

5 February 2015



"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*

Nau Mai, Haere Mai! Welcome to the start of 2015

It is lovely to see everyone back again, refreshed, rested and happy after the holidays. I hope you all had a great summer break like I did! There are many things to talk about for 2015, but the purpose of the newsletter today is just to update you on changes for the start of the year and let you know what our diary looks like for the coming year.

Firstly I would like to welcome all our new families to the school and to the beautiful area we live in. Thank you for choosing us!

There are also some staff changes this year:

- Ms Giles (Manawa 2 Teacher last year) had left us to pursue further professional development and teaching opportunities. We are sure you will join us in thanking her for her contribution as a founder teacher to the school and students of our area and also wish her well for the future.
- We welcome Mrs Rietta Young and Mrs Trish Lovegrove who have taken over Ms Giles' position for the year. Both bring a wealth of experience, flair and knowledge to the role and we look forward to their contribution. Mrs Young will be the teacher in Manawa 2 from Monday – Thursday and Mrs Lovegrove will be the teacher on Fridays.
- Mrs Watkin is back with us in Kauri 1, bringing her own special expertise to the New Entrant area and we thank her for being willing to spend another year with us.
- Mrs Neels will be in and out of work this term as she gets well and Miss Ramel will be Acting Associate Principal in her absence three days per week. We thank her for taking up this role to support the management and smooth running of the school.
- Mrs Ardene Adams is helping us out in the office for the start of term and we thank her for her help at this busy time.

Our 2015 Staff are as follows:

Principal: Mrs Jill Corkin
Associate Principals: Mrs Cherylene Neels & Miss Kathryn Ramel (Acting)
Office Administrator: Miss Su Henry

Junior School:

Kauri 1 Year 0 & 1 Mrs Pauline Watkin
 Kauri 2 Year 1 Miss Sarah Jolliffe
 Kahikatea 1 Year 2 Mr Trent Morley (Team Leader Junior School)
 Kahikatea 2 Year 1 & 2 Mrs Christine Mackay

Middle School:

Manawa 1 Year 3 Ms Pauline McDonald
 Manawa 2 Year 3 Mrs Rietta Young and Mrs Trish Lovegrove
 Puriri 1 Year 4 Mrs Amanda Bradshaw (Team Leader Middle School)

Senior School:

Nikau 1 Year 5 Mrs Kim Bishop
 Totara 1 Year 5 & 6 Mrs Erena Williamson
 Totara 2 Year 5 & 6 Mrs Kerry Gore (Team Leader Senior School)

Mrs McDonald will be taking leave of absence in Term 3 this year and her position will be taken by Miss Ramel who will move into a full time teaching role for the term in Manawa 1.

Mrs Gore will be taking leave of absence for two weeks at the end of Term 2 and the first week of Term 3 and her absence will be covered by Mrs Decima Freckleton.

Specialist Teacher: Mrs Gay Spittal
Teacher Aides: Mrs Kate Jaques, Mrs Lovetta Bayer, Ms Sarah Johns
Caretaker: Mr Graham Outwin

We look forward to a positive and happy year, full of exciting learning opportunities and pride in our achievements. Throughout the holidays I received an overwhelming amount of positive feedback about the school from members of the community and parents. I know that the atmosphere and learning environment here is positive and happy, and I am proud of that, because that is when learning occurs best. Our 2014 academic achievements were excellent – these will be published for you after our February Board meeting – and they are testimony to the excellent teaching that takes place here, and the support that our learners receive.

I also look forward to the continued support of our parents this year. Thank you for all you have done in the past and will continue to do this year. Please remember to look to our Friday newsletters for information and also our website, where all of our newsletters are also posted.

Nga mihi nui
 Jill Corkin
 Principal

Welcome to the following new students:

Royston Bale	Kauri 1
Angus Nightingale	Kauri 1
Taraivini Levaci	Kauri 1
Jonathan Rippon	Kahikatea 2
Oliver Rippon	Puriri 1
Ethan Lee	Totara 2

School Diary 2015

Please note that this is as accurate as we can be at this time. Updates will be published regularly and each newsletter will have an updated diary for the following two weeks. There are still a few fixture dates to be set for school sports and environmental programmes. We will let you know these as soon as we can.

Term 1 2015

Week 1

Monday 2 February Term Starts
Wednesday 4 February 9.30am Road Patrol Training Follow Up
Thursday 5 February 2.10pm Full School Assembly
Friday 6 February Waitangi Day Holiday

Week 2

Kiwi Sport starts this week

Monday 9 February 11.30 High Tide - Swimming
Tuesday 10 February 12noon High Tide - Swimming
Wednesday 11 Feb 1.00pm High Tide – Swimming

Week 3

STAR & PAT TESTING THIS WEEK Y3 – 6

Cricket World Cup starts this week

Tuesday 17 February 3.30pm Meet the Teacher Sessions
3.30-3.50pm (Junior Y1-2);
4.00-4.20pm (Middle Y3-4); 4.30-4.50pm (Seniors Y5-6);
Sausage Sizzle & Juicies available in between sessions
Thursday 19 February 9.30-10.30 New Entrant Parents Morning Tea

Week 4

Dental Van Visiting this week

Monday 23 February 11.30pm HT – Swimming
Tuesday 24 February 12.30pm HT - Swimming
Wednesday 25 Feb 1.30pm HT - Swimming
6.30pm BOT Meeting
Friday 27 February 2.10pm FULL SCHOOL ASSEMBLY – Kahikatea 1 presenting
House Captains announced

Week 5

Dental Van visiting this week

Monday 2 March Have a Go Sailing (Y4-6)
Tuesday 3 March Have a Go Sailing (Y4-6)
Tuesday 3 March Interschool Swimming
Wednesday 4 March Have a Go Sailing (Y4-6)
12 noon Values Assembly
Thursday 5 March 3.15 & 5.30pm Junior Reading sessions for parents
Friday 6 March 10.30am Beach Carnival, Snells Beach

Week 6

Dental Van visiting this week

Week 7

16-20 March **Travel Wise Week** – see separate programme
Tuesday 17 March Year 3- 6 Bike Safety
Thursday 19 March Walkathon
Friday 20 March 2.10pm FULL SCHOOL ASSEMBLY
– TRAVELWISE MONITORS presenting

Week 8

Life Education Van visiting this week

Tuesday 24 March Y1-3 Tabloid Interschool Sports
Wednesday 25 March 6.30pm BOT Meeting
29 March Cricket World Cup Final

Week 9

Thursday 2 April 2.10pm FULL SCHOOL ASSEMBLY- Puriri 1 presenting

Holidays: 3 April – 19 April

Friday 3 April-GOOD FRIDAY Monday 6 April-EASTER HOLIDAY

Term 2 2015

Week 1

Monday 20 April Term 2 Starts
Wednesday 22 April 6.30pm BOT Meeting
Friday 24 April 2.10pm FULL SCHOOL ASSEMBLY – Totara 2 presenting

Week 2

Monday 27 April ANZAC DAY HOLIDAY
Thursday 30 April 6pm – Meeting for Middle School parents re:
National Standards

Week 3

Tuesday 5 May Interschool Netball
Wednesday 6 May Interschool Netball Save Day

Week 4

Wednesday 13 May Values Assembly
Friday 15 May 2.10pm FULL SCHOOL ASSEMBLY – Manawa 1 presenting

Week 5

Thursday 21 May Ripa Rugby Tournament

Week 6

Tuesday 26 May Ripa Rugby Save Day
Wednesday 27 May 6.30pm BOT Meeting
Friday 29 May Arbor Day Celebrations

Week 7

Monday 1 June Queens Birthday Holiday
2-5 June Y6 Camp Tongariro

Week 8

Friday 12 June 2.10pm FULL SCHOOL ASSEMBLY- Nikau 1 presenting

Week 9

Friday 19 June MID YEAR REPORTS GO HOME

Week 10

Mrs Gore away this week – Mrs Freckleton Relieving

Tuesday 23 June Interschool Soccer
Wednesday 24 June Parent/Teacher Interviews
Interschool Soccer Save Day
Friday 26 June Mid-Winter/Birds of the Forest Feast

Week 11

Mrs Gore away this week – Mrs Freckleton Relieving

Thursday 2 July Ripa Rugby Tournament
Friday 3 July 2.10pm FULL SCHOOL ASSEMBLY - Kahikatea 2
presenting
Friday 3 July Term 2 Finishes

Holidays: 5 July – 19 July

Term 3 2015

Ms McDonald away this term – Miss Ramel in Manawa 1

Week 1

Mrs Gore away this week – Mrs Freckleton Relieving

Monday 20 July Term 3 Starts
Tuesday 21 July Rippa Rugby Save Day
Wednesday 22 July 6.30pm BOT Meeting
Friday 24 July 2.10pm FULL SCHOOL ASSEMBLY – **Manawa 2 presenting**

Week 2

Week 3

Week 4

Friday 15 August 2.10pm FULL SCHOOL ASSEMBLY – **Totara 1 presenting**

Week 5

Tuesday 18 August Interschool Cross Country
Wednesday 19 August Interschool Cross Country Save Day

Week 6

Wednesday 26 August 6.30pm BOT Meeting
Friday 28 August Daffodil Day Fundraising

Week 7

Friday 4 September 2.10pm FULL SCHOOL ASSEMBLY – **Kauri 1 presenting**

Week 8

Thursday 10 Sept Rippa Rugby Tournament
Friday 11 September School Speech & Poetry Finals

Week 9

Tuesday 15 Sept Rippa Rugby Save Day
Interschool Hockey
Wednesday 16 Sept Interschool Hockey Save Day

Week 10

Tuesday 22 September Interschool Speeches (To Be Confirmed)
Wednesday 23 Sept 6.30pm BOT Meeting
Friday 25 September 2.10pm FULL SCHOOL ASSEMBLY – **Kauri 2 presenting**
Friday 25 September Term 3 Finishes

Holidays: 28 September – 9 October

Term 4 2015

Week 1

Monday 12 October Term 4 Starts
Friday 16 October 2.10pm FULL SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

Week 2

Week 3

Monday 26 October Labour Day Holiday
Wednesday 28 Oct 6.30pm BOT Meeting

Week 4

Week 5

Tuesday 10 November Interschool Athletics
Wed 11 November Interschool Athletics Save Day

Week 6

Friday 20 November 2.10pm **MONITORS & RESPONSIBILITY AWARDS**
-FULL SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

Week 7

25-27 Nov Year 5 Camp
Wednesday 25 Nov 6.30pm BOT Meeting

Week 8

Waiwera Trip for Monitors this week
Friday 4 December Junior Christmas Assembly
Friday 4 December END OF YEAR REPORTS GO HOME

Week 9

Wednesday 9 Dec School Picnic at Scandrett Bay
Friday 11 December Awards Ceremony

Week 10

Monday 14 December Y6 Graduation

Tuesday 15 December Term Finishes

School News

Buses

Bus No.8 travels from Sandspit to Snells Beach School and back. Children who live on the northern side of James Street are **entitled** to catch this bus, but we are fortunate to have an arrangement with Gubbs Motors and the transport network that allows children who do not have a funding entitlement on the route to school to also catch this bus. Please be advised that this arrangement may be subject to change during the year. The bus leaves the bottom of Brick Bay Drive at 7.50am and will pick students up in the morning at the stop at the top of Governor Grey and Tamatea Rds and in the afternoon will stop **ONLY** at the corner of Muncaster Rd.

The afternoon bus leaves school at 3pm.

Bus No.11 travels from Martins Bay/Scotts Landing to Snells Beach School and back. We have been very fortunate this year to secure a dedicated bus in the afternoons for this run and our children no longer have to wait for the College bus at 3.40pm. Consequently this bus will now leave school at 3pm.

Children who live down Ridge Rd or Martins Bay past the intersection with Ridge Rd are **entitled** to catch this bus. As with Bus 8, we have an arrangement for children who do not have funding entitlements from Algies Bay to catch this bus. Please be advised that this arrangement may be subject to change during the year. *The bus will pick up/drop off Algies Bay students at the bus stop on Mahurangi East Rd only.*

Bus 11 leaves Charles Street at 7.50am and Scandrett Regional Park entrance at 8am.

If you would like your child to catch the bus you must complete a Bus Transport Form so that we know when your child will be travelling, for safety reasons. These are available from Miss Henry in the office.

Safety in the School Grounds, Carparks and Drive-Through

Our primary concern is to keep students and adults in our school safe. We need to have a few rules to ensure that people do this and we will enforce these. We would appreciate your help and co-operation.

Cars – if you are driving to/from school please:

- Observe the mandatory **40km per hour speed limit** around the school on Dawson Rd and where children cross on Mahurangi East Road.
- **Stop at the crossing** when children are waiting to cross.
- **Do not park in the staff carpark** as children have to cross the driveway there and it is not patrolled, so they are not looking for cars coming in and out.

- **Do not park in the drive through** before school or until the buses have gone after school. We now have two buses parking and leaving together just after 3pm and there is not enough room to cope with cars and children getting into cars in the drive through at the same time. The buses will be gone by 3.05pm – please respect this and wait until then to drive through and/or park and pick up your child/ren. Thank you.
- There is parking available in the visitor parks opposite and to the side of the office out the front of the school – otherwise please park on the road in the mornings or the afternoons if you wish to leave your car and walk into the school grounds.
- We have a policy of encouraging walking, biking, scootering and skateboarding to school and we have racks available for children to use for their equipment. **Please help us by encouraging your child to come to school a Travelwise way.**

Other safety routines:

We regularly practice other safety routines such as fire evacuations, volcanic eruption routines and armed offender routines. Some of these are planned and some are not. Teachers will be talking to students about these routines and why we do them.

Homework Club & After School Activities

This year, Tony and Michelle Mordaunt, through their company – *Make a Difference Through Sport*, will be running our homework club and providing after school activities. A separate notice about this came home with students this week – if you need another copy, please refer to our website or ask at the office. There will be a charge for both activities – homework sessions and the follow on activities. Children can be booked in to one or both.

These sessions will operate out of Puriri 2 from 3pm.

We are very grateful for this service as it provides a cost-effective after school option for parents. This has come after a trial of options following the closure of the SKIDS after school programme. This is significantly cheaper and will be run in line with our school philosophies and practices. Please support this useful new initiative.

Uniform Shop

Will be open for uniform purchased or receive 2nd hand uniforms every **Wednesday 8.45am-9.30am & 2.45pm-3.30pm**. Please see Miss Henry in the office to for order forms and to make payment. Then Ms Victoria Sharp will be in the School Hall to fit and supply your items.

For any saleable 2nd hand uniform please bring in washed, bagged and labelled with your name and contact details. You will need to supply Miss Henry with your bank account details as we now pay by direct credits. For any questions please ring Miss Henry in the office 09 425 6058.

Stationery We have many of you already kitted out with stationery ready for this year. A reminder that we would like to have all children ready to go with stationery by the start of next week. Please if you have not already done this can you make arrangements on Monday either through the school at the office or by purchasing the correct items required on the stationery lists on our website.

Free Parenting Course

- Do you often wonder if your parenting methods will achieve your goals of giving your child the best start to life?
- Does parenting sometimes seem like unnecessary hard work and are you searching for answers?
- Do you just want to come and share your experiences in a group setting and enjoy input from other parents?

If you answer yes to any of these questions then our parenting course may be ideal for you. Regardless if you are just entering parenting or are well into it this course offers something for everyone. The course is based on recent research findings about what works and more importantly what are the long-term outcomes for your child.

To join us in a light, sometimes humorous, but serious look at how we as parents equip our children and set them up for life call Maria on 09 425 7048.

Course dates & times Thursdays 12th February – March 19th (6 weeks) 9.30- 12pm

Homebuilders Family Services, Facilitator: Brian Shires

My Favourite Place

My favourite place is school. The reason I love school is because I get to meet new people and make great new friends and meet new teachers and it is special because it is a very, very, very safe place and I love it.

By Kezia Gleeson
Manawa 2



PEACE CLOAKS – MANAWA 1 2014