



Learning for Life

# Newsletter

2015/05

27 March 2015



*"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**

The end of the term is almost here and with it Easter and a well-deserved break for both the teachers and the students. We wish you all a very happy Easter and some relaxed family time over the holidays. I would like to thank Mrs Gore and the Travelwise Team for a very successful and action-packed Travelwise Week last week. The weather was not kind to us for the Walkathon, and we have had to postpone the Travelwise assembly until today, but it was a good week to remember and reinforce all of the messages about coming to school safely and in a Travelwise way. Remember that we try to walk, bike, scooter, skateboard or bus to school for very good reasons – it helps keep cars off the road (which helps the planet and makes our roads safer) and it helps promote fitness and exercise (which helps our bodies stay healthy). Thank you for your co-operation with and awareness of these messages.

Due to the short term, we have not held our normal **goal-sharing sessions** as we normally do in Term 1. **These will be held on Friday afternoon 24 April (at the end of Week 1, next term).** Please mark this date in your diary. We will start the afternoon with an assembly at the earlier time of 1.20pm and follow this with goal sharing time in the classrooms. This is an opportunity for parents and caregivers to come and spend an afternoon with us, find out what happens in class and discuss with your child what his or her learning goals and progress look like. Please put this date in you diary – we hope many of you will come and join us on that day.

Kind regards and happy holidays everyone,

Jill Corkin  
Principal

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## School Diary

### Week 9

Thursday 2 April

**LAST DAY OF TERM 1 - School finishes at 3pm**

2.10pm FULL SCHOOL ASSEMBLY – led by Cutters House Captains - Puriri 1 presenting work

### School Holidays: 3 April – 19 April

Friday 3 April

GOOD FRIDAY

Monday 6 April

EASTER HOLIDAY

## **School recommences for Term 2 on Monday 20 April 2015 at 9am**

**Student Goal Sharing and open afternoon in classrooms – 1.20pm – 3pm Friday 24 April (a reminder notice will be sent out about this on Monday 20 April)**

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## **FINAL REMINDER - OUR NEWSLETTER IS GOING DIGITAL**

We are delighted to have parent/caregiver email contact details for over 140 of our students now, with our database for emailing the newsletter currently being created by Cabu! If you DO NOT have email, your child will still receive a paper copy as usual.

- Those on the database will receive an email fortnightly which will contain a link to the current newsletter
- Families can have as many email addresses as they need to cater for parents, step-parents etc.

To be added to the database either:

- 1) **email** [kramel@snellsbeach.school.nz](mailto: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

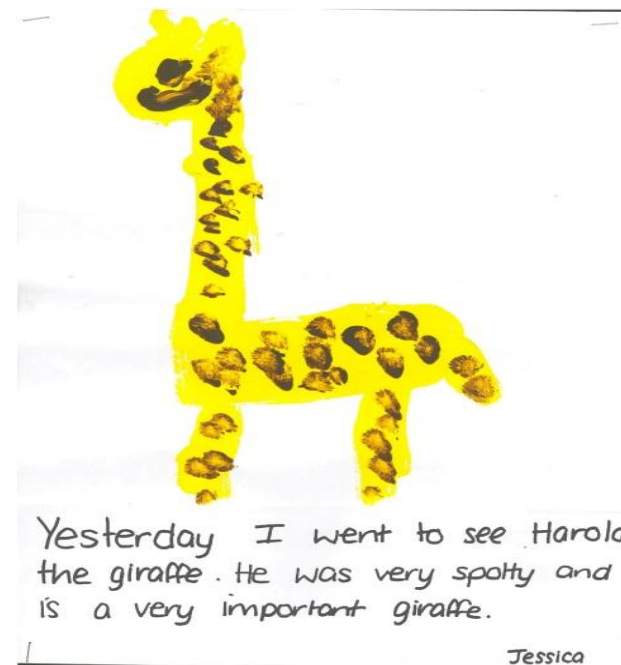
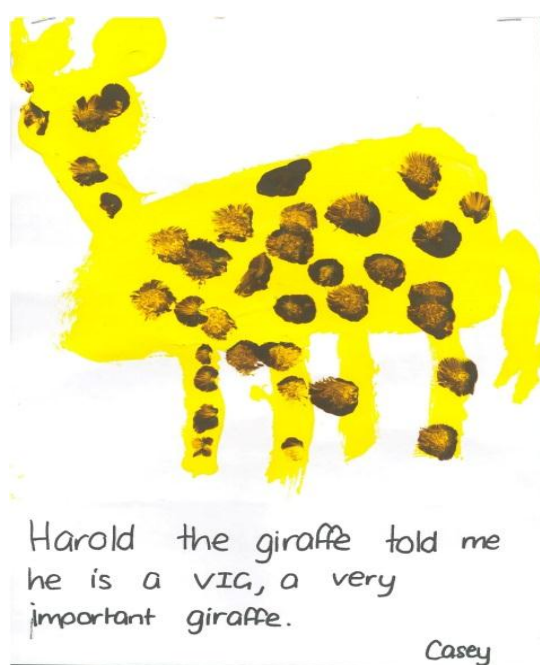
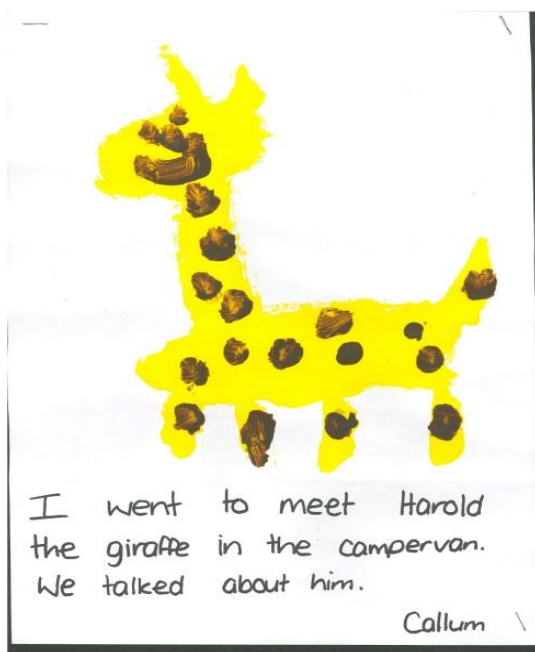
## **BOARD OF TRUSTEES COMMUNITY SURVEY**

Thank you to those parents who completed the annual survey. The Board of Trustees are currently collating this feedback, and will post a summary of the responses to our school website shortly. Feedback from the Board will also be included as a part of the first school newsletter next term.

## **LIFE EDUCATION**

Harold the Giraffe in his Life Education Caravan has been with us this week, accompanied by teacher Chris Turner. The Life Education Caravan is a portable classroom which travels to all schools in Rodney, funded by the Life Education Charitable Trust. Students pay a \$5 fee, for which they receive two interactive sessions and a workbook. The caravan is wonderfully resourced with both practical and

audio visual resources and the learning focus for each level is chosen to support the Health Curriculum. A big thank you to Chris for his fun teaching style and approachable manner! Below are some paintings and writing done by Callum, Casey and Jessica with Miss Jolliffe in Kauri 2.



### WALK-A-THON AND TRAVELWISE WEEK

Week 7 was Travelwise Week here at Snells Beach School and what a week was! We were mostly lucky - the weather held together until the Thursday – and, even though there was rain along the way, everyone made such a great effort to come to school each day a Travelwise way. Throughout the week the children were involved in many activities - skateboarding with Onboard Skate, Wheels Day, skills with Constable Watt, Vest making, Guessing the Teacher’s Shoe Competition, Pedestrian game, and then there was Friday



morning’s Fancy Feet Parade. It’s was pretty exhausting – but lots of fun! Our two Head Librarians, Jessica and Sila, also ran a colouring-in and a design competition for three days in the library. Last Friday we managed to get a good hour and a bit of walking in our Walkathon before we were, unfortunately, rained off. Even though we only walked for half the time, the number of laps recorded were pretty impressive and everyone seemed to be having a really good time!



**Money raised was due today (Friday 27 March); however, it is never too late to bring it in!! So keep collecting those pledges.**

We would like to **especially** acknowledge Mr Dave Prior and Barfoot & Thompson for sponsoring the sausage sizzle and lending a hand during the Walkathon. Also thanks to the lovely PTA ladies who sold drinks and baking. Special thanks also go to Bridget Farmiloe for working with Mrs Gore to organise the week.

Thanks again for all of your support. Remember - IT’S COOL TO WALK TO SCHOOL!!!

### YEAR 5 & 6 BEACH EDUCATION AT OMAHA

CRASH! BOOM! SQUEAL! SPLASH! All the Year five and six senior students were at Beach Ed at Omaha. I was body-surfing humongous waves at king-tide. It felt EPIC! I felt like a superhero flying through the clear blue sky. I was soon sliding on the water back to shore ready to get out and make my way back out to catch another wave. It felt like a wrestling match against the water, but, fortunately, I won. But the match had only just begun.

“Not this one!” I thought. Each time I jumped over one wave it would send me flying backwards, making the job harder and harder for me to catch a good one, until I finally did.

Thanks parents. Without you we wouldn’t have gone. We appreciate your help!

**By Kyron Smith Nikau 1.**



### YEAR 2 AND 3 INTER-SCHOOL SPORTS TABLOID

Disappointingly this event had to be cancelled due to the weather. Bus money has been refunded to children via a cash refund, no matter what your method of payment was. Hopefully these have been received at home – please check bags if not.

**SNELLS BEACH NETBALL CLUB** Netball training continues next week, straight after school on Tuesdays. If fine on the school courts, and if wet in the hall. A huge thank you to Denise Le Bas for her tireless efforts in organising netball, Carla Johanson for coaching, Lovetta Bayer for managing and all the parents for assisting!



### SNELLS BEACH HOCKEY

A reminder that training for our school Hockey Teams begins straight after school next Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April on the school courts. A big thank you to Leonie Bettridge for her organisation of this, and to John Bettridge, Angela and Phil Brangwynne for coaching teams. For any information regarding school Hockey please contact Leonie on 021 953 116.

### 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.

### 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)

### SCHOOL WASHING

We would like to thank Mrs Kelly Church for taking charge of our school washing this term. This is a great help to the school. Each week there is a small amount of washing from the sickbay and the staffroom. Please if someone else would be able to help us out with this for term 2. Please contact Miss Henry in the office.

### COMMUNITY NOTICES

#### YOGA FOR PARENTS IN NIKAU 2 – 9am Thursday mornings

For more information please phone Kylie Tippett on 021 301122 or just come along – meet at Nikau 2 at 9am. \$15 for one hour.

#### GKR KARATE (GO-KAN-RYU)

Classes are held at Rodney Lodge, 12 Baxter St Warkworth. Classes are on Tuesday evenings for students from 5 years of age, through to adults. Parents and children can train together. For a special offer and further details contact: Sensei Peter Clifton Sprigg 027 517 1428 [peter.c-s@hotmail.co.nz](mailto:peter.c-s@hotmail.co.nz) or Michele Carrad 022 027 8600



### SOCCER ACADEMY COMES TO MATAKANA & WARKWORTH!! Jesse Van Kekem's Soccer Academy

#### HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

7<sup>th</sup> of April– 9<sup>th</sup> of April – Matakana Primary  
9am – 12pm 4-7 year olds Limited to 30 players  
1 – 4pm 8-14 year olds Limited to 30 players

#### AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMME TERM 2

Thursdays – Matakana Primary School  
Fridays – Warkworth – Shoemith Domain

3:00 – 4:00pm 5-7 year olds Limited to 20 players  
4:00 – 5:00pm 8-12 year olds Limited to 20 players

#### Holiday Programme:

\$90 + free Van Kickem's T-shirt for first time registration.

#### After School Programme:

\$120 + free Van Kickem's T-shirt for first time registration.

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| STUDENTS NAME/S _____       |                                 |

