice occurring on **Tuesday** afternoon, **Singing** lessons with Lou Lou on **Wednesday** afternoon and **Netball** practice on **Thursday** afternoon.

We are developing therefore a number of activities on site that can occupy students in healthy activity from Monday – Friday, and we hope that this will be of some assistance to parents wanting to opt in to some acceptable after school activities on our own doorstep.

Regards

Jill Corkin

Principal

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

Eleanor Cormack	Kauri 1	Aurora Forsyth	Kauri 1
Tegan Stanley	Kauri 2	Liana Dove	Kauri 2

Thank you to Mr Caleb Watkin who has been a Trainee Teacher in Kahikatea 1 for the past few weeks. We have enjoyed having you!

School Diary for the Next 2 Weeks

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 4 26-30 May	3.15pm Homework Club 3.45pm Soccer with Tony	Lunchtime Disco (see separate notice) 3pm – Hockey Practice	Pre-school Visits, Kauri 1 Scandrett Planting Day – Years 5/6 3.15pm Homework Club 3.45pm Winter Tennis with Tony	Interschool Rippa Rugby 3pm Netball Practice	DAWG DAY 2.10pm – Full School Assembly. Manawa 1 presenting 3.15pm Homework Club 3.45pm Games with Tony
Week 5 2-6 June	QUEENS BIRTHDAY HOLIDAY No school today	Year 6 Camp - Tongariro Interschool Rippa Rugby Rain Day 3pm – Hockey Practice	Year 6 Camp - Tongariro Pre-school Visits, Kauri 1 ICAS Science Test 3.15pm Homework Club 3.45pm Winter Tennis with Tony 6.30pm – Board of Trustees meeting . <i>All welcome.</i> 7.30pm – PTA Meeting (Staffroom). <i>All welcome.</i>	Year 6 Camp - Tongariro 3pm Netball Practice	Year 6 Camp – Tongariro (return at 3/3.30pm) 3.15pm Homework Club 3.45pm Games with Tony

Key Dates Term 2, 2014

SUNDAY 25 May	Public Planting Day at Scandrett Regional Park Year 6 Fundraising Carwash at the Fire Station
Monday 9 June	Arbor Day Celebrations
Tuesday 17 June	Interschool Soccer
Wednesday 18 June	Interschool Soccer Saving Day
Friday 20 June	Mid-Year Reports go home 2.10pm FULL SCHOOL ASSEMBLY – Nikau 2 presenting
Wednesday 25 June	Parent/Teacher Interviews 6.30pm BOT meeting
Thursday 26 June	Parent/Teacher Interviews
Friday 27 June	Mid-Winter Forest Feast (Birds of the Forest Day)
Wednesday 2 July	J Rock Performance Day
Friday 4 July	2.10pm FULL SCHOOL ASSEMBLY – Kahikatea 2 presenting
Friday 4 July	Term 2 Finishes



SNELLS BEACH SCHOOL VISION STREAMS & Annual Plan 2014

Our priority areas for 2014 from our 8 point Vision Stream Plan (published in the last newsletter) are:

1. Living & Aligning Our Core Values; and
2. Grow 'Know Your Learner'

Living & Aligning Our Core Values

As a part of the development of the Vision in 2012, the staff developed a set of core professional values for working together as a team. These are:

- We will live our lives with integrity;
- We will look our best , be our best, do our best;
- We will face each day with courage and happiness;
- We will all look after each other;
- We will value kindness and show respect to everyone.

As you will be aware, we are also a Living Values School and this has been a core platform of our operation since we opened in 2009. The 12 Living Values are very strong and very alive in the school. The children live them and understand them and they form a core part of our school culture and behaviour management plan. We believe these values to be very universal and we want to continue to keep them alive in our school, because we know they are very valuable.

In addition, we have worked closely with our iwi, Ngati Wai, over the past year to understand and enact the key principals of Ngati Wai's Te Kauhua project – ako, manaakitanga, tuakana-teina, awhi and kaitiaki.

Our work in this inquiry is to align all three of these aspects, unpack them and make decisions about how they will be enacted throughout the school to strengthen what we do.

Grow 'Know Your Learner'

This exciting piece of work is driven by the belief in our vision that we will provide a holistic education, developing the whole child and meeting their individual needs. We need to know and understand ALL children as individuals; what they enjoy and are passionate about, what they struggle with, how they learn best and how we can help them to reach their potential. During this inquiry we are exploring teaching and learning from a number of perspectives – Maori, Pasifika, understanding how the brain works, different learning styles and how we can adapt our approaches for different children.

Throughout the year, teachers will work together to explore these ideas and seek out professional development that develops knowledge which we can bring into the school. As we explore this further, we are discovering all sorts of aspects that help us learn more about our students and tailor what we do to suit them.

Options Programme 2014

Students in Years 3-6 (the middle and senior schools) will have the opportunity on Friday afternoons to work in an area of the arts – visual art or performing arts - to extend their interest and skill in these areas. A large group of children are practising for J Rock, and a number have put their hands up to be in the choir. In addition, teachers are taking a range of visual art options with small groups of children.

Rotary Donation to Snells Beach School

We would like to thank Warkworth Rotary for their generous support of our school by gifting a beautiful dictionary to all year 4 students. The presentation of these was made to our Year 4's on Thursday of this week. In addition, Warkworth Rotary have donated \$500 toward J Rock this year – a fantastic contribution to this. We are very grateful for their support.



SCHOOL NOTICES

The next PTA meeting has been moved forward to Wednesday 28th May at 7.30pm. Can you please send any agenda items to amandamcMurtrie@xtra.co.nz

Arbor Day

Our new school project is to plant a 'bird corridor' connecting the Louise Philips garden to the Foundation garden.

Our wonderful PTA is going to provide hot milo and marshmallows for the children and morning tea for the adult workers. Parents, grandparents and friends of the school are most welcome.

Rhonda from Liberty Park will bring a selection of \$2 and \$4 plants for children and their families to purchase, which can then be planted on the school grounds

Cabbage tree - Karaka - Groundcover - Coprosmas' - Hebe - Manuka - Kanuka - Totara - Carex grasses - Flax - Corokia - Griselinia - Pimelia

From Mrs Mackay and the Enviro Team.



Car Wash

CAR WASH \$5 with Free muffin
Snells Beach School Year 6 Fundraiser

Car Wash and Cake stall
A free muffin with every car wash
Coffee available while you wait!

Support our Year 6 students and get a clean car

Thanks to Mahurangi East Fire Brigade
For their support

CAKES

Sunday 25th
May
10am - 1pm

Next to the
Mahurangi East
Fire Station



Scandrett
Regional Park
Planting day
25 May 2014

Last Year our Volunteers Planted over 100,000 trees on Regional Parks!

Each tree was grown by the Auckland Council and returned to the Parks where it' seed was collected.
Come and Join Us.

Please bring:

- Sturdy enclosed shoes
- Gloves and a spade if you have them
- A cold drink
- Family and friends
- Plenty of energy

We will bring hot and cold drinks and food.

Where: Scandrett Road Snells Beach
Then: Follow signs to the site
Date: Sunday the 28th of May
Time: 10am - 1 pm You'll go home muddy and satisfied with a job well done.
Find out more: Ph 09 301 0101 or visit www.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz

Auckland Council

Year 6 Camp is still fundraising and would like to thank:

Hellers – Sausages for school
Market Provodores

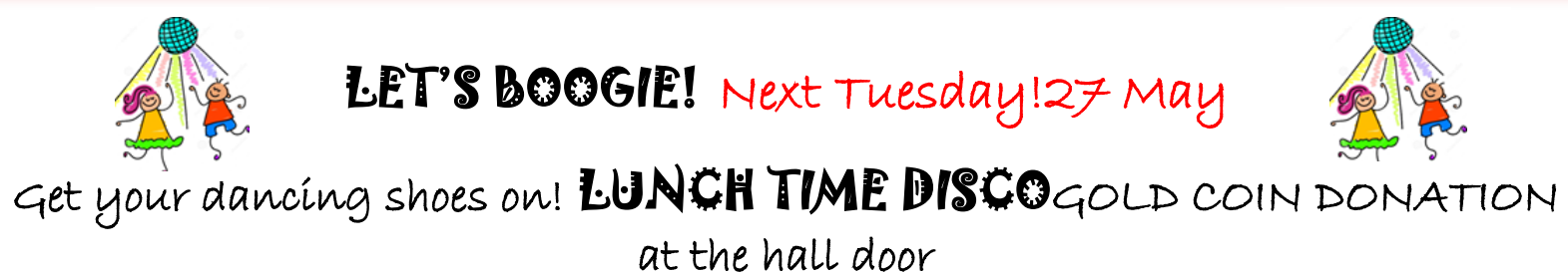
Matakana Market Kitchen
Blue Icecream Parlor

Whangateau Holiday Park
Warehouse Stationery
Dough Puncher

Winner of the Yr6 Mother's Day Raffle – Gail Paddison

To all involved in the raffle. I would just like to say a Big Thank you to you all, and to say how much fun my grandchildren Eli and Finn Paddison and I had unpacking "My Win". There was certainly something in there for everyone. I could tell a lot of effort went in to organizing that raffle. So many thanks once again.

Kind Regards
Gail Paddison



LET'S BOOGIE! Next Tuesday! 27 May

Get your dancing shoes on! LUNCH TIME DISCO GOLD COIN DONATION
at the hall door