



# 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

#### Tuesday 21 March

BOT Meeting 7pm

#### Thursday 23 March

PSG Uniform Day Gold coin donation

#### 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 16 March - Newsletter 07/2017

### Welcome

We have welcomed Sam Mendes Marshall, Oban French and Tegan Tusini this week, all joining the children in Room 6.

### New Staff

We have welcomed Mrs Judith Leonard to our Verran Team. Mrs Leonard is a Teacher Aide, she will be working predominantly in Room 5 but as time allows she may work in other classes.

### Staff Changes

Mrs Wynne, teaching in Room 5 has tendered her resignation, Mrs Wynne will continue teaching in Room 5 until the end of Term 1. Mrs Blair, currently teaching in Room 2, will be moving to teach our new Year 1 class starting Term 2. We are currently advertising to fill these positions and will inform our Verran Community when we have found successful applicants.

### Progress with the New Building

Internal fixtures and fittings are nearly completed, and the external cladding is almost complete also. Next week there will be a digger working on the storm water drains at the bottom of the bank and this will require extra fencing to allow the work to continue. Children will have a narrow access / passage way to the fields beside the Library for a short time.

Furniture for the new classrooms will be ordered this week, arriving during the holidays. Our thanks to our Board of Trustees for supporting this. The Ministry of Education do allocate an allowance for furniture, our Board of Trustees budgeting for the difference.

Room 5 and 8 also have a move, they will be moving to Room 9 and 10 over the holidays. Room 8 will become the new Year 1 Room at the beginning of Term 2.

### PSG Fundraising

Thank you to all who have taken an Easter Chocolate Box. Thanks also to those families who have sold their box and have returned for more. The PSG have some fun fundraising ideas and we need your support. Our next PSG meeting is tonight 7:00pm in the Staffroom please come along and meet and discuss ideas with other parents.

### BOT meeting

Next meeting will be held on Tuesday 21 March in the Staff Room at 7:00pm This is a public meeting, parents are most welcome to attend.

### Interschool Swimming Sports - Wednesday 22nd March.

This event, organised by Chelsea School, will be held at the Birkenhead Leisure Centre Pools. Participating children have been notified. Mr Swanson will be with our Swimming Team throughout the day. Parents are most welcome to come along and watch.

### Dental Van at School

The Mobile Dental Van will be visiting our School until Friday 24 March. 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.

## Cluster Cricket Day

Unfortunately I was not able to get to see the teams participate but have heard from Ms Davis and Mr Swanson - 'the kids were awesome', 'our parent helpers were superb, the best!'. Thank you to all our Cricketers for their excellent behaviour, skills and sportsmanship shown and thank you to our parents. We had 40 children participating yesterday - Thanks also to Ms Davis and Mr Swanson. "Yesterday our cricket teams played in the Birkenhead /Birkdale Cluster Zone Cricket Tournament held at Birkenhead Memorial Park. It was a very successful day for Verran Teams. A big thank you to the parents who helped with transporting, managing, coaching and encouraging the children on the day.

### Results

Girls - Played 5 - Won 4 Runners Up Championship Grade

Boys - Verran 3 - Played 5 - Won 4

- Verran 2 - Played 5 - Won 4 3rd Place Championship Grade

- Verran 1 - Played 5 - Won 5

1st Place - Overall Zone Championship Winners

Winning Team was - Finn Cloutman, Jackson Eliffe, Jaxin Aitken-Thom, Brodie Muno, Joshua Reid, Quinn Walker, Johan Lockett, Krish Nair, Rocco Jackson, Shunta Shinzaki.  
- by Ms Davis

## Cellphones At School

The teachers and I have noticed an increase in the number of children bringing cellphones to school. Some are also bringing expensive digital or electronic devices. We understand that families like their children to keep safe and often it is very convenient for children to have access to a cellphone to communicate with their parents before and after school especially when care arrangements may change. However, please note how school likes to monitor phones that belong to or are carried by children. Electronic toys of any kind should not be brought to school. We would discourage this and we are not responsible for keeping these devices safe. Phones must be handed in to the office before school and picked up at the end of the school day. They are not to be left in bags or taken into classrooms or used as cameras in the playground.

## Supporting Our Road Patrol Monitors

The safety of children on roads as they come to and leave school is of concern. We have a Kea Crossing on Verran Road operating afterschool only. The Kea Crossing is controlled by Year 6 Road Patrol Monitors and duty teachers from 3.00pm till 3.10pm. Wardens are trained by police officers and they do this job very well. Please role model using these crossings to our children. It is disappointing and less safe when adults take children across the road in other places that are not patrolled. Thank you for doing this and supporting our road patrols. Thank you to all our drivers who keep the Kea Crossing clear so the Road Patrol Monitors can see the road and make safe decisions.

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 per Term - Materials associated with class programmes where extra materials need to be purchased.

### Sport Results

#### Basketball

**Verran Leopards v Willow Park ~ Lost 14 - 6**

Player of the Day: Whole Team

**Verran Lions v Willow Park ~ Won 32 - 2**

Player of the Day: Whole Team

**Verran Pumas v Hauraki ~ Lost 10 - 6**

Player of the Day: Whole Team



## Shore to Shore Fun Run/Walk

This event will be held on the 9th April this year. 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. Please see Mrs Nicholson if you have any queries.  
<https://shoretoshore17.eventdesq.com/org>

### SKIDS

As from Term 2 the Before School and After School programme will be based in and around Room 12.



**SKIDS**  
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  
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**Monarchs are winning - wasps are losing!**

Eggs that are being laid now are not being sought after by the social wasps. It seems that the social wasps have finished feeding the juvenile wasps protein (e.g. caterpillars) and all of the social wasps are seeking nectar to top up their reserves before the winter.

We are hearing from some that there are dozens of caterpillars on swan plants. Some members are posting on our forum looking for more food for hungry caterpillars. Let them eat the stems right down, and then plant out the stumps - surely some will survive the winter. Don't feed them pumpkin as an alternative, it's a waste of time. The butterflies will surely be deformed.



[www.hartbeeps.co.nz](http://www.hartbeeps.co.nz)

<https://www.facebook.com/Hartbeeps-NZ-332399640480292/>

**Girl Guiding NZ Beachaven**

Girl Guiding New Zealand enables girls and young women to develop their full potential and make a difference in the world. At Girl Guiding NZ we believe that confidence, self-esteem and an appreciation of the outdoors can be gained through a combination of choice, co-operation and personal challenges.

Beachaven units have vacancies available for girls aged 5-13 years:

Pippins 5-7 years meet on a Thursday from 4:30-5:30pm.

Brownies 7-9 1/2 years meet on a Tuesday 4:30-6pm.

Guides 9-13 years meet on a Wednesday 6:30-8:30pm

At: Beachaven Guide Den

Tui Park

Rambler Cres

Beachaven

Programmes appropriate to different age groups provide regular opportunities for participation and fun in recreation, learning for leisure, and life skills. Activities offer numerous areas of choice, challenge, achievement and new experiences, especially in the outdoors. Members are encouraged to involve themselves in community service and to participate in international opportunities. Programmes provide a balance of physical, mental and social development with underlying spiritual values. A significant emphasis is placed on outdoor activities and teamwork. There is a focus on girl leadership and responsibility for self and others, enabling ordinary people to achieve extraordinary things.

We offer 3 free visits before making a commitment ☺. Please feel free to turn up on the night or for further information on our web site:

[www.girlguidingnz.org.nz](http://www.girlguidingnz.org.nz)



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

Marrzipan



The poster features a vibrant, eco-friendly illustration. At the top, a hot air balloon floats in a blue sky. Below it, a green hill is topped with a wind turbine and a small house. A bicycle is parked on the grass in the foreground. A banner with colorful flags hangs across the middle. The text is arranged in a clean, modern layout with various colors and fonts.

**ecofest**  
KAIPATI KI

**ENVIRO FUNDAY**

**SATURDAY 25th MARCH 2017, 10-2**

• FACE PAINTING • HARAKEKE WEAVING • GUIDED BUSH WALKS •

**KAIPATI KI PROJECT, 17 LAUDERDALE ROAD, BIRKDALE**

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#### Art in the Holidays

Drawing and Painting One-day workshop for ages 7 - 12 yrs.

Imagine parachuting with a dog to keep you company! Kids will create a vibrant acrylic painting of this fun image with step-by-step guidance from artist/tutor Eion Bryant.

Venue: Highbury House, Birkenhead, Monday April 24th, 10am - 3.00pm

Cost: \$50 (includes all materials)

BOOKINGS: email [eion@eionbryant.com](mailto:eion@eionbryant.com), ph. 483 6703