



Learning for Life

# Newsletter

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

**Tena Kotou Katoa, Talofa, Greetings to our school families**

## Board of Trustees News

### School Survey 2014

Thank you to everyone who completed the school survey at the end of last year. We want to capture how you feel about the school so this information is really important and we do appreciate your feedback.

We are delighted that you continue to feel happy overall with Snells Beach School, our culture and environment. The survey comments indicated that you are finding the new reporting system better. You are also happy with the middle school and senior school swimming programmes. Many of you felt it would be good to have a school pool, we agree! However the Ministry of Education do not provide any funding for school pools so unfortunately this is not something that we can see happening for our school. A few people wondered about the junior swimming programme. The curriculum requires that school provide water confidence for the juniors, not swimming lessons, and currently there are no pool facilities available in the local area that are suitable for 5 and 6 year olds, hence our trips to the beach.

We have included in this year's budget the cost for the change away from hand sanitizer, which was commented on in last year's survey.

We are making positive progress with how we communicate with you, but there is still room for improvement. Good communication with parents of Snells Beach School is what the Board would like to focus strongly on this year.

A copy of the school survey results will be posted on the school website for you to view. There will be a few paper copies in the office also. Once again thank you for your input.

### Change of Board Chair & Deputy Chair

Mr Maarten Kleyn has resigned his position after amazing service as Board Chair for more than 3 years. Maarten was elected to the position in March 2012, following the resignation of Don Scandrett and he has been an excellent governor and trustee of our school in this role since then. Over that time there have been celebrations and hardships to work through and in all situations he remained calm and considered with a sensible head and hand on the situation. We thank him for his work in this role on behalf of the Board and also on behalf of the Principal and staff. Mr Kleyn will remain on the Board as a trustee until the next election.

The Chair will be taken over by Mr Nathaniel Heslop. Nathaniel is now in his second term on the Board and has been Deputy Chair alongside Mr Kleyn. He brings a deep knowledge of the school's history, trusteeship and Board governance to the role as well as his many other talents and skills. The Deputy Chair will be Mrs Joss Shurey and we thank them both for taking on these positions.

The Board of Trustees will be looking to co-opt people to add new strengths and continuity to the Board this year as we head into an election in 2016. If you would like to discuss this or think you might like to serve on the Board of Trustees, **please contact Joss Shurey on 425 6776.**

Regards  
Board of Trustees

### From the Principal

Kia ora and welcome back to Term 2! We are delighted to welcome a number of new students and families to our school this term – thank you for coming to join the Snells Beach School family and we hope you enjoy being part of our school community. Our learning theme for this term is **Living to Learn and Grow (Diversity/Kaitiakitanga)** under the umbrella theme for the year of "Harmony through Diversity." Students will be 'learning about learning,' citizenship and the environment. Our **Living Value** for the term is **Freedom**. What better way to start than with a focus on the ANZAC soldiers and the role they played at Gallipoli in World War 1. We have a special assembly focused on this today (Friday 24 April), researched and presented by Totara 2. Like other schools in the area we are participating in the white cross project sponsored by the Ministry of Education. Our field of crosses will be set out next

week on the grass area behind Kauri block. These remember those who died in WWI to preserve our freedom. We hope you will take the time to come and see this next week. Please see below an invitation to join us for a short ceremony on Tuesday to mark this event.

This newsletter will go out as we hold our goal sharing afternoon with many of you and the students today. This is an important aspect of school life these days and in line with current thinking about how children learn best. If they know what they are aiming to learn and can talk about those goals, then they are more likely to be motivated to take the necessary steps to reach them. Sharing them with you as parents is also important and we hop hope you see this as an interesting and helpful link to your child's learning. So if you came along today to do this – thank you for supporting us and your child.

It is great to see everyone back safe and sound after the holidays!

Nga mihi nui  
Jill Corkin  
Principal

**Welcome to Our New Students - we hope you enjoy your time at our school!**

Ashlee Edmonds – Kauri 1      Abigail Lee – Kauri 1      Felix Love – Kauri 1      Jacob Zylstra – Kauri 1      Lily Shadbolt – Nikau 1  
Alice Brooker – Nikau 1      Madeleine Brooker – Totara 1

**YEAR 6 CAMP - TONGARIRO FUNDRAISING RAFFLE**

**Win a Family Brunch / Lunch or Evening Dinner to the value of \$100 @ Matakana Market Kitchen  
\$2 per ticket Be in to win this fabulous prize and help support our Year 6 students!! Drawn Friday 29 May 2015**

Tickets available from Year 6 students or out the front of the school library in the mornings and afternoons.

**INVITATION TO JOIN US FOR A SHORT FLAG RAISING CEREMONY TO CELEBRATE ANZAC DAY**

On Tuesday 28 April at 1.15pm the school will assemble in the courtyard to raise the flag to the last post and then view the Field of Remembrance which the School Council have laid out in the school.

The ceremony will last 15 minutes from 1.15-1.30pm and then children will view the Field of Remembrance and return to class. Parents and family members are welcome to join us at 1.15 and participate in this short commemoration.

**INFORMATION EVENING FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL PARENTS**

We would like to invite Year 3 and 4 parents to attend a meeting on Thursday 30th April at 6pm in Puriri Two regarding National Standards.

The purpose of this meeting is to provide information about the standards that are applied when assessing your child. The standards used for assessment (as reported in the mid-year and end of year reports) are influenced by birthdate in Year 3, however this does not apply in Year 4. We know this can be confusing and hard to understand, so at this meeting, we will explain how this works and answer questions you may have. We hope this will assist with your understanding and reading of your child's reports. We strongly encourage you to attend if possible. Written information will also be sent home for those parents who are unable to attend the meeting.

**INTER-SCHOOL NETBALL**

The Interschool Netball Tournament is being held this year at the Centennial Park Netball Courts, Wellsford, on Tuesday 5 May with a save day of Wednesday 6 May. We have had a great response for team members. If you are able to offer any help on the day with transport or supporting the teams please let Mr Morley or Miss Henry know.

**JUNIOR HOCKEY**

**Funsticks Year 0-2**, 8.30am Saturday mornings on the new Hockey Turf at the A&P Showgrounds, Warkworth. Funsticks is hockey with plastic sticks and the sessions are a mix of skills and a games. Starts Saturday 2 May, 2015. For further information/ registrations please contact Leonie Bettridge [poni@jbsno1.co.nz](mailto:poni@jbsno1.co.nz) or 021953116

**AFTER SCHOOL CARE**

A reminder that this is being run by Michelle Corringham, in Puriri 2, after school on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. Sessions run from 3:00 – 4:00, and cost \$10 including a light afternoon tea. For bookings and information contact Michelle on 09 425 5369, 021 082 69480 or [michelle.j@slingshot.co.nz](mailto:michelle.j@slingshot.co.nz)

**PUBLIC PLANTING DAY AT SCANDRETT REGIONAL PARK – Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> May. All welcome to come along and help plant!**

**School Diary Term 2 2015**

**Week 2**

**Monday 27 April ANZAC DAY HOLIDAY**

Wednesday 29 April Pre-schoolers Visiting  
7pm – Family Hui in the staffroom  
Thursday 30 April 9-10am Fitness Group in Nikau 2  
6pm – Meeting for Middle School parents re National Standards  
Friday 1 May Y6 Mini Gala Fundraiser

**Week 3**

Tuesday 5 May Interschool Netball  
Wednesday 6 May Interschool Netball Save Day  
Pre-schoolers Visiting  
Friday 8 May DAWG Day Fundraising  
Y6 Lunchtime Disco

**Week 4**

Wednesday 13 May Pre-schoolers Visiting  
Thursday 14 May 9-10am Fitness Group in Nikau 2  
Friday 15 May DAWG DAY Fundraising  
2.10pm FULL SCHOOL ASSEMBLY – Manawa 1 slot (Middle)

**Week 5**

Tuesday 19 May ICAS Digital  
Wednesday 20 May Pre-schoolers Visiting  
Friday 22 May DAWG DAY Fundraising

**Week 6**

Wednesday 27 May Pre-schoolers Visiting  
Possible Scandrett Planting Day  
6.30pm BOT Meeting  
Friday 29 May Arbor Day Celebrations  
DAWG DAY Fundraising

**Week 7**

**Monday 1 June Queens Birthday Holiday**

Tuesday 2-5 June Y6 Camp Tongariro  
Wednesday 3 June Pre-schoolers Visiting  
ICAS Science

**Week 8**

Wednesday 10 June Pre-schoolers Visiting  
Friday 12 June 2.10pm FULL SCHOOL ASSEMBLY – Nikau 1 slot (Snr)  
PTA DISCO (EVENING)

**Week 9**

Tuesday 16 June ICAS Spelling & Writing  
Wednesday 17 June Pre-schoolers Visiting  
MID YEAR REPORTS GO HOME

**Week 10**

Tuesday 23 June Interschool Soccer  
Wednesday 24 June Pre-schoolers Visiting  
3pm -7pm- Parent/Teacher Interviews  
Interschool Soccer Save Day  
Friday 26 June Mid-Winter/Birds of the Forest Feast

**Week 11**

Wednesday 1 July Pre-schoolers Visiting  
Friday 3 July 2.10pm FULL SCHOOL ASSEMBLY – Kahikatea 2 slot (Jnr)  
Friday 3 July Term 2 Finishes

**Holidays: 5 July – 19 July**  
**Term 3 Starts 9am Monday 20 July**

**Saving \$1 with ASB could score you a share of \$5,000.**

To enter the fortnightly prize draw, simply deposit at least \$1 into your registered Headstart account through your school's ASB School Banking Programme or electronically between Monday 20 April, 2015 and Sunday 12 July, 2015. You'll be in with a chance to win \$10, \$20 or \$50 in fortnightly cash prizes. The competition closes on Sunday 12 July, 2015.

To find out more and to open an account visit [asb.co.nz/score](http://asb.co.nz/score) or collect a brochure from your school office or visit your local ASB branch.

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