



Verran Primary School

Education to Ready Children to Thrive in Life



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IMPORTANT DATES

Term 1 2017

Wednesday 1 Feb - Thursday 13 April

Monday 6th Feb

Waitangi Day Observed - School Closed

Wednesday 8, Thursday 9 Feb

Senior Syndicate Swimming

Tuesday 14 Feb

Road Patrol Training

Wednesday 15, Thursday 16

Senior Syndicate Swimming

Wednesday 15th Feb

Meet the Teacher Evening

Room 1, 2, 3, 4, 6 and 7 - 6:00pm - 6:45pm

Room 5, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12 - 6:45pm - 7:30pm

Wednesday 22nd, Thursday 23

Senior Syndicate Swimming

Friday 24 February

School Assembly 2:30pm

Monday 27 Feb

Senior Swimming Sports

Monday 6 March

Year 5 and 6 to Beach Ed - Red Beach

Wednesday 8 March

Room 10 and 11 Beach Ed - Red Beach

Thursday 9 March

Room 5 and 8 to Beach Ed - Red Beach

Monday 13 - 24 March

Mobile Dental Van at Verran

Tuesday 14 March

Year 6 to Birk Int Top team

Wednesday 15 March

Cluster Cricket Day

Sunday 8th April

Shore to Shore Fun Run

Thursday 13 April

Last Day of Term

School Finishes at 2:00pm

Friday 14 April

Good Friday - School Closed

Term 2 2017

Monday 30 April - Friday 7 July

Term 3

Monday 24 July - Friday 29 Sept

Term 4

Monday 16 Oct - Friday 15 December

Thursday 2 February - Newsletter 01/2017

Welcome

We would like to extend a very warm welcome back to school for 2017 to all of our families and a very special welcome to all of our new families. We welcome our new Year 1 children to Room 6 - Tate Cameron, Elise Cater, Taylor Clifford, Jack Dobson, Maya Ferry, Ethan Horton, Annabelle Isa, Sophia Jones, Noah Taylor, Giselle Yavunisautu, to Room 3 - Wyatt Bond, to Room 8 - Lacey Bond and Daniel Byles, to Room 9 - Rain Xu, to Room 10 - Codi Fredericks, to Room 12 - Joshua Byles and Shanay Melville.

Meet the Teacher Evening

This will be held Wednesday 15th. Junior Syndicate Teachers will meet all parents in the Library at 6:00pm then teachers will move to their classroom and will outline their programme and expectations for the year. Senior Syndicate Teachers will meet all parents in the Library at 6:45pm and teachers will move to their classroom and will outline their programme and expectations for the year. A brief outline of the Numeracy and Literacy Programme each day and ways you can support your child's learning at home. It would be great if at least one member of each family could attend. This is not an individual interview time, these will be scheduled later.

Staff for 2017

Year 1, 2 and 3

Syndicate Leader

Mrs Bev Cooley (Assistant Principal and Year 3 Lead Teacher)

Year 1	Room 6	Mrs Gesine Warringsholz (Year 1 Lead Teacher)
Year 1	Room 7	Mrs Denise Palmer
Year 2	Room 1	Mrs Tessa Lane
Year 2	Room 2	Mrs Rhonda Blair (Year 2 Lead teacher)
Year 3	Room 3	Miss Linda Watson
Year 3	Room 4	Mrs Bev Cooley

Year 4, 5 and 6

Syndicate Leader:

Mrs Heather Nicholson (Deputy Principal and Year 4 Lead Teacher)

Year 4	Room 8	Mrs Avryl Shand
Year 4	Room 5	Mrs Joanne Wynne, (Mon - Thurs) Ms Sharon McGaffin (Fri)
Year 4/5	Room 11	Miss Amy Robertshaw
Year 5	Room 10	Mrs Penny Krone (Mon, Tues, Wed) Ms Alison Davis (Thurs, Fri)
Year 5/6	Room 12	Mr Neil Swanson
Year 6	Room 9	Mrs Michelle Thompson (Year 5+6 Lead Teacher)

Additional teachers are as follows:

Mrs Anne-Marie Baun: Reading Recovery

Mrs Evelyn Miller: ESOL and Reading Support

Mrs Judy Redmond, Mrs Maureen Robertson, Mrs Amanda Blandford, Ms Alison Davis and Mrs Rae Grant: Class and Admin Release

Teacher Aides - Mrs Jane Henderson, Mr John Kelly and Mrs Sue Read

Property Manager - Mr Troy Stanton-Kerr

Office Staff - Mrs Leonie Sykes and Mrs Paulette Watt

Principal - Ms Jeanette Dunning

School starts at 8.55am

Where possible children should be at school between 8.30am and 8.45am ready for an 8.55am start. The roll, which is called to ensure your child's safety, is called at this time. If your children are at school any earlier than 8.15am please note there supervision is not provided until this time. Verran SKIDS is available for before school supervision.

School finishes at 3.00pm

We would appreciate your support in picking your children up at 3.00pm. Teachers are on duty at the school exits until 3:10pm. We encourage you to park and either walk in to collect your child or arrange for them to walk out to meet you in a safe place.

Class Release Programmes

All Class Teachers are entitled to Class Release each term. We have condensed this to Tuesday and Wednesday and are offering all classes a rotation of Information Literacy Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 and Library Skills for Year 1 and 2, Enviro Education for all, Music Skills for Juniors.

We have an 'open door' policy which encourages parents to come into the classroom before and after school and to chat to the teacher. This enables you to share any concerns or to seek information that you may not have. Sometimes the teachers may not be able to give you the time that is needed to address your concern or question and so the teacher will suggest that a special meeting time is put aside to suit you both.

Teachers have a range of weekly meetings to attend after 3:00pm and they also use after 3:00pm time as programme preparation and assessment analysis time. This type of work is carried on at home as well to ensure the following day is well prepared for. Teaching is not a 40 hour a week job; it is way beyond this, with the expectations placed on teachers by school and by the Ministry of Education.

School Assembly

A full school assembly is held on the last Friday of each month. As we have no hall at the moment, our assemblies will be held under the Shade Sails by Room 5 and 5a. Our first one for the year is being held on Friday 24 February at 2:30pm and all parents, caregivers and friends are very welcome to attend.

Verran Primary is Sun Smart

Although we do not have a uniform at Verran Primary School, we do have a hat rule - they are to be worn in Term 1 and 4. It is really important for your child's health and safety to have a wide brimmed hat to wear at school every day this term. Verran School Hats can be purchased from the School Office. Children who do not wear a hat will have to play in the shade sail areas on Room 5 and 5a.

Shade Sails Replaced

Our thanks to BOT member Jared Schofield for all his time given to ensure the Shade Sails were ready for the first day of school. They look amazing Jared, thank you.

SCHOOL FEES & DONATIONS

School Donation

- One child \$130
- Two or more children \$230

These donations are used to enhance the learning opportunities that all children are given. They are an important part of school funding. I can assure you every child directly benefits from school donations, as we are able to buy additional resources for learning. The School Donation is a Tax-refundable Donation.

Activity Fee

\$25 per child per term - these are now due. This covers Class Trips, Kiwi Sport Festival Days, Cultural Visits to school, Life Education. Please Note: Swimming, Waterwise, Sports Teams, Science Roadshow trips are additional costs.

Materials Fee

\$5 per child - Materials associated with class programmes where extra materials need to be purchased.

For all Sports Teams

Registrations must be returned with payment to the school office before we will enter a team.

We understand that this time of year can be very expensive for families, we can offer flexible payment options. Please contact Ms Dunning in her office or ring her on 483 7052 to organise alternative arrangements.

Many parents have made use of the automatic payment system, paying a little each fortnight.

For online banking payments

ASB Birkenhead 12 3035 0470284 00

please include child's name and description of payment to appear on our Bank Statement

Thank you

Laundry Roster

To help keep operating costs down, we have had parents who have been willing to help with the school laundry, (tea towels, towels, sheets and pillow slips), please leave your name and phone number at the school office or email your details to

office@verranprimary.school.nz

Safety at the School Gate

Please do not use the Staff Carpark as a walkway. Children must enter and leave the school via the footpaths either side of the driveway.

Verran Drop Off/Pick Up Zone

Please ask all your family members who drop off or pick children up after school that this is a Drop Off /Pick Up area **only** - One car parked there stops the flow. Please consider other users of this area and move in move out.

Is your child shy? Do they feel intimidated by the idea of public speaking and performance? Do they sometimes find it difficult to make eye contact? Do they just need dedicated time per week to just be CRAZY?! Come and join the revolutionary self-confidence programme - Marrzipan! We run awesome drama classes at school, which focus on key life skills and public speaking ability. We play fun engaging games and perform at the end of term once to parents and once to the school. All scripts are original, engaging, educational and HILARIOUS. All children receive a certificate too to remind them they are awesome! You can sign your child up for a Trial Lesson via our website www.marrzipandrama.co.nz or contact Jex on 027 217 0693



Birkenhead United AFC

Football enrolment for 2017 Winter season now open

All age grades from 5 years to 17 years

Online at the clubsite: www.birkenheadunited.org.nz

At Clubrooms on: Sunday 12th and 19th February, 10:00 - 2:00pm

'The Flash Bang Science Club Children's Science

classes for children aged 7 yrs+ are open for booking in Devonport and Beach Haven for Term 1. For more information and bookings please check out <http://www.flashbangscienceclub.co.nz/> or email: admin@flashbangscienceclub.co.nz'.