



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

Tuesday 14 Feb

Road Patrol Training

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

Tuesday 28 March

Juniors to Kelly Tarltons

Rooms 6 and 7

Thursday 30 March

Juniors to Kelly Tarltons

Rooms 1, 2 3 and 4

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 16 February - Newsletter 03/2017

Welcome

This week we have welcomed Haider Barni to Room 7, Ahmed Barni to Room 11.

Meet the Teacher Evening

Thanks to the parents/caregivers who came along to meet their child's teacher held on Wednesday evening. For those of you who were unable to attend, teachers will post their information on their class blog for you to read at your leisure.

New Senior Classroom Block

I had a meeting with the Project Manager and Ministry of Education yesterday. Great progress has been made over the past months, the Teachers will be able to have their first look inside on Friday afternoon. We are on schedule to begin classes in this new area for the beginning of Term 2. We plan to have a meeting later this term to inform parents of how we are going to manage this space. Room 9, 10, 11 and 12 will move into the new classroom, Room 5 and 8 will move into Room 9 and 10 - all this will happen over the holidays. Teachers have been working on shared planning, shared timetables during 2016 and so far this term to ensure we have a seamless transition into the new classrooms. It is a very exciting time for us all.

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.

Allergies, Nutrition and keeping children safe

All staff worked with the Public Health Nurse on Tuesday after school updating our skills on identifying allergies and anaphylaxis, risk minimisation, how to respond in an emergency and how to administer the EpiPen device.

We hope we never have to use these skills, and do again ask your help to make sure all children understand that they do not share their food with others and hand washing is essential to keep us all healthy.

Shore to Shore Fun Run/Walk

This event will be held on the 9th April this year, and it is an amazing opportunity for you to exercise and have quality family time. It is also an opportunity for the school to receive free sports equipment. So please enter on line. Ask friends, family and colleagues to enter under our school name. The event starts at Takapuna Grammar and ends with spot prizes and fun at Milford beach. Any inquires see Mrs Nicholson.

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

Our Vision Statement

Education to ready children to thrive in life.

The values, principles and key competencies of the NZ Curriculum all underpin and contribute to the "Verran Way" of caring about Thinking, Honesty, Respect, Innovation, Values, Environment – "THRIVE".

Our School Values

The values we live by at Verran Primary School are those identified in the New Zealand Curriculum:

- Respect: Manaakitanga
- Excellence and Personal Best: Hiranga
- Honesty: Te Ngakau Tika
- Caring for the Environment: Kaitiakitanga
- Innovation and Creativity: Auahatanga

Verran Google Classroom Accounts

All children from Year 3 - 6 have personal Verran Google Classroom Accounts set up in a secure system, protected by N4L (Network 4 Learning, a Ministry Funded Managed Network for Schools). This enables children to access their work, homework, work shared in Google Classroom, at school and at home via their Google Drive. All children have a unique code. Teachers will begin the process slowly of helping children with their Google Classroom setup and using Google Docs. Children will have a Verran email, this is secure - no emails can be sent or received outside our Verran Primary School Managed Network. If any emails are needed to be sent out or in this will be done via the teacher's school email.

These will be the main websites to use.

- <https://www.google.com/drive/>
- <https://classroom.google.com/h>

Key information from our analysis of National Standards data for 2016:

READING

88% of our learners are reading At or Above expectation in reading with 96% of our Y6 students leaving our school reading At or Above.

MATHEMATICS

85% of children are achieving At or Above expectation. 82% of Y6 learners leave achieving At or Above in Mathematics.

WRITING

82% of our learners are achieving At or Above expectation. 91% of Y6 learners leave achieving At or Above in Writing.

We acknowledge the individual efforts of the children and the skills our teachers in continuing to develop the skills needed to make progress.

Te Pou

Work has begun on our major Term 1 project with the preparation of the Pou. Room 11 enthusiastically measured, sanded and began painting the pou which will be transformed over the coming weeks into poles representing five of the school values and decorated by all classes.

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





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How to engage boys into learning!

It's a HOT topic right now and we are tackling it head-on!

We have 3 amazing speakers who will share with us their wealth of knowledge and experience. John Rice, Head of Dilworth Rural Campus Te Haerenga, Michael Good, National Director, ICONZ - activities for boys and Stu Thompson ICONZ, New Zealand Director.

This will NOT be a talk-fest... not lots of theory or no practical ideas to take away!

This WILL be a practical, engaging event that will give you tools to engage boys of ALL ages into learning - starting the very next day!

Come along to find out about:

Addressing issues around boys behaviour, attitude and disengagement from the learning process

Addressing outcomes of violent behaviour in the school environment by mentoring boys through a different approach to resolving fear and anger

Providing schools with outcomes that address the 5 key competencies of the National Curriculum

What is actually working to get boys into learning!

Great for teachers, teacher aides. leadership team and parents!



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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'

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

