



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

Friday 24 February

School Assembly 2:30pm

Monday 27 Feb

Senior Swimming Sports

Thursday 2 March

Information Evening for Parents with children new to schools

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

Friday 24 February - Newsletter 04/2017

Welcome

This week we have Ana Boyd who joins Room 8, Ishaan Gijesh who joins Room 1.

The New Zealand Curriculum identifies five key competencies:

Thinking
Relating to others
Using language, symbols, and texts
Managing self
Participating and contributing

The key competencies are incorporated in the Verran Curriculum. These are integral in the way we expect our children at Verran to behave and care about others, developing great citizens for the future.

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 today 24 February at 2:30pm and all parents, caregivers and friends are very welcome to attend.

Information Evening for Parents with children new to School

We will be holding an information evening for parents of children who have just started school, and parents of children starting school during Term 1 and Term 2.

Please meet Mrs Cooley, Mrs Warringsholz and myself in Room 6 on Thursday 2 March at 6:00pm We will finish at approximately 7:00pm.

Beginning of the year testing - Year 3-6

Shortly your child will be participating in a number of standardised tests including PAT. If your child is concerned about these tests please reassure them that it gives them the chance to show the teacher what they can already do. The teacher can then obviously identify gaps in learning to better enable them to cater to your child's needs. We are able to use this information to set school wide goals. Your teacher may discuss your child's results during our Parent/Child/Teacher conferences early Term 2.

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>

Yummy Fruit Stickers.

We will be collecting these again this year. The school receives free sports equipment from the Yummy fruit company. So please collect a sheet from your child's teacher or the office and send it back when it is full.

School Gate

Auckland Transport engineers visited the school gate after school this week. Several things are happening that are illegal

Cars parking for a long time in a 5 minute area

Cars waiting to use the 'Pick Up Zone' are stationary, therefore blocking the road and are in the eyes of the law 'Double Parking'

Children are climbing into the cars that are Double Parked

For safety issues, we ask parents of 5 Year Olds to pick their children up at the classroom from the Teacher. Many of these parents are walking from the top of Verran Road each day as they can not get a park closer.

Our older members of the school could walk to meet parents at designated areas helping to reduce congestion.

Solutions discussed:

Children walk to cars parked up Verran Road

Arrive at school 3:10 onwards to pick up children

Ask children to walk down walkways to cars -

Castleton Street and Roseberry Avenue

A Walking School Bus organised to various areas of the community

The Verran Road cul-de-sac to become a

'No Parking Area at all times'

Auckland Transport will make the decision, based on safety for all users

Swimming Sessions for Senior Syndicate Children

Our sessions have been completed, a huge thanks to all parents who offered their time to help instruct and supervise children.

We will have our School Swimming Sports on Monday at Birkenhead Pools beginning at 12:30pm

Komiti Kaitiaki

Each year our Year 6 Enviro Leaders work together with Enviro Teachers as our Komiti Kaitiaki. They play an important role in our Enviro Projects throughout the year. Teaching the younger children and planning activities. The Komiti Kaitiaki have key responsibilities. We are fortunate to have such a dedicated group of children.



Update Student Details

It is really important that we have current information and contact details for all our families. Please let the Office Staff know if your details have changed.

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 Per Term

\$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



YUMMY FRUIT STICKERS

Bo Farmer has collected 16 pages of Yummy Fruit Stickers and brought them to school. Thanks Bo, this is an amazing effort.



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

GIRLS RIPPAs RUGBY

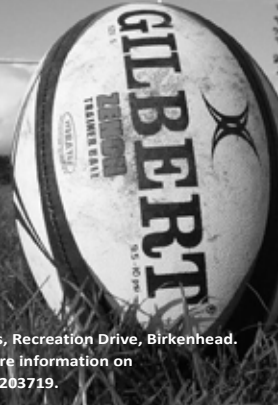
Sign up at Northcote Birkenhead RFC!

2017 JUNIOR GIRLS ONLY RIPPAs GRADES CHART		
Grade	Year Born	Age at Jan 1 st
G1 (Under 13)	2005	11
	2004	12
G2 (Under 11)	2007	9
	2006	10
G3 (Under 9)	2009	7
	2008	8

Come along and register on one of the following dates:

- Wednesday 22nd Feb, 6pm-7.30pm
- Saturday 25th Feb, 10am-2pm (Carnival Day/Have A Go Day)
- Friday 3rd March, 6pm-7.30pm
- Season kicks off Saturday 6th May

At the Northcote Birkenhead Clubrooms, Recreation Drive, Birkenhead.
Please Contact Darrin Robertson for more information on darrin.robertson@pdrgroup.biz or 0274203719.




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



'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
 Only a week and a bit to go until the Barfoot and Thompson Beach Haven Fun Run/Walk!
 Be in the draw to win a UE Boom... register for the Beach Haven Fun Run/Walk online now AND tag a friend to the post on our Facebook page AND then turn up on the day.
 Three easy steps. LIVE music from fabulous young local talent - Ben Glanfield. Face painting, games, food and lots more great prizes on the day - including for the best fancy dress. \$2 entry. So get your costume and your friends and see you at Shepherds Park on 5 March 2017 activities will be starting just after 9am with the 5km start at 10.30am!
<http://www.beachhavenfunrun.co.nz/>
 Search for Beach Haven Fun Run on Facebook

