



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

Our School Charter with 2015 Annual Plan and learning goals is due to the Ministry of Education today and copies will be available from our school office to view next week. It will also be posted on the website. The Board of Trustees is particularly keen for parents and caregivers, particularly new families to our school, to be acquainted with the School's Collaborative Vision. This was created in April 2012 as a collaborative exercise between the staff, Board, PTA members and other parents from our school community over two days, facilitated by outside facilitators from OUR Education Network. This has formed the basis of our strategic plan going forward and has been reviewed each year. It is central to everything we do and what we believe in the school and is included in our Charter. A copy of this Vision Statement is attached to this newsletter for your interest.

Our Student Leaders for 2015 have been selected and we are delighted to congratulate the following students:

House Captains

Cutters: Savanna Conradie & Lucian Teo
Dories: Alyssa Gore & Riley Gwyn
Schooners: Rachel McGuire & Jethro Saleupolu
Scows: Bella McCormick & Peter Webb

Head Librarians

Jessica Bettridge & Sila Coleman

Head Mediators

Priyal Patel, Alexandra Gordon & Danielle Keats

Head Green Team Monitors

James McMurtrie & Ashton Evans-Werner

These students, along with two senior members of the **Travelwise Team & Breakfast Club** – Brooke Savage & Oliver Adams – will form our School Council for 2015. While each set of leaders has their own responsibilities within the school, the Council will plan school-wide events and activities and consult with our student body. We have a superb group of Year 6 students this year and we regard them ALL as leaders and role models. It was exceptionally difficult to choose those above who will take on these specific roles and I would like to thank and praise everyone who put their names forward. It is so encouraging to know that so many of you recognize your strengths and capabilities.

ASB School Banking has commenced and we are delighted with the number of students who have already sent in forms to sign up. The school has recently swapped it's banking to the ASB and as such, they are supporting us with fundraising and other initiatives. Please see the yellow coupon below which advertises **an excellent offer from the ASB to donate \$500 to the school** for every parent or adult who buys a lending package from the ASB of \$150,000 or more. Please consider us and download the voucher if you are considering buying a property or borrowing for some other purpose. Anyone can do this – just download the voucher and talk to the ASB. Thank you.

We have had a great start to the year, and there is a lot on with trips and activities. Please make sure you keep up to date with what is on by referring to the calendar below or the year's calendar that was in our first newsletter. Our **Beach Carnival** is scheduled for next Friday – 6 March, so I look forward to seeing some of you there.

Jill Corkin
Principal

School Diary (for the next two weeks)

Week 5: 2-6 March

Dental Van visiting this week

Monday 2 March	Have a Go Sailing (Y4-6) Y1&2 Trip to Mahurangi Library
Tuesday 3 March	Have a Go Sailing (Y4-6)
Tuesday 3 March	Interschool Swimming
Wednesday 4 March	Have a Go Sailing (Y4-6) Manawa 2 & Kahikatea 2 Visit to the Donkey Park 7.30pm PTA Meeting
Thursday 5 March	3.15 & 5.30pm Junior Reading sessions for parents – <i>Postponed. Date to be advised.</i>
Friday 6 March	10.30am Beach Carnival, Snells Beach

Week 6: 9-13 March

Thursday 12 March	Student Seminar for Travelwise Team
Friday 13 March	Next newsletter

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

Callum Hall – Totara 1
Tilly Julian – Kauri 1
Marie King – Kauri 2
Hayden King – Puriri 1
Blake Tippett – Kauri 1

OUR NEWSLETTER IS GOING DIGITAL

We are pleased to announce it is our intention to move away from printing our newsletter and sending it home with students. Instead, we will be collating an email databank of parents, who will then be emailed a link each fortnight when a new newsletter is available. We are aware that our current online system of PDF's can be a problem for readers on some tablets and phones, so producing the newsletter in this new format should eliminate this. **We will still have paper copies of the newsletter available for collection at the School Office for those who prefer.** To be added to the database either:

- 1) **email** kramel@snellsbeach.school.nz . Please list your children's names in the email message so that we can attach that email address to them & remove you from our database when you move on to College etc. OR
- 2) **complete the slip attached** at the end of this newsletter & return to the School Office

STUDENTS NOT TO BE ON THE SCHOOL WEBSITE

At our school students use our school website to publish & share work so that you can view it at home and provide feedback. It is a "real time" opportunity for you to see progress for yourself, and also to know what the current focus is in class. We provide updates from out of school activities such as Sports Days and Camps. Some of our junior classes create digital photo books involving photos of the students learning which they read together to reinforce the Reading and Literacy programme. We do, however, respect your right to not have your child appear on the school website. If this is the case, please:

- 1) **email** kramel@snellsbeach.school.nz . Please list your children's names, and rooms in the email message and what restrictions you would like.
- 2) **complete the slip attached at the end of this newsletter & return to the School Office**

Healtheries Dan Carter Competition for \$10,000 worth of sports gear

We have signed up for this promotion in the hope that we may win some much needed sports gear for our school, delivered by Dan Carter.

So please help us! Everyone who gets involved also has the chance to win a \$1000 prize pack for themselves. All you have to do is buy 2 Healtheries Supplements, Teas or Kidscare snacks from Countdown supermarkets between 2-29 March and swipe your Onecard – the more times you buy, the greater the chances of winning!



JUNIOR TEAM LIBRARY TRIP

Our Year 1 and 2 students from Kauri 1, Kauri 2, Kahikatea 1, and Kahikatea 2 are heading off next **MONDAY 2nd MARCH** to walk to the Mahurangi East Library as part of this term's inquiry focus on "belonging". Their concept is that "We all belong in Snells Beach". They will be leaving the school just after 10:45am, and returning after a library visit, and a picnic lunch in Goodall Reserve, around 2pm. Children are to bring their normal lunch in a lunch box. This is a fabulous opportunity for the children to enjoy our local resources!!

HAVE-A-GO SAILING Years 4-6

Fingers crossed for fine weather, and some agreeable winds during next week, as many of our Year 4, 5 and 6 students head off to participate in the "Have-a-Go" Sailing days run by Yachting New Zealand at Algies Bay. Another wonderful opportunity to experience the amazing resources we have on our back doorstep. Here's hoping none of the teachers take an unplanned dip this year, although apparently it was very refreshing!

PTA MEETING

The first meeting of the year will be held on Wednesday 4th March, in the school staff room at 7.30pm. *All welcome.*

NETBALL HELP PLEASE

We have a Netball Club that participates in the local competitions on Saturdays at Wellsford. Our club needs some new people to run netball in the school. If you are keen to do this, or if you know someone who may be keen to do this, please phone:

Denise Le Bas on 021 08211841

MEALS FOR MRS NEELS

As most of you will be aware Mrs Neels is having treatment for cancer. To lighten her and her families load we are hoping to organise meals that can be frozen. We are looking for meat or fish meals that can then have fresh vegetables added on the side by Mrs Neels. For any queries please call Lovetta Bayer 0211005820 Robayne Magnuson 0211807103.

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Snells Beach School

Collaborative Vision Statement

(20 April 2012, last reviewed May 2014)

Snells Beach School develops successful citizens of the future who are self-sufficient and well-adjusted young people. Through their learning experiences, students become well rounded, self-confident and personable citizens. They live their lives with humour, showing respect for themselves and for others. They cope with life's challenges, and develop effective leadership skills. Our students are confident, creative and self-motivated learners who desire to expand their knowledge continually throughout their lives.

We believe in educating the whole child so that they are fully prepared for life. Successful teaching and learning occurs for students in enriched, creative, dynamic and innovative programmes and environments that celebrate, support and value each individual student, whatever their needs may be. We encourage an ethos of risk-taking within a safe and nurturing environment. We acknowledge it's OK to make mistakes. We reflect and learn from these. With numeracy and literacy at the heart of our learning foundations, the supportive team at Snells Beach School is committed to achieving excellence. Education Outside the Classroom and ICT tools are used to complement the learning in a flexible and portable way, not just in the classroom or the school. Students have a strong understanding of the relevance of their learning through being engaged in authentic, real life learning activities across a variety of different curriculum areas.

Our teachers are well qualified, highly motivated and caring, providing a range of challenging learning opportunities. All staff demonstrate a high level of rapport with the children and work to inspire them in their learning. Teachers work in a collegial way, supportive and encouraging of their team members and other staff. The staff are role models for students, displaying empathy and expertise in communication skills accompanied by a balanced work/home life ethic. We provide a safe and fair school which respects and celebrates each individual and their culture. A welcoming environment ensures we all enjoy school each day.

Positive links with the local community and use of its rich natural and human resources extend the opportunities for learning. Our partners in the education of the children – parents and wider whanau – are recognized and valued for their talents and contributions. Snells Beach School cultivates inclusion that encourages support, participation and communication between community, family and school. We value parent input and invite parents and caregivers to share in the development and progress of their child/ren at school.

Snells Beach School is a safe, harmonious, student-centered environment that the staff, students and community enjoy, and are proud to belong to. Our success is evident in positive, honest and authentic learning partnerships.

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UPDATE SLIPS TO BE RETURNED TO SCHOOL

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NAME:

CLASS:

RESTRICTIONS:

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Parents name: _____

Signed: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS UPDATE

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PARENT EMAIL/S

STUDENTS NAME/S _____
