



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

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

Thursday 16th Feb

PSG Meeting in the Staffroom 7:00pm

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 9th 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 9 February - Newsletter 02/2017

Welcome

This week we have welcomed Connor Liddington to Room 3 and Hayaan Niran Jamaludeen to Room 2.

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.

Wheels Day

Due to the reduced concrete area available to the children our Friday Wheels Day is cancelled.

Stationery

If children do not have their stationery by the end of the week, we will issue stationery from the Office and an invoice will be sent home. All classes are using their books in their lessons.

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.

Year 4, 5 and 6 Swimming

Swimming Sessions began this week. Our thanks to the parents who have offered to help with managing a group. Please forward \$20 to the office ASAP, this covers the bus cost to and from the pools and the lifeguard on duty.

School Donation 2017

To continue to provide a quality education for your child/children, it is necessary to generate additional income to maintain our existing programmes and resources. The school donation qualifies for tax purposes and consequently you can recoup some of it through the Inland Revenue IR 526 claim form <http://www.ird.govt.nz/>
Payment can be made by using

EFTPOS payment (at the office)

Internet Banking - ASB Account 12 3035 0470284 00 (if using this method of payment please indicate who and what the payment is for)

Cheque payable to Verran Primary School

Allergies, Nutrition and keeping children safe

A number of our children at Verran have severe allergies, in particular dairy foods and nuts, coconut, egg, pineapple, wheat, soya sauce and berries. For some of these children even a crumb could prove fatal if adrenaline is not administered. All children do have epipens available at school.

Many children are on gluten-free diets and with certain dietary preferences.

We are committed to keeping all of our children safe, and ask families to reinforce at home as we do at school, that they must not share any of their food during Interval or Lunch breaks.

Reduce the Litter and Landfill waste

Children bring their lunches to school and eat under supervision outside when we can or inside if it is wet. As an Enviro School, we encourage children to bring an "Eco-Friendly" lunch. This benefits the environment (less litter on the playground and less landfill waste). Fruit and vegetable scraps can be placed in our school compost bins. With the variety of Eco-Friendly lunchboxes - lunch boxes with sealed compartments or by using small re-useable containers we all can reduce the gladwrap and throw away containers usually used daily. Wrap sandwiches in the 'Bees Wax Wraps' children made last year. Lunch Box Tips - buy in bulk then divide into smaller portions instead of buying multi-packs - Home made biscuits are fun to make (for some of us!) and a waste-free alternative to the pre-wrapped muesli bars - Use fresh, raw fruit and vegetables as tasty snacks that don't need wrapping - pre cutting apples and oranges encourages children to eat them and avoids half eaten apples being thrown away - fill re-useable bottles with water only (consider the BPA free bottles as a healthy alternative to plastic bottles).

Shore to Shore Fun Run/Walk

You will receive information today regarding registering for the Shore to Shore Fun Run. This annual Fun Run/Walk will be held on Sunday 9th April beginning at Takapuna Grammar School and finishing at the Milford Beach Reserve. Registrations can be done online only make sure you register under Verran School. Every registration for our school enables us to apply for a grant to purchase PE equipment, the more we have the more we get. Last year we had close to 100 registered. Parents, Grandparents, Aunts, Uncles, Cousins, Family friends, Workmates, children, dogs can all be registered.

<https://shoretoshore17.eventdesq.com/>

Verran Primary School Hats

Please make sure that your child has their brim or bucket hat at school every day. Please also consider dark coloured, fine weave shirts/tops - these offer greater sun protection. You could also consider a bottle of sunblock in each child's bag - they can put this on when they pop their lunchbox back in their bag. The children will definitely need their water bottles at school this month.

We have hats available at the office. \$17 each.

Regards,
Jeanette Dunning

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.



Safe Kids In Daily Supervision
 "Kids just love it!"



**Before
School Care
After
School Care**

OPEN 7AM TO 830 AM &
3 TO 6PM
VENUE: SCHOOL HALL

Onsite
Office
Email

0210 259 7721
093907721
karlkay@skids.co.nz
BOOK NOW www.skids.co.nz



Kia Ora! We are Karl and Kay Reyes and we have moved from the Philippines 10 years ago. Coming here to New Zealand has allowed us to see the lives of working parents and realised how much we would like to make a difference for children whose parents are working hard for their families. Coming from corporate backgrounds ourselves, we know the pressures of working parents and want to help make a difference in the lives of the children. We believe that teaching children life skills, exploring science and creative arts and being confident in sports will help build the best citizens of the future.

We have been running SKIDS Milford and Campbells Bay for the last 6 years now. We also started doing free parent date nights for parents where we host an event on one date night and children come for free to enjoy, dance and have games on one night. This free event has been so well loved by the community that restaurateurs in North Shore started to put their hand up to give free discount vouchers and even free fine dining vouchers. We believe that happy parents make happy children. And we one with you in helping build a community of loving people for your children.

Please come and visit us in our temporary room at the enviro room from 3-6pm to learn more about us.

Thanks very much.

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Please check the activities we have by visiting our Facebook site: SKIDS Milford, Campbells Bay and Verran Primary

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

After-school art class, Term 1, 2017



This 6-week drawing and painting class provides a fun and focus for children aged 7–12yrs. With step-by-step guidance from artist/ti Bryant students will discover with drawing how simple shapes can sketch more complex images then explore painting with the versatile medium.

Tuesdays 3.30 – 5.00pm starting February 21
 Venue: Highbury house. Cost \$105 (all materials included)
 Bookings: email eion@eionbryant.com, ph. 09 483 6703

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'

Mandarin and Chinese Culture Programme

Is your child interested in learning Mandarin, exploring Chinese calligraphy, painting, chess, music and dancing?

If the answer is yes, please join the after school Chinese course, every Monday 3.30pm at Birkdale Intermediate School. The class will be held once a week.

For more information and to enrol contact:

Renee Huang 021 078 8549 bridge_nz@sina.com



**Beach Haven Birkdale Fun Run and Walk
 Sunday March 5 – 10.30am – Shepherds Park**

Put the date in your diary for a fun filled morning with spot prizes, certificates for every participant and activities for the whole family before during and after the event. Gold coin donation raising money towards connecting our parks and making our coastal walkways more beautiful!!

5km and 1km Courses to choose from
 Like us in Facebook – Beach Haven Fun Run
 Watch this space for more information

