

28 November 2014



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

From the Principal: Tena kotou katoa

Everyone I speak to at the moment feels that the end of the term and Christmas is approaching faster and with more fury than we had anticipated. There is a lot on at the moment and because of that we will be issuing more newsletters and placing more information on our website as we come up to the various events for end of year. Newsletters, if they are to be issued will come home on Fridays.

HOMEWORK CLUB and AFTER SCHOOL SPORTS AND ART & CRAFT

There will be no homework club next week (week 8) or the following weeks (weeks 9 & 10). We have taken this decision in light of a number of factors that affect our ability to run and sustain it over the last couple of weeks of school. I apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.

The rationale for homework club is to provide support for the curriculum through the completion of homework, which we know many parents find difficult to make happen at home. When SKIDS ceased to run after school care, because it was not adequately supported, the senior leaders and I and then the whole teaching staff got behind this to offer homework club two days a week this term. Thanks to Mrs Mordaunt we were able to extend this to 3 days a week with art and craft on one day, and these sessions were all able to dovetail neatly into Tony’s **Make a Difference Through Sport** initiative which we have supported being run in our school.

This was only ever a trial this year. We have certainly proved there is a need for some supervised activities after school, judging by the numbers that have been attending. We are in the process of evaluating this and we will make decisions about how we will structure it next year – it is certainly our intention to provide something similar on a cost effective basis and we will let you know about this as soon as we can in the New Year. Thank you to those who have supported this initiative and thank you to **Make a Difference Through Sport** for working with us in such an effective way.

A reminder that school finishes at 3pm on Tuesday 16 December.
I hope everyone enjoys the final two weeks of term and the events we have planned.

Jill Corkin
 Principal

School Events

Welcome to Our New Students – we hope you enjoy our school! Franz Eller – Manawa 2

School Diary

Week 8		Cont...	
Monday 1 Dec	HBC Regional Athletics	Friday 12 Dec	<u>1pm Awards Ceremony (Full School)</u>
Friday 5 Dec	1.30 (TBC) Junior Christmas Assembly	Week 10	
Friday 5 Dec	End of Year Reports go home	Monday 15 Dec	Middle School Water Afternoon (notice will come)
	7.30pm Christmas Carols in the Park Warkworth		Y6 Graduation (time and details to be confirmed)
Week 9			Final Newsletter
Wednesday 10 Dec	School Picnic at Scandrett Regional Park (all day)	Tuesday 16 December	
Thursday 11 Dec	12.30pm Lunchtime Kapa Haka Practice	3pm School finishes for the year.	
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Details to come about all diary events separately

Year 5 Camp

Year 5 Camp is over for another year and was a great success. As usual, this is due, in no small part, to the super fundraising efforts of parents and children which helped keep the costs down and the quality up.

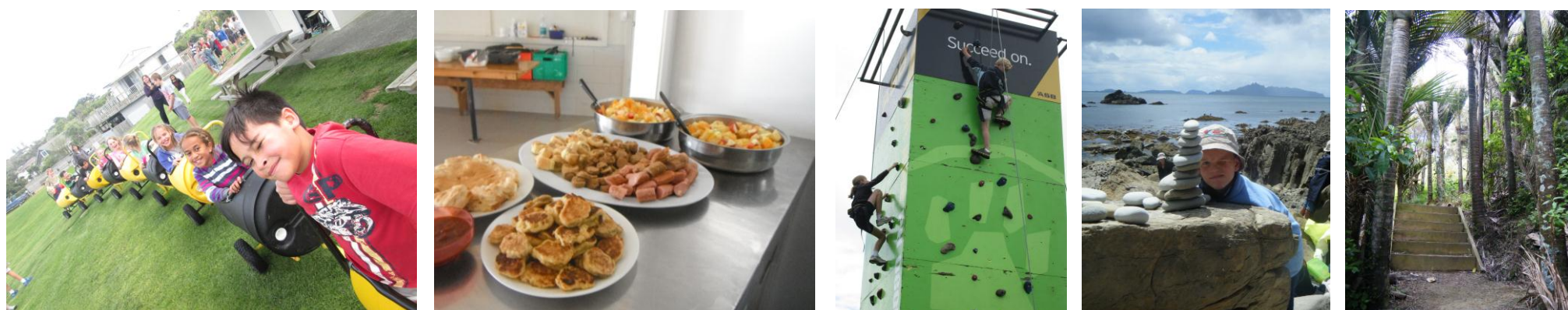
Many thanks to all of the people who gave up their valuable time to transport children to camp. Thank-you!

The children had a great time on the Bigfoot climbing wall; raft building and racing in the Mangawhai Estuary; building confidence on the Confidence Course; hiking for 6 hours; using the epic Flying Fox; playing in the sand-dunes and eating everything that was put in front of them.

We owe a big thank- you to:

- **Mrs Gore** for organising the whole thing;
- **Mrs Bettridge** and her helpers for organising the Raffle (see the following sponsors);
Sandspit Fishing Charters, Matakana Beach Outfitters, Fish & Dive Snells Beach, Carters Warkworth, Clinicians & Northern Arena
- **Mrs Catherine Gleeson** and **Mr Steve Gore** for accompanying us as full time helpers;
- **Helen Jenkins, Leonie Bettridge, Samantha Gwyn, Michelle Saleupolu, Vicki Savage, Marie McLennan, David Harris, Cherry McGuire, Stiven Conradie, Jackie Gordon, Scott McMurtrie** and **Erin Blank** for transporting the children to and from camp.
- **Erin Blank, Stian Conradie, Toby Yorke, Zoe Heslop, Leonie Bettridge, Sam Gwyn, Lukas Joblin, Sarah Waller, Helen Jenkins, Cherry McGuire, Zoe Heslop** and **David Harris** for helping with the various activities at camp.
- **All the SBS parents** who gave gold coins to their children for our various fundraisers'

A great time was had by all and without our great supporters, it would not happen.
THANK YOU ALL! WE DO APPRECIATE IT.



The Great Snells Trail Winners:

Kahikatea 1's Fire Wood Raffle – **John & Cheryl Blakie**, Kauri 2's Stationery Pack Raffle x2 – **Priyal Patel & Elijah Howson**, Kauri 2's Guess the Jellybeans – **Dakota Corringham**. Congratulations everyone. Thanks you for your support.

Thank You!

Julia Nessim and Kate Leslie for your expert washing skills for the last 2 Terms. Without this our sickbay and kitchen laundry would be a massive pile by now. This has been a huge help to us and we are grateful. We would appreciate if someone would offer to do this for us next Term. If you think this is a way you could help please see Miss Henry in the office.


Victoria Sharp for you volunteer help in our uniform shop. This is again a huge help to us and we are grateful. Congratulations on the arrival of baby Phoenix.

Georgina Speechley for your daily help in the office. This has been my saving grace at such a busy time and I am truly grateful. Congratulations on the arrival of your baby girl Chloe.

Linda Stanley, Lovetta Bayer, and all other helpers in the library who have supported Ms McDonald throughout the year. A special thank you to **Marie McLennan** for returning to share her expertise and helping with stocktake this year.

Aquakidz Swim School Holiday Programme

Monday January 19th to Friday 23rd January 2015 - 5 day Intensive - fun classes! Mahurangi College Pool, \$72.50 per swimmer. Contact Cindy on 425 9924 or 0211635050 aquakidz@hotmail.com

Warkworth Lions Club annual event

- Registrations compulsory and close Thursday February 19th 2015 at 5 p.m.
NO LATE ENTRIES accepted.
- Registration forms available from January 7th at Diving and Fishing Snell's Beach, Hunting and Fishing or online at takeakidfishingwarkworth@gmail.com
- Rules and information on Registration forms.



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