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"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

Welcome to our 'new look' school newsletter. This is the first step in our transition to a full e-newsletter, available mainly online in due course. We have no plans to move to that immediately, but we hope this format will make it easier to access information both online and in hard copy.

Term 1 passed in a blur and it was a busy one with a number of milestones reached. Significant to that was the visit from the Education Review Office in the second-to-last week of the term. We do not have the draft report as yet (it is expected in a few weeks), but the Board and I were very pleased and proud of the verbal feedback we received from the ERO team at the last Board meeting of the term. They captured the spirit and ethos of the school and told us that we do an exceptional job of caring for and educating students in a holistic way. They praised the governance and leadership of the school, as well as the teachers, who they commended for implementing strong programmes and doing an excellent job of encouraging student-led inquiry. They said our partnership with Ngati Wai and the work we were doing to create strong partnerships was 'second to none' and they went away to write this aspect up as a case study for their ERO colleagues. The feedback was indeed affirmation that the hard work completed in the last 3 years, since the first ERO review of the school, has been recognized and rewarded.

We were commended by ERO for our annual plan and focus for this year, as well as for our collaborative Vision on which this is based. A copy of the school's collaborative Vision Statement – developed by the board of Trustees, the Teachers, the PTA and other invited parents in 2012 is reproduced on Pages 2 & 3, along with the Vision Streams that form our development Plan until 2018. We thought this was a good time to outline this for you.

Welcome to the new families who have joined us this term. We hope you will enjoy being part of our school. Enjoy the term ahead everyone!

Regards
Jill Corkin
Principal

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

Sol White	Kauri 1	Rai Thompson	Kauri 1
Brittany Howlett	Kauri 1	Manawa McLean	Kauri 1
Katie Hawken	Manawa 2	Cullen Fahey	Manawa 1

School Diary for the Next 2 Weeks

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 2 12 – 16 May		Kahikatea 2 Trip to Mahurangi East Library	Pre-school Visits, Kauri 1 Y5/6 Trip to Snells Beach Library	Y3/4 Trip to Snells Beach Library	Map-a-thon Testing Day DAWG DAY
Week 3 19 - 23 May		Interschool Netball - 4 teams	Pre-school Visits, Kauri 1 Interschool Netball Saving Day		DAWG DAY Kahikatea 1 Trip to the Donkey Park

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Key Dates Term 2, 2014

Sunday 25 May	Scandrett Public Planting Day – <i>all welcome</i>
Wednesday 28 May	Scandrett Planting Day -Year 5 & 6 6.30pm BOT Meeting
Thursday 29 May	Interschool Rippa Rugby - 2 teams
Friday 30 May 2.10pm	DAWG DAY FULL SCHOOL ASSEMBLY – Manawa 1 presenting
Monday 2 June 3-6 June	Queen’s Birthday Holiday Year 6 Camp
Tuesday 3 June	Interschool Rippa Rugby Save Day
Wednesday 4 June	ICAS Science Test
Monday 9 June	Arbor Day Celebrations
Tuesday 17 June	Interschool Soccer
Wednesday 18 June	Interschool Soccer Saving Day
Friday 20 June	Mid-Year Reports go home 2.10pm FULL SCHOOL ASSEMBLY – Nikau 2 presenting
Wednesday 25 June	Parent/Teacher Interviews 6.30pm BOT meeting
Thursday 26 June	Parent/Teacher Interviews
Friday 27 June	Mid-Winter Forest Feast (Birds of the Forest Day)
Wednesday 2 July	J Rock Performance Day
Friday 4 July	2.10pm FULL SCHOOL ASSEMBLY – Kahikatea 2 presenting
Friday 4 July	Term 2 Finishes

SNELLS BEACH SCHOOL VISION

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.



We have developed an 8 Point Plan of Inquiry to achieve the above vision over 5 years. We call these 8 strands our VISION STREAMS and their headings are as follows:

1. Living & Aligning Our Core Values
2. Grow 'Know Your Learner'
3. Personal Philosophy & Pedagogy
4. Aligned Mental Models of Behaviour Management
5. A Shared Language of Learning in Child –Speak
6. Beyond Snells Beach School
7. Implementing, Sharing & Communicating Local resources
8. Aligned Classroom Environments

In 2014, we are working on the first two Vision Streams, and more information will be shared about these in future newsletters.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO THE YEAR 5 & 6 STUDENTS AND TEACHERS
ON A FANTASTIC MINI GALA YESTERDAY!**

Thanks also to all our school families for your wonderful support.

A HUGE \$1548 was raised through your efforts!

For more photos and information see the online newspaper on our website.



Year 6 Camp is still fundraising and would like to thank

Hellers – Sausages for school

Matakana Market Kitchen

Whangateau Holiday Park

Dough Puncher

Market Provodores

Blue Icecream Parlor

Warehouse Stationery



SCHOOL NOTICES

HELP WANTED PLEASE

Uniform Shop - Unfortunately Gemma is no longer able to continue and **we would like to find another willing person to take up this role.** This is a voluntary position, but we provide some support in form of provision of uniform for your children. **Please contact the office to discuss this if you are interested.**

School Washing - Each week we have a small amount of from the sick bay and staff room. Are you able to help with washing our laundry each week for the term? (Soap powder provided). Please see Miss Henry in the office.

MAKE A DIFFERENCE THROUGH SPORT

With Tony Mordaunt

Before School Sports Academy starts again on Friday 23rd May at Snells Beach Primary School Hall from 7.30am till 8.30am and will run until the end of term. Cost \$10 per session. If you would like to register, please contact Michelle on michelle@coachingcat.com.

After School Activities at School

Tuesdays – Hockey Practice on the Field after school
Contact: Leonie Bettridge 425 4086 or 021953116

Wednesdays – Singing Lessons with Lou Lou in the Hall after school
Contact: Lou Lou 0212153759

Thursdays – Netball Practice on the Courts after school
Contact: Denise 02108211841

Before School Activities at School

Fridays – Sports Coaching on the Field/Courts
Contact: Michelle michelle@coachingcat.com

Start of Term Reminders

Please help us by:

- Parking in the visitors' parking spaces or on the road in the morning when you come to drop off your child. Please do not park and leave your car in the bus bay in the morning at any time.
- Respect the need for the first afternoon bus to leave promptly at 3pm and do not park in front of it. You are then welcome to wait in the drive-through for your child.
- Naming your child's school uniform. If we find a piece of clothing that is named, we will always return it to the owner.
- Checking lost property bins in the classrooms if your child has lost something, or the lost property bin in the sick bay.

Newsletters come home very second week, starting week 1, on a FRIDAY. Please check your child's bag.

Newsletters and other notices can be accessed online on our website at www.snellsbeach.school.nz, where you will also find our online newspaper. Our online newspaper is **different** to this newsletter.



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