

IMPORTANT REPLY REQUIRED

As per on the front page we will be sending home opt out internet photos and published work notices on pink paper for each child with this newsletter. It is important for you to fill in the **OPT OUT** form if you **DO NOT** wish to have your child's photos and named work posted on our website. Without this returned to us they may have named work or photos of themselves posted on our school website.

UNIFORM SHOP HOURS 2014

Wednesdays 8.45am – 9.30 am & 2.45pm – 3.30pm
In the school hall

If you have any coat hangers you would like to donate to the school for our uniform shop we would be grateful.

Social Gathering – Wed 12 March Followed by PTA AGM

We had our first PTA meeting of the year last week - it was positive and interesting! One of the most topical discussions was the apparent lack of opportunity for new parents to meet others, and for the current parents to catch up.

SO: we'd like to invite all parents/care-givers of Snells Beach School to an informal social gathering with nibbles and drinks supplied, so you can get to know each other. This will take place on Wednesday 12 March from 7.15pm in the Staffroom.

And whilst we have a captive audience, why not come along to our PTA AGM afterwards? (7.45pm start).

No this is not a cheeky pre-AGM play; we truly want as many parents/care-givers together so we can have a worthwhile meeting and hear what you have to say about moving forward with the PTA calendar.

Going into 2014, we have a blank canvas and a healthy bank account. After 2 years in leadership, it is time for the current PTA Executive to step down. A good routine has been established and is just waiting for fresh energy to put another spin on it. Perhaps you would like a leadership role in the school and are open to being involved in a particular position (Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, Marketing - all roles become vacant at the AGM). We are happy to assist people and provide support and direction to ensure a smooth transition for those wishing to take on these volunteer roles.

Here is an opportunity to make a real difference in the life of the school for your children. Some of you may feel the time has come for you to join the PTA committee, and will feel comfortable to take on a specific role, OR you may wish to join expressly in a supportive capacity. We would love to see a larger attendance at meetings as it provides us with more informed, more varied and more interesting discussions & direction.

If you'd like a job description of the vacant positions, please contact us by return on snellsbeachschoolpta@yahoo.co. All other queries please direct to Chairperson Victoria Smith on 021 0639 158.

Don't forget - 7.15pm Wednesday 12 March 2014 in the staff-room.

Warm regards
Victoria Smith
Chairperson, Snells Beach School PTA

Music lessons at Snells Beach School by R & B MUSIC Guitar / Drums / Keyboard

WE NEED TO USE OR LOOSE THIS – NOT ENOUGH ENROLMENTS FOR 2014 SO FAR

to inquire Please Contact Ross Brown ph: 09 428 4746 / 021703146
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From the Principal

Kia ora, Talofa, Mauri and Greetings to school families

School has started very smoothly and we are well and truly back into the swing of things.

We hope you are enjoying our new website and online newsletter. I can see from the number of posts from parents and grandparents that you are using it to view your child's work and we hope you are enjoying that experience. The students are very motivated about having their work published and being able to post comments about others' work too.

I would like to acknowledge the work of Miss Ramel in getting this set up. In her role this year she will be working with all students in the school to up skill them in the use of the online newsletter and write with them to produce appropriate material. Because many children will become active contributors in both print and with images, it is important that we have your permission for their work and their images, including pictures of them, to appear online. Nothing gets published or posted without going through a permission and clearing process by us, so we can control what appears on the website and in the newsletter. However, once it is there, it is in the public domain.

We are asking you to OPT OUT if you do not want your child's work, or photo, or both, to appear online by completing the separate form being sent home today and returning it to school by the end of next week – Friday 28 February.

Thank you.
Regards

Jill Corkin, Principal

WELCOME

Fern Julian Manawa 2
We hope you enjoy your time at our
School Total Roll 209

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School Diary

Week 4: 24 - 28 February

Monday 24 February

Yr5/6 Beach Education – Omaha Surf Life Saving – Omaha Beach – see details on inside page

3.00pm-4pm Rippa Rugby – After school session

Wednesday 26 February

8.45-9.30am & 2.45-3.30pm

Uniform Shop – open in the Hall

9-10.40am - Preschool visits, Kauri 1

6.30pm. BOT meeting – Principals Office

Thursday 27 February

Yr3/4 Swimming – Mahurangi College Pool- see details inside

Friday 28 February

2.10pm Full School Assembly – Kahikatea 1class slot - All welcome

Week 5: 3 - 7 March

Monday 3 March

Have a go sailing – Algies Bay

3.00pm-4pm Rippa Rugby – After school session

Tuesday 4 March

Have a go sailing – Algies Bay – see details on inside page

Inter-School Swimming – A notice will come home with children attending in week 4

Wednesday 5 March

8.45-9.30am & 2.45-3.30pm

Uniform Shop – open in the Hall

9-10.40am - Preschool visits, Kauri 1

Have a go sailing – Algies Bay

Thursday 6 March

Yr3/4 Swimming – Mahurangi College Pool - see details inside

3.15pm-5.30pm Junior Reading Session – Kahikatea 1

Friday 7 March

Beach Carnival Day – Snells Beach – A notice will be sent home with more information closer to this date.

PLEASE CAN YOU HELP WITH THIS TERMS WASHING? See Miss Henry for details.

School Events

RIPPA RUGBY AFTER SCHOOL

This is a free session put on by the Mahurangi Rugby Club. You need to have your signed permission slips (these went home on Thursday) to Mr Morley. Or make sure you can give one to Suzette McFarland on the day. Make the most of this and we will most likely see it run again.

Location of Programme: Snell's Beach School, School field

Time & Date: 3.00pm – 4.00pm for 3 Monday's the 24th February, 3rd and 10th of March

OUR NEW CLASSROOMS ARE WELL UNDER WAY NOW

Ben McMurtrie, Jared Clark and Jayden Smith are busy keeping photographic and video records of our new classroom construction. Below are some progress shots taken by the boys. Today's excitement is the roof going on.



I understand I can't change the world
I say whaling should be stopped
I dream I will be successful when I grow up
I try to be brave
I am a funny guy who loves animals

I wonder how bees make honey
I hear nature in birds singing
I see joy in jumping into water
I want my own panda
I am a funny guy who loves animals.

I pretend to communicate with cats
I feel freedom at home time
I touch the hearts of animals
I worry about my brother hurting me
I cry when cats die
I am a funny guy who loves animals.

I hope there will never be a nuclear war
I am a funny guy who loves animals.

Nikau1 Jamie Bassett

School Events

Yr5/6 BEACH EDUCATION DAY OMAHA BEACH SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB

Monday 24 February

This is a unique opportunity for our students to experience a fun, safe and educational day at the beach. The Beach Ed programme is delivered by qualified instructors in an environment that sees the children taught Beach Awareness and Safety through a combination of theory and practical participation modules.

The programme teaches children how to identify hazards and manage their risks accordingly. The activities include:

- Beach Safety
- Sun Smart Practices
- How to recognise dangers at the beach and water activities



The Day's Programme:

We will leave school straight after roll call (approximately 9:10am) and leave Omaha at 2:30pm to return to school before 3:00pm. The day will be broken into three main components: Theory, Beach Activities and Water Activities.

Students will need:

- Mufti clothing for the day
- Togs, rash shirts (wet suits are recommended)
- Two towels
- Plastic bag
- Warm sweatshirt (or school polar fleece)
- Sunblock SPF 30+
- Sunhat (recommend wide-brimmed)
- Morning tea, lunch, water bottle
- Medication required – eg: inhalers



YR3/4 SWIMMING AT MAHURANGI COLLEGE POOL

Thursday afternoons, Week 4 – Week 9 (Feb 27th – April 3rd).

Our swimming programme is being partially sponsored by Aquakidz Swim School. This fantastic opportunity allows the children to be taught by trained swimming instructors. Aquakidz will also provide equipment designed to maximise safety and skills practise, such as platforms for the less confident swimmers. Thanks to their support, the cost per lesson for your child is less than the price of a usual lesson.

We will be using a bus to transport the children in order to take the pressure off parents and to spread the cost of transport across all families. The total cost is \$57 for the 6 lessons; this includes pool hire, trained swimming instructors and bus transport. This is an excellent opportunity to increase the confidence, safety and skills of our children in water. We require payment full by Monday 24th February unless otherwise arranged.

Please Bring: *Named togs/towel and goggles if you have them. A separate named bag to bring them in.*

HAVE A GO SAILING

3rd, 4th & 5th March

All students that are enrolled for this must be at school by 8:50am and meet outside the hall – we will leave at 9:00am to be ready for a 9:15am start. In the afternoon, we will be leaving Algies shortly after 2:30pm to return back to school.

Please ensure you have everything you need for the day!

What to Bring to:

Items that we recommend you bring with you to participate in Sailing Have A Go! are:

- Lunch and a drink
- Togs and a Towel
- Wetsuit (if you have one), Woollen or Thermal top
- Sunhat and/or Beanie
- Sunglasses
- Beach/wet shoes
- Sun Block
- Warm Change of Clothes

Note: Do not go sailing or swimming in Jeans

READING IS A BLAST WITH THE JUNIOR SCHOOL

Parents are warmly invited to an "all you want to know about Junior reading at Snells Beach School" information presentation on Thursday 6 March 2014. We will be running two sessions-3:15-4 pm and 5:30-6 pm in Kahikatea 1. Come along and take part in a typical guided reading lesson with Mr Morley (it will be a blast!), as well as a taste of the Fitzroy reading programme. Learn about the colour wheel graded readers, skills and assessment levels with Mrs Neels. Mrs Watkin, Miss Jolliffe and Mrs Mackay will also help you experience a variety of independent reading activities. If any of your children will be accompanying you they will be well looked after by Mrs Corkin in Kauri 2. Brush up your sitting on the mat skills and join us. We look forward to seeing you there!

