

Check out our new website!

We are delighted to announce that our new website has now gone live and can be accessed at our usual address www.snellsbeach.school.nz. The new site, powered by Cabu! is designed to be far more user friendly for students, teachers and parents, and will include regular updates of both student work, and parent information.

Our website is in two sections. Firstly we suggest you check out the "Website" zone by clicking on the "Website" link in the top left corner. You will find:

- The Calendar of upcoming events. This has been completed initially for the year & will be updated as more dates are confirmed.
- The Parent Information Pages for information on buses, uniform and stationery.
- On the Our People pages you will find email links for all teachers and staff at our school, as well as photos in case you are unsure who anyone is!
- As usual Newsletters are always available online also

The website's most exciting innovation is the "Online School Newspaper" link in the top right corner. This will take you to:

- **Class Pages** where both students and teachers will be posting regular updates and information. These are currently being setup for the year.
- The **General** page is a list of all the most recent posts from all areas – it is a great place to flick through and see what is going on.
- You can use the **search** function to search for your child, and any specific events that may be listed anywhere in the online paper.
- **Parents are welcome to comment** on either their child's work, or any general post. These will be visible to all once they have been checked by a moderator for student safety.

Awards Ceremony 2013

Congratulations to all the children who received awards at the Awards Ceremony last year.

Cups & Trophies Recipients

Supreme Academic Award, Naylor Love Trophy
Proxime Accessit, Harcourts Tandem Realty Cup
Corkin Cup – All Rounder
MJ Wilson Award – for the Greatest Sense of Adventure
Personal Valour Award – for overcoming barriers
Leadership Award
Environmental Award
Learning for Life Cup
Scandrett Living Values Cup
Sportsperson of the Year
Zane Just Literacy Cup
BNZ Mathematics Cup
The Arts Award
The Louise Phillips Memorial Trophy

Nasia McLennan
Anna Pashley
Ranelle LeBas
Cameron Keats
Daniel Cameron
Jackson Gradwell
James McMurtrie
Jack Merton-McCafferty
Danielle Broadhurst-Phillips
Blake Heaven
Nasia McLennan
Ben McMurtrie
Kurtis Gwynn
Dylan Hathaway



A warm PTA welcome to the many new families that have started this year.

With school, the PTA fires up again too, supporting school life in a myriad of ways and raising funds for items over and above the school budget. Last year we donated towards the junior playground, and purchased digital cameras, audio equipment, library books, specialised office equipment and a much needed lawnmower. We culminated the year with a lovely evening celebrating our achievements and have taken on board the many suggestions for 2014 PTA goals.

Our first PTA meeting will be on **Wednesday 12th February at 7pm** in the staffroom. Everyone is warmly invited to attend. If you have any queries or would like to be added to the PTA database, please contact Chairperson Victoria Smith on 021 0639 158 or email us: snellsbeachschoolpta@yahoo.co.nz.

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We would like to thank Leonie Bettridge for her exceptional support with the school washing time and again. Please, it would be fantastic if someone else would like to help share the load and take this on for Term 1. Contact Miss Henry, in the office for details.

"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, Mauri and Greetings to school families

Welcome back to another school year and a special welcome to the new families who have started with us this year.

We have a high starting roll again, one more than last year – 212 students – with new families joining us across the school from overseas and from other parts of New Zealand. Welcome to you all.

I would also like to welcome Mrs Erena Williamson to our staff. Mrs Williamson is teaching a Year 5/6 class in Nikau 2 this year and we are delighted to have her with us. She comes to us from Wellsford School, but she is a local to this area. Mrs Williamson brings many talents and strengths to our school and we look forward to her working with us.

Term 1 Programme

We have an extremely busy term ahead of us, as always, but made especially busy with swimming and water safety programmes, sailing for the year 4 - 6

students, and interschool sports fixtures - tabloid sports for the juniors and interschool swimming sports. Our swimming programmes will culminate in a Beach Carnival on Friday 7 March. Mahurangi Rugby Club will be providing in-school and after school sessions for Rippa Rugby, and our Kiwisport programme will focus initially on golf for the senior and middle schools, followed by invasion games for all classes. Added to this we will have a **TravelWise Week from 17-21 March** and all levels of the school will be participating in cycle safety or walking safety programmes in their classes around the same time.

Our overarching learning theme for the term is **Living to Belong** and our purpose with all of our programmes and activities is to teach the children the skills and the knowledge they will need to be a part of this community and belong to this place. The value for the term that we are linking to these learning opportunities is the value of **Happiness**.

All of our fixtures and dates have been set for the year as far as possible and these are on the event calendar in this newsletter and on the website. We do not expect many additions or changes to this. Please make sure you have the important ones you want to be part of in your diary.

Change to Assemblies in 2014

In planning discussions for this year the teaching staff and I have decided to alter the cycle of assemblies. They will still be held on a Friday, commencing at 2.10pm, but instead of the rotation of team assemblies with full school assemblies, we will be holding **full school assemblies only**, at the start and end of each term, with 2 or three in between during the term. Every class will have a nominated assembly where they will present the class slot – and these are set out in the calendar of events for you so you can see when your child's class will be presenting. House Captains, once selected, will run these assemblies as normal. Please note that there will no longer be an assembly every week.

Our New Website

If you have been on to our website lately you will see that the long awaited changeover to a new format has been completed and we are up and running. Please see the separate piece in this newsletter from Miss Ramel outlining how the website works and how it can provide a more enhanced service for users. We have chosen a format that allows for both fixed and changing information and which allows the children to contribute their work via our online newspaper. You are also able to view and post comments on their work and on the class pages. I have also set up a principal's page in the online newspaper, so that important information can be quickly and easily posted by me and you can also post comments on this. The new format is much more user-friendly for us at this end than the old one was, enabling all of us to keep information more readily up to date. We hope it will be more user friendly for you, too.

I look forward to a great year ahead in 2014. Thank you again to the HUGE number of parents who spoiled us at the end of last year with morning teas, gifts and cards with positive messages of thanks. We do appreciate your support.

Jill Corkin – Principal

WELCOME

Isabella Bass	Kauri 2
Zack Fairburn	Kauri 1
Charkana Green-McLeod	Manawa 1
Caelyn- May Harris	Kauri 2
Bastian Harris	Nikau 1
Roman Jones	Kauri 1
Fern Julian	Manawa 2
Tamsyn Jull	Kauri 1
Jahmo Lawrie	Kauri 1
Isabella McCormick	Puriri 1
Alizae Neho	Kauri 1
Sam Peo	Kahikatea 2
Chloe Smith	Kahikatea 1
Zane Zylstra	Kauri 1

We hope you enjoy your time at our School

Total Roll 212

2014 Events Calendar
Term 1

Week 1	Monday 3 February	Term Starts
	Thursday 6 February	Waitangi Day Holiday
	Friday 7 February	2.10pm FULL SCHOOL ASSEMBLY
Week 2	Monday 10 February	Rippa Rugby Initiative starts
	Thursday 13 February	Kiwisport Golf (Y4-6 only)
	Thursday 13 February	3.30pm Meet the Teacher 3.30-4pm & 4.15-4.45pm 9.30am New parents morning tea
Week 3	17-21 February	Junior/Senior Swimming at the beach starts
	Monday 17 February	Rippa Rugby in-school session
	Friday 21 February	House Captains announced
Week 4	Monday 24 February	Rippa Rugby after school session
	Monday 24 February	Beach Education Year 5-6
	Wednesday 26 Feb	6.30pm BOT Meeting
	27 February	Middle School Swimming @ College Pool starts (until 3 April)
	28 February	2.10pm FULL SCHOOL ASSEMBLY – Kahikatea 1 class slot
Week 5	Monday 3 March	Rippa Rugby after school session
	Monday 3 March	Have a Go Sailing
	Tuesday 4 March	Have a Go Sailing
	Tuesday 4 March	Interschool Swimming
	Wednesday 5 March	Have a Go Sailing
	Friday 7 March	Beach Carnival – Snells Beach
Week 6		
Week 7	17-21 March	Travel Wise Week
	Friday 21 March	2.10pm FULL SCHOOL ASSEMBLY – TRAVELWISE Assembly
Week 8	Tuesday 25 March	Junior Tabloid Interschool Sports
	Wednesday 26 March	Junior Tabloid Interschool Sports Saving Day
	Wednesday 26 March	6.30pm BOT Meeting
Week 9	31 March – 4 April	Education Review Office Review
	Friday 4 April	2.10pm FULL SCHOOL ASSEMBLY – Puriri 1 class slot
Week 10	Friday 11 April	Student Goal Sharing afternoon
Week 11	Monday 14 April	Time Capsule lifting
	Thursday 17 April	2.10pm FULL SCHOOL ASSEMBLY – Nikau 1 class slot
	Thursday 17 April	Term 1 Finishes
	Holidays: 18 April – 4 May	
	Friday 18 April	GOOD FRIDAY
	Monday 21 April	EASTER HOLIDAY

2014 Events Calendar
Term 2

Week 1	Monday 5 May	Term 2 Starts
	Friday 9 May	2.10pm FULL SCHOOL ASSEMBLY – Kauri 2 class slot
Week 2		
Week 3	Tuesday 20 May	Interschool Netball
	Wednesday 21 May	Interschool Netball Saving Day
Week 4	Thursday 29 May	Interschool Rippa Rugby
	Friday 30 May	2.10pm FULL SCHOOL ASSEMBLY – Manawa 1 class slot
	J ROCK – in June – dates to be advised	
Week 5	Monday 2 June	Queens Birthday Holiday
	Tuesday 3 June	Interschool Rippa Rugby Save Day
	3-6 June	Y6 Camp Tongariro
Week 6	Monday 9 June	Arbor Day Planting
Week 7	Tuesday 17 June	Interschool Soccer
	Wednesday 18 June	Interschool Soccer Saving Day
	Friday 20 June	Mid-Year Reports go home
	Friday 20 June	2.10pm FULL SCHOOL ASSEMBLY – Nikau 2 class slot
Week 8	Wednesday 25 June	6.30pm BOT meeting
	Wednesday 25 June	Parent/Teacher Interviews
	Thursday 26 June	Parent/Teacher Interviews
Week 9	Mid-Winter Forest Feast – Wednesday 2 July	(Birds of the Forest Day)
	Friday 4 July	2.10pm FULL SCHOOL ASSEMBLY – Kahikatea 2 class slot
	Friday 4 July	Term 2 Finishes
	Holidays: 5 July – 20 July	

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.

2014 Events Calendar
Term 3

Week 1	Monday 21 July	Term 3 Starts
	Wednesday 23 July	6.30pm BOT Meeting
	Thursday 24 July	Interschool Rippa Rugby
	Friday 25 July	2.10pm FULL SCHOOL ASSEMBLY – Manawa 2 class slot
Week 2		
Week 3		
Week 4	Friday 15 August	2.10pm FULL SCHOOL ASSEMBLY – Nikau 1 class slot
Week 5	Tuesday 19 August	Interschool Cross Country
	Wednesday 20 August	Cross Country Saving Day
Week 6	Wednesday 27 August	6.30pm BOT Meeting
	Friday 29 August	Daffodil Day Fundraising
Week 7	Friday 5 September	2.10pm FULL SCHOOL ASSEMBLY – Kauri 1 class slot
Week 8	Thursday 11 Sept	Interschool Rippa Rugby
Week 9	Tuesday 16 September	Interschool Hockey
	Wednesday 17 Sept	Interschool Hockey Saving Day
	Sunday 21 September	Family Fun Wheels Day
Week 10	Tuesday 23 Sept	Interschool Speeches
	Wednesday 24 Sept	6.30pm BOT Meeting
	Friday 26 September	2.10pm FULL SCHOOL ASSEMBLY – Puriri 1 class slot
	Friday 26 September	Term 3 Finishes
Other events in Term 3 - Dates to be decided:	Scandrett Park	Planting Day
	Trees for Survival	Planting Day
Holidays: 27 September – 12 October		

Snippets for SBS Environment

REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE

The children are encouraged to think about their school environment and keep rubbish to a minimum.

We are a 'Pack In—Pack Out' school. This means that all the lunch wrappings and packaging are taken home each day.

The children are not to have 'treat' foods at school. There is filtered water in each learning area for children to refill their water bottles during the day.

Any raw fruit and vegetable scraps are put in our worm farm.

2014 Events Calendar
Term 4

Week 1	Monday 13 October	Term 4 Starts
	Friday 17 October	2.10pm FULL SCHOOL ASSEMBLY – Kahikatea 1 class slot
Week 2	Wednesday 22 Oct	6.30pm BOT Meeting
Week 3	Monday 27 October	Labour Day Holiday
Week 4	5-7 November	Y5 Camp
Week 5	Tuesday 11 November	Interschool Athletics
	Wednesday 12 Nov	Interschool Athletics Saving Day
Week 6	Friday 21 November	2.10pm MONITORS & RESPONSIBILITY AWARDS CEREMONY
Week 7	Wednesday 26 Nov	6.30pm BOT Meeting
Week 8	Friday 5 December	Junior Christmas Assembly
	Friday 5 December	End of Year Reports sent home
Week 9	Wednesday 10 Dec	School Picnic at Scandrett Regional Park
	Friday 12 December	AWARDS CEREMONY
Week 10	Monday 15 December	Y6 Graduation
	Tuesday 16 December	Term 4 Finishes

Snells Beach Netball



Denise le Bas and Angela Brangwynne would like to meet all interested parents and players on **Thursday 13 February** when you come to the Meet the Teacher sessions at school.

They will be outside the library from 3pm – 3.30pm, and in between the two sessions from 4pm – 4.15pm to chat and meet with players and parents.

If you don't contact Denise le Bas and let her know your child will be playing this year, you might miss out, so if you are not able to make it on Thursday 13 March, but are interested, please phone Denise on 021 08211841.