



# 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

#### Thursday 23 March

PSG Uniform Day Gold coin donation

#### Tuesday 28 March

Juniors to Kelly Tarltons

Rooms 6 and 7

BOT Meeting 7pm

#### 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 23 March - Newsletter 08/2017

### Welcome

We have welcomed Madison Casuer-Steedman to Room 6 this week.

The term is flying by and it is great to see the children are working well on a variety of projects across the school and it is great to see the children apply themselves to their learning. There is a great deal of sports events on and a big thankyou to the teachers and parents that get in behind the event to make everything happen so smoothly. Without parents support there would be many things that would not happen for the children. Thank you for all your support in whatever capacity given to the children of Verran Primary School.

### Progress with the New Building

Mrs Thompson, Mr Swanson, Mrs Krone, Ms Davis and Miss Robertshaw have been visiting other schools and working with facilitators to look at how we will operate in the new space. This will be shared with parents when we have a space to meet, preferably in the new space so we can visualise it all. In preparation for the move, the four classes have been working together as a group and children from these classes may be working with different teachers for Mathematics. This will continue when they move into the new space.

### Enviro News

March is WhioForever month where we celebrate our special endemic Blue Duck. Enter the colouring competition and duckface competition at [www.whioforever.co.nz/pucker-up-to-win-a-whio-wilderness-experience/](http://www.whioforever.co.nz/pucker-up-to-win-a-whio-wilderness-experience/)

Kiwis for Kiwi Grab a Whittaker's Chocolate Kiwi and 20c from each purchase is donated to Kiwis for Kiwi Operation Nest Egg.

### Cluster Cricket Day

Birkenhead Cricket attended our Jump Jam session this morning. After the Jump Jam they presented the 'Player of the Tournament' award to Jackson Elliffe. Congratulations Jackson. He won a cricket bat.

### Safety at the School Gate

We have been in discussion with Auckland Transport about improving the Drop Off, Pick Up system in Verran Road. I have met with an Engineer and the Education Facilitator to discuss options. Our options are very limited.

Our current situation - the cul-de-sac on Verran Road has signs indicating it is a 5 Minute Parking Zone from 8:30am - 9:30am and 2:30 - 3:30pm, Monday - Friday. These are not school signs, they are official Road Signs. The Drop of Zone - is an area we have asked to keep clear to help parents pick up their children. It will not work if parents park here and wait. Please refrain from doing a U turn in Verran Road - as the road is narrow and cars are parked on both sides of the road, and you hold up traffic in both directions. Cars also have to cross the footpath and this is where children are walking. Please consider the safety of all children.

### 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.



The visitors we had from Auckland Transport were instructed by Auckland Transport to monitor the parking, not the School. Any parking infringements or other infringements that resulted in the issue of a ticket, are not from the school. The road is the responsibility of Auckland Transport and the Police.

Parking is difficult, and again I ask for parents with older children if they could be encouraged to walk to meet you at other walkways or further up Verran Road, parking would then be available for the parents of our younger children.

### Lost Property

Our lost property trolley is overflowing. If you have lost an item of clothing or a lunchbox... chances are it will be here. Please come and collect any lost property before the end of the term before everything left behind is donated to charity.

### BOT meeting

Next meeting will be held on Tuesday 28 March in the Staff Room at 7:00pm This is a public meeting, parents are most welcome to attend.

### Jump Jam

It is great to see the number of parents staying to watch the children with their Jump Jam. You are most welcome to join the class lines and exercise with the children, or as some parents are doing, join in on the sides.

### School Donations 2017...

Thank you to everyone who has been able to fully pay or part pay their school donations for 2017. Please also remember that you are able to claim your donations back as part of your tax return as long as they are paid before the 31st March. You will need to access a [Tax credit claim form 2017 IR526](#)

### Kelloggs supporting Schools with Free Books

If you purchase any Kelloggs items from the supermarket, Collect your receipt and send them to school. We can submit these to Kelloggs and redeem them for new books.

Regards  
Jeanette Dunning



Thank you to all our sponsors for helping us get new sports uniforms. They look great. Thanks to the PSG for organising this for our children.

### Sport Results

#### Basketball

**Verran Cheetahs v Bayview ~ Won 22 - 0**

Player of the Day: Whole Team

**Verran Jaguars v Glenfield ~ Lost 8 - 4**

Player of the Day: Whole Team

**Verran Tigers v Birkenhead ~ Lost 6 - 4**

Player of the Day: Whole Team

**Verran Leopards v Bayfield ~ Lost 28 - 4**

Player of the Day: Flinn Olson

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

Player of the Day: James Whatman

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

Player of the Day: Whole Team

#### Cricket Blitz

**Verran v BeachHaven A - A Win to Verran**

Player of the Day: Daniel Mehdi



### Shore to Shore Fun Run/Walk

This event will be held on the 9th April this year. To date we have a team of 45 registered. 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>



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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.



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*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 building. 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.

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**ENVIRO FUNDAY**

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

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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