



# 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

#### Thursday 2 March

Information Evening for Parents with children new to school

#### 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

#### Thursday 16 March

PSG Meeting 7pm

#### Thursday 21 March

BOT Meeting 7pm

#### 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 1 May- Friday 7 July

### Term 3

Monday 24 July - Friday 29 Sept

### Term 4

Monday 16 Oct - Friday 15 December

## Thursday 2 March - Newsletter 05/2017

### School Assembly

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- **Congratulations** to students who received a certificate at assembly last week
  - Room 1 - Ashton Farmer - Manaakitanga - being kind and helpful.
  - - Amalie Bayne - Te Ngakau Tika - responsible and trustworthy.
  - Room 2 - Abby Arona - Manaakitanga - being kind and helpful in class.
  - - Alex Carter - Auahatanga - for great questions and thinking
  - Room 3 - Sylvie Cuthbert-Scott - Auahatanga - using her creativity in all learning areas
  - - Joseph Thomas - Hiranga - for working hard to complete tasks to a high standard.
  - Room 4 - Lexi Yates - Manaakitanga - being kind and considerate and having excellent manners.
  - - Aaryan Bhatia - Te Ngakau Tika - being responsible and reliable at all times.
  - Room 5 - Laurence Carter - Manaaki - Always shows respect towards his peers and adults.
  - - Ashley Brook - Ngakau - Consistently exhibiting self-reliance, responsibility in completion of independent tasks.
  - Room 6 - Jack Dobson - Hiranga - always giving his personal best.
  - - Elise Cater - Hiranga - Excellent effort in all areas.
  - Room 7 - Olivia Malcolm - Hiranga - Effort and achievement in all areas of reading.
  - - Lily-Jane O'Connor - Hiranga - Original ideas and content in writing.
  - Room 8 - Archie Fitzsimmons - Manaakitanga - Listening to others carefully and showing respect.
  - - Coco Fraser - Manaakitanga - Being helpful and kind to others.
  - Room 9 - David Malo - Hiranga - Excellence. Giving all learning tasks a go with a positive can do attitude.
  - - Rocco Jackson - Manaakitanga - respect. Having a fantastic attitude towards learning, always including and helping his classmates.
  - Room 10 - Benny Drummond - Hiranga - Excellent attitude and effort towards his learning.
  - - Abbie Demain - Hiranga - Excellent attitude and effort towards her learning.
  - Room 11 - Noah Blandford - Displaying manaakitanga towards others in Room 11.
  - - Rhaea Tusini - Showing hiranga towards her learning
  - Room 12 - Jade Setford - Hiranga - Exhibiting a fantastic attitude towards daily activities resulting in strong outcomes.
  - - Madeleine Loughton - Hiranga - Demonstrating persistence, perseverance and excellence across the curriculum.

### Road Runner Enviro Award

• Ella Sievert – Kaitiakitanga. For her caring attitude towards others and nga heihei.

### 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.

### *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.

### *Beach Ed for Senior Syndicate*

Senior Syndicate classes will be travelling to Red Beach to participate in the Surf Life Saving Beach Ed Programme. Refer to the letters sent home re your child's class visit. We need parents to help with the supervision in the Water Based activity - if you can help, please advise your child's teacher.

### *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.

### *Reporting to Parents*

This year we will be changing our Reporting to Parents slightly. Children that are tested at their Anniversary of completing 1 Year, 2 Years or 3 Years of School will receive an 'Anniversary Report'. This will indicate where your child is in relation to the National Standards. All children will receive a Mid Year Progress Report and an End of Year Report - these reports will have comments from the Teacher and Next Steps for their learning.

### *Senior Syndicate Swimming Sports*

Congratulations to all children - excellent participation and support throughout the day. It was great to see so many of the children electing to compete in the length events. Thank you to all the parents who helped on the day, and to the parents supporting. Thanks to all Staff, special thanks to Mr Swanson for organising the day.

### *Give it a go*

It is important that we all encourage children to give things a try. It is OK to make mistakes.



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*

### **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>*



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#### News Flash

Skye Gilroy plays cricket for the Birkenhead 8 - 9 year olds Mixed Team - 'Stags'

In the weekend she bowled 2 overs and got 5 wickets - bowled 3 out in the first over, and 2 run outs in the second over.

Skye when batting hit two fours and was named 'Player of the Day'



#### 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](http://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](mailto:admin@flashbangscienceclub.co.nz)'.*

## **Beach Haven Birkdale Fun Run and Walk**

**Sunday March 5 – 10.30am – Shepherds Park**

*This Sunday!. Weather's looking great for our stunning 5km and 1km options. Only \$2 entry. 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. Online registration (and opportunity to win a UE Pre-registration is at the Beach Haven Community house Friday 3pm-7pm. You can also register on the morning from 9am. Race starts at 10:30am.*

*Proudly support by Kari-lee Haldane and Barfoot and Thompson Beach Haven, Recreation Services, Calliope Athletics, Kaipatiki Local Board and Beach Haven Birkdale Communities*  
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