



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

From 11 December 2009  
To  
14 April 2014

## OPENING THE TIME CAPSULE



Hi I'm Tobi and I'm going to be talking about what I remember from my first year, which isn't much. But here are the things I do remember; running into poles, running into walls, running around planters, scary older girls chasing me and some other boys, and a sticker chart. Well I guess that's all I really remember.

**Tobi Higginson, Year 6**

From shy to confident is an amazing feeling. From little to bigger it feels like a seed to a tree. What a good feeling inside of me that everyone should know about me. It's one of the special times of life. From male to female it's a wonderful talent to see, hear and know from the inside. On the first day of school, that's what I felt....

I remember that I was as little as a mushroom. There were no plants at all. School is the best place to be (or the beach if we don't have any school). Nikau 1 is my family, and at home, but Nikau 1 is my home too. School is the best place to be because we learn, have fun, get to meet new people and make friends. School is life to me. Snells Beach School is special to me because it changes my life, and school lives inside me – that, everyone should have. I can't remember anything from the time capsule, so I wrote what I felt. Like I said, school is life.

**Tevalega Feleti, Year 6**



Hi, my name is **Eli Pahl (Year 6)**

As you may know I am a foundation student. From Year 0 to 6, it has been a memorable time here. So respect, enjoy and treasure your time here, because it doesn't last forever.

I think this school is special because we take anyone in, no matter who they are, what they do and what they think. What I remember from my first year is getting chased by Year 6 girls, putting ice block sticks into a jar and getting a big certificate with a big whale on it.

Hi, my name is **Fynn Pahl (Year 6)** and I am a foundation student.

When I was Year 0 I found the main learning steps were quite hard. Each year I would go up a few more steps. It's like learning – each year you get smarter and smarter. I remember putting ice block sticks into a cup and Year 6 girls chasing me and my friends at lunchtime. The school is special to me because the teachers are nice, we live by our values and you make friends on your first day.

I hope everybody who has been to our school has enjoyed their time here because I sure have.



### From the Principal

*Kia ora, Talofa, Kia Orana, Mauri and Greetings to school families*

Another term has finished with many fun filled activities and much learning completed. Many thanks to the parents who turned out to our student goal sharing sessions last week – we appreciate you taking the time to come and see the progress your children have made towards their goals.

### Staff Acknowledgements

Many thanks to Mrs Young for filling in in Manawa 2 while Ms Giles has been on refreshment leave this term. As usual Mrs Young has entered fully into the life of the school and made many worthwhile contributions to the class and the school as a whole. Thank you Mrs Young!

I would also like to acknowledge the contribution of Mrs Freckleton this term. Mrs Freckleton stood in for Mr Morley when he was taken ill and we do so appreciate her help and efforts in Kahikatea 1.

### New Classrooms

We are expecting Totara Block to be completed in the first couple of weeks of Term 2. The current Year 6 students have all had a high level of involvement in researching and naming the block (Totara), choosing the bird (the Ruru), and the colours of the wall coverings and décor. Nikau 1 will be moving into the new block next term and they will also be instrumental, with the Y6 students from Nikau 2 in planning the official opening which will occur later in the term. We will also have a Maori blessing of the building before it is occupied. Details of both of these important events will be available to you in the new term and we hope you will be able to join us to celebrate this long-awaited addition to our school.

### Happy Easter and Happy Holidays

I would like to wish all of our families a very happy and peaceful Easter and a restful and safe holiday break. It has been a busy term and we hope you have a chance to relax and spend some quality family time together. Come back safely to us next term,

**Nga mihi nui**  
*Jill Corkin*  
Principal

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### School Diary

Term 2 starts on Monday 5 May 2014

Week 1: 5 - 9 May

Monday 5 May

School starts at 9am

Wednesday 7 May

9-10.40am - Preschool visits, Kauri 1

Friday 9 May

2.15pm – Full School Assembly in the hall – All Welcome

Week 2: 12 - 16 May

Wednesday 14 May

9-10.40am - Preschool visits, Kauri 1

### TERM DATES 2014

Term 2: 5 May - 4 July

Term 3: 21 July - 25 September

Term 4: 13 October - 16 December

## WELCOME

Kadyn Stent	Manawa 2
Rekahn Stent	Puriri 1
Samantha Howroyd	Nikau 2
Talann Roussin	Kauri 1

We hope you enjoy your time at our school  
Total Roll 212

## FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

### Snells Beach School Community Survey 2013

Thank you to the families who completed the school survey in December. Thanks also to Ben McMurtrie and Jamie Bassett from Nikau 1 who helped Mrs Shurey compile the data into pie charts - a great opportunity to see a real-life application for their learning! We had 51 surveys returned from a possible 160 families - a 30% response rate. Overall, you are happy with Snells Beach School, our culture and our learning environment. We have been able to identify some common threads to focus on.

**Books & Resources:** A number of you felt your child's learning could be enhanced by more books and classroom resources. In February the Board presented the PTA with an annual wish list and we are pleased to report the PTA is generously providing \$6000 for reading books and \$1000 for classroom games. Thank you to all the parents/caregivers who assist the PTA in raising these incredible amounts of money.

**Soap in toilets:** In 2009 we followed the Ministry recommendation of hand sanitizer in toilets. Some of you have told us you really want soap, which is in line with the current (changed) Ministry recommendation. Soap has always been available in the accessible toilets at the end of each classroom block; however the Board has asked Management to provide quotes for replacing sanitizer with soap and hand towels. There will be an impact on the budget and we may have to reduce spending in other areas.

**Communication:** While most people are satisfied we need to work on some areas.

- **Reports:** We are moving to a new reporting system this year which should present the children's results and achievement against National Standards more clearly.

- **Website:** Our new website is up and running thanks to Ms Ramel. It's a work in progress and Ms Ramel will continue to add new sections as time allows. The Board intends to have a section where we can keep you informed - e.g. the survey data will be available once we are up and running on-line.

- **Surveys:** We will be holding an annual survey with our school community. The 2013 survey will provide base data from which we will track our progress. It is only through actual data can we make informed decisions, therefore it is important as many of you as possible participate. This year we intend to offer the survey on-line as well as paper copy.

- **Student Movement:** The Ministry measures "average student movement rate" as the number of children coming, going and even returning to a school, compared with the school roll in March of that same year. At a Decile 1 primary school last year, the average movement rate was 52.8 per cent. At a Decile 10 primary school it was 29.4 per cent. (Source: stuff.co.nz 26/03/2014). Snells Beach School student movement is at the lower end of normal parameters.

Copies of the collated survey data are available in the office. Please ask if you would like a copy. Constructive feedback is always welcome.

Maarten Kleyn, Chairperson

## Aquakidz Holiday Swim Intensive

(in the school holidays)

Monday 28th April to Friday May 3rd.

Small classes and fun teachers

\$70 for the 5 days

Great for making fast progress with swimming skills.

At Mahurangi College Pool

Contact Cindy Ph: 09 4259924 Mob: 0211635050

## Stars Outside of School

**Congratulations:** Jack Anderson for completing his 5th Weetbix triathlon as well as Kauri Morrison and Sophie Joblin for completing their 1<sup>st</sup> triathlon on Sunday 6th April.

**Well Done:** Matthew Elder and Oliver Adams for receiving runners up in doubles at the Rodney Tournament at Mahu tennis club.

**Congratulations:** James Elder for most improved player trophy 2013-2014 in his grade.

Congratulations: Sila & Bella Coleman on their fantastic swimming successes this term. Keep up the good work!

Well done everyone!

## Many Thanks to These Kind Donors this Term

**Barfoot & Thompson**, Warkworth and **Dave Prior** for 2 copies of the book entitled "Room 23 and Mysterious Miss P & Five More Fantastic Stories" for our library

**Mrs Pat Birnie**, for numerous precious reference books from her collection for our library

**Mr Tom Campbell & Mr Steve Hathaway** for the book entitled "All the Way to the Ocean" for our library

**Mrs Helen Crompton**, for garden pots & garden utensils

**The Dough Puncher**, for family passes to use in raffles for J Rock and Y6 Camp

**Mrs Gay & Mr Gary Spittal** for the donation of a second hand quad bike and mower

**Treescape and Mr Mark Laird** for the mulch for our gardens

**Ben McMurtrie and the McMurtrie Family Business Comserve Cabling**, who install commercial data and telecommunications cabling, for the donation of a PC/Video Convertor Box for the hall.

*We appreciate your wonderful support!*

## Holiday Office Hours

The school office will be open to attend to Enrolments, Uniform Sales & Donations

Wednesday 30 April - 9am till 3pm

Thursday 1 May - 9am till 3pm

Friday 2 May - 9am till 3pm

## Help Wanted Please

Are you able to help with washing our sick bay and staff room linen each week? (Soap powder provided). We greatly appreciate help with this, so it does not need to be done by staff. **Thanks to Carla Johanson** who has helped out this term. If you can help in T2, please see Miss Henry in the office. Thank you!

**Very special thanks to Gemma van Reemst** who has been running our Uniform Shop for us on Wednesdays for the last year and 1 term. Gemma has done a fabulous job and we are very grateful for her consistent and long term support.

## Help Wanted Please

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 the form of provision of uniform for your children. **Please contact the office to discuss this is you are interested.**

Many thanks to the following businesses who have donated prizes for our J Rock raffle:

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| 1 <sup>st</sup> prize | Sheer Bliss Beauty Spa                | - | 1.5 hr Pure Fiji Body Wrap (voucher)                   |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> prize | Brick Bay Sculpture Trail             | - | 1x sculpture Trail Family Pass (2 Adults & 2 Children) |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> prize | The Dough Puncher Bakery & Mini Golf. | - | Family Pass to the value of \$20 (3 to be drawn)       |

**\$2 per ticket on sale now – drawn Friday 9 May**