

YEAR 5 & 6 BEACH EDUCATION 2014



THANK YOU FROM ALL OF US @ SNELLS BEACH SCHOOL

We would like to thank the Bettridge family for donating two large bean bags for our Library and Mr Farmiloe for computer hardware accessories he donated. We would also like to thank the member of the community who dropped off a large collection of Animal Science books and apologise for not recording your name. All of these donations are greatly valued and appreciated as they add so much to our learning environment.

HAVE A GO SAILING 2014



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.

PTA Social Gathering - Wed 12 March

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.

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



Newsletter

7 March 2014

"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

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It is the time of the year when we are required to submit our achievement data to the Ministry of Education for the previous year – i.e. 2013. This data is our overall assessment of achievement in relation to National Standards and the Ministry uses this to assess how we are performing in relation to other schools of similar size and decile. The information is published on the *Education Counts* Website and the media use this to construct league tables of schools. This year we have a scheduled visit from the Education Review Office (ERO) in the first week of April. For the first time, they too will use this data from the website to assess our performance.

There is great debate and a whole lot of discussion to be had about whether this data is robust enough to be used in this way and whether the standards on which it is based are a precise enough instrument to be using. That is a continuing discussion we are having in the education sector. However whether we like it or not, and whether it can be justified or not in assessment or in educational terms, this is the current environment we operate in.

So, what does our data look like? Here is a table that shows you the overall distribution of our students in reading, writing and mathematics in relation to National Standards:

2013 SUMMARY OF SCHOOL DATA AGAINST NATIONAL STANDARDS SNELLS BEACH SCHOOL as at November 2013

ALL STUDENTS N = 201	Well below	Below	At	Above	Total
Reading	26 (13%)	26 (13%)	45 (22%)	104 (52%)	201
Writing	6 (3%)	21 (10%)	58 (29%)	116 (58%)	201
Maths	15 (7%)	44 (22%)	96 (48%)	46 (23%)	201

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School Diary

Week 6: 10 - 14 March

Monday 10 March

3.00pm-4pm Rippa Rugby – After school session

Wednesday 12 March

8.45-9.30am & 2.45-3.30pm

Uniform Shop - open in the Hall

9-10.40am - Preschool visits, Kauri 1

Thursday 13 March

Yr3/4 Swimming – Mahurangi College Pool

Week 7: 17 - 21 March

Monday 17 March

TRAVELWISE WEEK – See inside for the programme

Wednesday 19 March

8.45-9.30am & 2.45-3.30pm

Uniform Shop - open in the Hall

9-10.40am - Preschool visits, Kauri 1

Thursday 20 March

Yr3/4 Swimming – Mahurangi College Pool

Friday 21 March

2.10pm Full School Assembly – TRAVELWISE - All welcome

REMINDER

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.

See Miss Henry in the office if you require another form.

WELCOME

Tai'atta Burdett-Rhodes Kauri 1
Jackson Harrison Manawa 1

We hope you enjoy your time at our School
Total Roll 210

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You will see from this that our **areas of strength** are reading and writing, where we have 74% of all students (reading) and 87% of all students (writing) achieving at or above the National Standards expected levels. We celebrate these results and believe they are a result of concentrated focus on literacy over the last couple of years and the hard work of teachers to lift our levels.

The maths data is not quite as positive, and this is an area that we will be focusing on in 2013 as a result.

As a staff we analyse this information carefully down to the level of every individual child and we do that at the end of each year so that we can incorporate it into our planning for the New Year. Even though our reading and writing results are very good, there are still pockets of underachievement and groups of students that we wish to target. We are required to set targets for the New Year based on this information, and for 2014 our targets are as follows:

2014 Targets:

Age 5-6 Literacy Targets

- 100% of students will be in the 52-54 score range for Letter ID
- 100% of students will be in the 30-35 score range for Hearing Sounds
- 80% of students will be in the 18-24 score range for Concepts About Print
- 80% of students will be in the 14-15 score range for the Word Test
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- 80% of students will be in the 30+ score range for Writing Vocabulary

Cohort Targets for Reading:

- Accelerate the progress of the Y2 cohort 2013 to the standard.
- Accelerate the progress of the Y1 cohort 2013 and ensure that progress is accelerated to the standard in 2014.
- Accelerate reading progress in the first year of school for the Y1 2014 cohort (reference to Age 5-6 Comparison targets above).

Writing Target:

Accelerate progress for Pasifika students in writing

Mathematics Targets:

- Accelerate achievement for the 'After 1 Year' 2013 cohort (Y2 2014), moving those from 'below' to 'at' and 'well below' to 'below'
- Accelerate achievement for the Y5 2013 (Y6 2014) cohort, moving those from 'below' to 'at' and 'well below' to 'below'

These targets may seem like 'Double Dutch' to you - and if you would like further explanation of what these targets mean, we would be very happy to explain this further. Please feed this back to Mrs Neels or me via email (see website for email details) and we will arrange more information for you.

Kind regards
Jill Corkin
Principal

Stars Outside of School

Congratulations to: Zara & Jenna Brangwayne and Jessica & Paige Bettridge for winning the "Best Team Costume" at the Matakana Fruitloop on Saturday 1st March. Well done girls!

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2014 HOUSE CAPTAINS

Schooners



Tevalega Feleti

Schooners



Zac Farmiloe

Cutters



Lily Groenhart

Cutters



Eli Pahl

Dories



Tahjai Ryder

Dories



Fynn Pahl

Scows



Lydia Wyatt

Scows



Stratton Craig

Have a good year and
may the best House win!

School Events

Inter-School Swimming

As the warmth of the last summer rays slowly ebb away and the cool winds of change flow into Autumn, Snells Beach School descended upon Mahurangi College. Kids nervous with anticipation and eager parents awaited the races to begin.

Over 40 races were held with Snells Beach School being proudly represented in all of them. Many very close races. Some were so close they were like a broken nose...hard to pick. Final results are yet to be delivered to us but we gained many winning places through the strong swimming of Sam Bayer, Sila Colman, Sammie 'the fish' LeBas, Oliver Adams and Sophia Gardiner. All in all this was a very successful Inter School campaign. It is great to see Snells Beach School Kids succeeding. Congratulations all of you. Winning place getters will feature in the next newsletter.



TravelWise Week Is Coming! Monday 17th - Friday 21st March



Monday 17th March

12:10pm—1:00pm Wheels Day

Lunchtime fun!! Bring your bike, scooter, skates or skateboard!!

Skateboard Training (Year 5&6 only)

An opportunity to learn the fundamental stability and balance skills required to participate effectively in a range of board sports by using skateboards and longboards as a learning tool.

Tuesday 18th March

Skateboard Training (Year 3&4 only)

Cycle Skills Test (Year 5&6 only)

Constable Bernie Watt will be in to test the cycle skills of our senior students.

Wednesday 19th March

Whole School Walk (To school!)

We hope that everyone can join us in a HUGE Walk to School.

There are 2 starting points for the walk. Please meet at **8.15am** at one of the following meeting points:

Tennis Club Carpark

Highfield Reserve

House point for every walker and an extra one for parents who join us.

Guess the Teachers' Shoe Competition

Held throughout the day in the library

Thursday 20th March

WALKATHON 2pm—5pm

Have fun, get fit and raise money too at our annual WALKATHON!!

Friday 21st March

9:30am—10:20am Fancy Feet Parade

All welcome!

2pm Final Assembly

Prize draws!!

Throughout the week there will be a **House Competition**. Come to school a 'TravelWise' way each day and earn your House some points!!

YEAR 3 & 4 BIKE, SCOOTER & HELMET SAFETY CHECKS

Next Wednesday (12th March), we have Bernie Watts (Police Education Officer) coming in to talk to our Year 3 and 4 children about cycle safety. During this time, Bernie will show the children the correct way to fit helmets and how to check whether bikes/scooters are safe to ride. This is a great opportunity for children to bring in their own bikes, scooters and helmets for checking over.

Wednesday 26th March (week 8): Bernie will be giving the **YEAR 4 CHILDREN ONLY** a basic practical bike / scooter test on the courts 9:30 - 11:30 - so please arrange for children to bring bikes, scooters, helmets on that day if possible.

Reminder: bikes and scooters should be **walked** through the school and stored in the usual places before school. They will be taken down to the courts with classes at the relevant time during the day. Please name helmets inside as there are many that look the same.



IMPOTANT TRAFIC SAFETY REMINDER

- Do not park in the school drive through AT ANY TIME BEFORE SCHOOL OR BEFORE THE 3PM BUS LEAVES in the afternoon. Also please do not park in the big staff car park.
- These are safety requirements!