

4 July 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***

Well, it is the end of Term 2 and hasn't it passed us by in a flash? It was always going to be a short term with only 9 weeks to get everything done, but it seems to have gone by very quickly indeed.

Highlights for us have been receiving a very positive ERO Report, the fabulous J Rock event this week, Travel Wise Awards and a strong environmental focus as usual this term with Arbor Day, Scandrett Regional Park Planting and Tress for Survival potting up for the propagation unit. For one very special group of students, this term was a really exciting one; our Year 6's had their fabulous camp at Tongariro followed by the excitement of moving into our new Totara Block. Anyone who saw the camp video will realise just what a great experience this is, and we hope you will appreciate the new learning environment in Totara when you get a chance to see it too.

Term 2 is our midyear reporting time and I would like to thank all of the parents who turned out to meet with teachers to discuss student progress. We appreciate the chance to meet with you. Thank you to all the parents who have helped us in so many ways this term – with classroom programmes and trips, milos and morning teas, and with special events like J Rock, camp and Arbor Day. I know time is precious and sometimes it is hard to be involved, but we do so appreciate your support. I would also like to thank our energetic PTA who are full of fun and ideas – you have been a great support this term.

Thank you also to the Board for their support throughout the term and to the teachers who have led special events – Mrs Gore for Travel Wise, Y6 Camp, the Scandrett Planting and Mid-year celebrations; Mrs Neels and Mrs Bradshaw for J Rock; Mrs Mackay for Trees for Survival; Miss Ramel for Y6 Camp and each and every teacher for their hard work with their own class in their own programmes. Have a very restful winter break everyone and happy family time. See you all on 21<sup>st</sup> July!

Regards

*Jill Corkin*

Principal

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

Kalane Gillespie  
Aaliyah Phillips

Kauri 1  
Kahikatea 2

Mikayla Laird  
Dante Phillips

Kauri 1  
Manawa 2

**School Diary for Week 1 of Term 3**

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Week 1</b> <b>21-25 July</b>	Enrolment Packs for Mahurangi College available  3.15pm Homework Club	3pm – Hockey Practice	Pre-school Visits, Kauri 1  Wastewise Audit 3.15pm Homework Club	3pm Netball Practice	2.10pm – Full School Assembly (Manawa 2 presenting)  3.15pm Homework Club

**Key Dates Term 3, 2014 will be printed in the newsletter on the first Friday of the Term.**

**SCHOOL NOTICES**

**Homework Club and After School Sport**

We trialed both of these last term in an effort to provide parents with a cost effective after school service for at least three days a week.

**The Homework Club** has been successful and we will continue this next term on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

**Soccer** will continue on Tuesday, **Singing** with LouLou on Wednesday and **Netball** on Thursday. *For these options please contact the coordinators or tutor/coach directly.*

Unfortunately, due to lack of demand, **Friday afternoon sport will not continue.** Tony will continue to offer activities on Mondays and Wednesdays AFTER Homework Club at a cost of \$10 per student from 3.45pm – 5pm. However, please note there will be NO after school sports for the first 3 weeks while Tony is away at the Commonwealth Team as Badminton Coach. We wish him and his team well. *Please watch the Term 3 notices for reminders about when this is resuming.*

## Travel Wise GOLD again

At the recent Travel Wise awards in Auckland hosted by Auckland Transport and Mayor Len Brown, Snells Beach School once again won a **GOLD award**. This is an excellent result and the efforts of our very special Travel Wise Lead Teacher Mrs Kerry Gore were also recognised with a special award to her for her work. Mrs Gore was one of only three teachers receiving this award in the Auckland Region and clearly outshone others in the Northern Region to win this. She was nominated because of her dedication and the scope of the activities she organises during Travel Wise week and throughout the year. However, even more than that her nominator felt she has made the role of student leader a special one for the students and they develop a great sense of leadership and responsibility through their work with Travel Wise. Every year she extends the programme and fosters the Whole School Approach that Auckland Transport tries to encourage all Travel Wise schools to adopt. Well done Mrs Gore and Snells Beach School!



Pictured with Mayor Len Brown are our Travel Wise Student leaders (from left to right): Rachel McGuire, Zac Farmiloe, Alyssa Gore, Sam Bayer, Peter Webb, Jessica MacGillivray.

## J Rock – A Great Way to End the Term

### J ROCK ROCKED OUR SOCKS!

On Monday 30 June we held the dress rehearsal for J Rock. It was the first time that the children had danced in full costume and make up which is always a big learning curve. The classes were also able to come to view the performance for the first time. We were also extremely lucky to have special visitors from Barfoot & Thompson with us - Sandy Gordon, Dave Prior, Cynthia McLeod and Saull Hinton. They presented the J Rock students with an amazing cheque for \$700, which covered the sponsorship of our team tee-shirts. We are EXTREMELY grateful for this very generous donation.

The Barfoot & Thompson reps were able to see the tee-shirts & the performance which was wonderful. The \$100 raffle donated by J B 's No 1 Landscaping was drawn by Sandy Gordon at this time too - the winner being Helen Sims. Thanks to everyone for their support.



On Wednesday 2 July 69 excited students & 18 parents travelled to the Aotea Centre to take part in the J Rock part of Stage Challenge for 2014. It was a very long day starting at 9am & finishing at midnight when the last little cherub got picked up. As usual our students did us proud. They were the epitome of Living Values & represented our school so well. I was extremely proud of them. We were the very last school to rehearse at 4:30 pm & as a result the auditorium was full of 10 high school teams, 2 Intermediate schools & another primary school. The response from the other schools was simply amazing & lifted our students' self-confidence to great heights. After the last production meeting there was a mad flurry of frenetic activity as the parents helped dress & make up 69 (very over excited) students in order to perform, as we were the second school on stage. We did it in record time thanks to the outstanding parents. Jessica Bettridge introduced our school extremely well, not an easy feat standing on your own with a microphone in front of so many people. The curtain raised and the show was on. Our performance was a vibrant, colourful, well executed display of talent & Mandy, Kylie & I admit that we were reduced to tears as we snuck in to watch from the back of the auditorium. What a highlight dancing in front of 2,000 people at such a young age. The judges were very complimentary & we received awards of excellence for stage use, costuming & character and soundtrack. Our student reps answered the questions well and then it was all over! According to the parents in the audience we were fantastic and I have to say I do agree. So well done Snells Beach School J Rock team-you did rock our socks!!! A full newsletter on J Rock will come out after the holidays so please look out for that. **Mrs Neels**

