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 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

School Charter and Strategic Plan

Our School Charter and Strategic Plan have been submitted to the Ministry of Education. A copy is available in the office foyer for parents to view. This is a document that is reviewed each year. Any submissions for the Board to consider are most welcome. Please forward these to the school office or discuss with a Board of Trustees member.

Thursday 9 March - Newsletter 06/2017

Welcome

We have welcomed Chase Kelly this week. Chase joins the children in Room 6.

Safety at School

We have noticed a number of children walking across the main entrance driveway, and parents bringing children through the carpark. Please use the footpath access on either side of the driveway.

Late Arrivals and Absentees

If children arrive after the 8:55am bell, a late pass from the office is needed before going to class. We would prefer it if the children could arrive between 8.30 am and 8.45 am so that they have time to put their bags away and generally be ready to start promptly.
All absentees are entered electronically. Messages for absentees left on the phones will be checked during the morning. Please phone or text if your child is not going to be at school.

Sports Teams

Our Basketball/Miniball season begins this week. We would like to thank our sponsors for their help with the extra sports uniforms. All teams will turn out in a Verran Primary School Sports Uniform this year.

Verran Primary School thanks

Birkenhead Transport
Urban Turf Solutions
Chester Consultants
Game on Turf
Mercer
Harcourts
Nancekivell Cairn Engineeers

Dental Van at School Next Week

The Mobile Dental Van will be visiting our School from Monday 13 March to Friday 24 March to examine children who are due to be seen . The clinic contact for our school is Birkenhead Childrens' Community Dental Clinic phone 09 4809602

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.

Safety walking home

As you will have heard on the news these past weeks, there have been incidents whereby strangers try to get children into cars. It is important we all talk to children about their safety - make sure they walk in groups and what to do if someone they don't know does stop to talk to them. Do your children have 'Safety Houses' (people they know) on their route home, that they could run to if they needed?

Beach Ed for Senior Syndicate

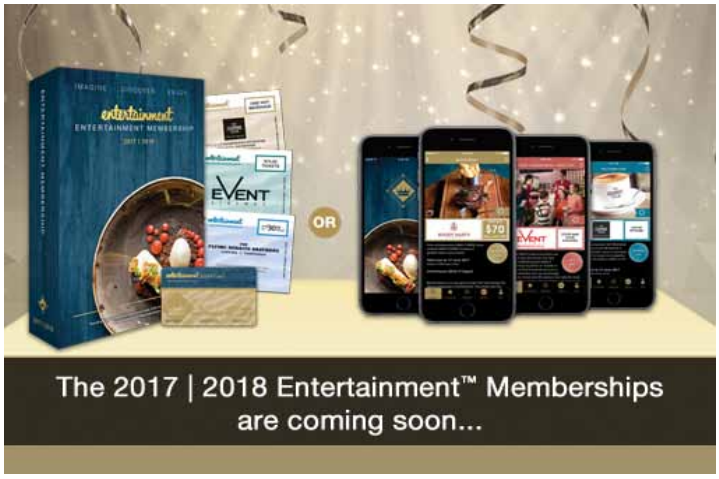
A mixed week of weather for the visits to Red Beach - thank you to our parents for helping with supervision.

Verran PSG Fundraising

Verran Primary School is running this Entertainment Book fundraiser early Term 2 but before then you can purchase the 2017/2018 book/membership ahead of the launch in April and receive bonus early bird offers. Here's how you can help...

We are raising as much as we can to support our school, and we need your help! Order your NEW 2017 | 2018 Entertainment Book or Entertainment Digital Membership now. You'll receive hundreds of valuable offers for everything you love to do, and help our fundraising at the same time!

Please see the notice sent home to families to place an order.



Regards
Jeanette Dunning

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

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

Sport Results

Verran Cricket Blitz v Kauri Park ~ Lost

Player of the Day: Lola Langguth

KidsLink®

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!

Hartbeeps

www.hartbeeps.co.nz
https://www.facebook.com/Hart-beeps-NZ-332399640480292/

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**

Marrzipan

'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'.*

Beach Haven Birkdale Fun Run and Walk

WOW! What a day!

Last Sunday a record 584 registered runners and walkers enjoyed our wonderful parks and walks at the Barfoot and Thompson Beach Haven Fun Run and Walk. With over 600 attendees on the day this vibrant, fun event has once again blown us away with their enthusiasm and sense of community.

This has been achieved in no small way to the support you have shown in promoting the Fun Run leading up to the event.

On behalf of the organising committee I would like to thank you for your support and we look forward to making things even bigger and brighter in 2018!