



# 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

#### Sunday 9th April

Shore to Shore Fun Run

#### Wednesday 12 April

Year 6 Waterwise - Birkenhead Wharf

#### 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

#### Monday 1 May

Blessing of New Classrooms 6:30am

#### Wednesday 10 April

Constable Harwood talks to the school

#### Friday 19 May

Trees for Survival Planting Day88i

### Term 3

Monday 24 July - Friday 29 Sept

### Term 4

Monday 16 Oct - Friday 15 December

Thursday 6 April - Newsletter 10/2017

## Whole School Assembly

**Congratulations to students who received a certificate at assembly last week**

### Room 1

Lilly Mandeville - Hiranga - Fantastic effort in Art.

Campbell Thorne - Hiranga - Trying hard and doing his best in story writing.

### Room 2

Brooklyn Christie - Te Ngakau Tika - a hardworking and responsible class member.

Rei Ratanaphol - Hiranga - Always trying his best and making steady progress.

### Room 3

Holly Alchin - Hiranga - Always striving to do her best in all learning areas.

Toby Siemonavich - Te Ngakau Tika - Being an honest and responsible class member.

### Room 4

Aillis Chang - Te Ngakau Tika - Being responsible, honest and hard working in class

Tehya Langguth - Hiranga - Always trying her best in all learning areas.

### Room 6

Sophia Jones - Manaaki - Always helpful and respectful towards per peers and teacher.

Annabelle Isa - Hiranga - Always trying her best and making great progress.

### Room 7

Summer Brebner - Hiranga - Personal best in reading and attempting tricky words.

Raymond Hu - Auahatanga - Showing curiosity and making clever observations

### Room 5

India Munro - Hiranga. Always producing her best efforts across the curriculum.

Isabella Robinson - Ngakau. Self-reliant, self-controlled, always showing a high level of responsibility

### Room 8

Thomson Farmer - Hiranga - for presenting an excellent report.

Luke Matthews - Hiranga - for sharing his non-fiction passion and knowledge

### Room 9

Ella Sievert - Auahatanga. Showing curiosity and creativity towards all tasks.

Blake Guthrie - Hiranga. Making great choices by understanding how he best learns

### Room 10

Alexa Dittmar - Hiranga. Making excellent progress across the curriculum

Billy Higgins - Manaakitanga and Hiranga. A fantastic role model in Room 10

### Room 11

Olivia Cornelius - Showing Hiranga by always striving to achieve work of a high standard

Liam Lewis - Displaying Auahatanga by curiously and eagerly questioning his learning

### Room 12

Lexi Grace Preston - Hiranga. Demonstrating persistence and resilience resulting in strong progress.

Tyler Stevenson - Hiranga. Working at his best across all areas resulting in strong progress

### Enviro Award

Tyler Stevenson: Manaakitanga, being caring and helping others at Envirogroup.

## SKIDS

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

## 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.



## End of Term

Thursday 13th April is our last day of School this term.

School will finish at 2:00pm. Please make the arrangements for the early finish.

### Thursday 13th April School Day

8:55 - 11:00 Morning Classroom Sessions

11:00 - 12:00 PLUNCH (Interval and Lunch combined)

12:00 - 2:00 Afternoon Classroom Sessions (Assembly at 1:45pm)

## Special Assembly

Constable Steve Harwood will be attending a Special Assembly 10am Wednesday 10th of May. Constable Harwood will be discussing with the children "Ways to Keep Themselves Safe". We hope to have this in the New Classrooms. Parents are most welcome to join us.

## Verran Primary School Calendar App

This App is available for all devices - ios or Android - we would like to thank the following companies who support the Verran Primary School Calendar App:

Number Works N Words Birkenhead  
North Shore Glass Co. Ltd  
Harcourt's Cooper & Co – Dianne Lundquist  
Auto Super Shoppe Birkenhead  
Mobil Verrans Corner  
Glenfield Mall  
sKids Verran  
Fruit Guys  
Birkdale Pharmacy  
The Elements Medi-Spa & Beauty  
North Shore Toyota  
Head Hair Design

## Safety at the School Gate

Before and after school is a busy time for everyone. Parking rules help protect our children and keep them safe. Drivers who park illegally put our kids at risk. I have been advised by Auckland Transport that on occasions, parking officers will be on patrol outside our school to issue tickets to those who are illegally parked. Fines start at \$40 and there is a zero tolerance policy. This is the same for all schools.

Please do not double park on Verran Rd and make sure you are parked one metre away from driveways.

## Shore To Shore Fun Run

### Sunday 9th April

We have a Verran Site - our School Banner will be flying - children and parents can meet at our School Site - it is the first space under the trees by the Finish Line. There will be food and drinks available at Milford Reserve from various providers, we are not allowed to sell these this year. Thanks to all the families who have registered. Mrs Nicholson and Miss Watson will meet you at the start line, Ms Dunning will be at the finish line/School Site.

Mrs Nicholson will be preparing a grant application for Sports equipment to send to the Shore To Shore Trust.

Regards  
Jeanette Dunning



*I am Heihei. I have never laid an egg, I just like living at Verran Primary School and climbing the trees.*



*I am Cream and I am an Oracana and my eggs have a blue shell. I visited Verran last year with Miss Robertshaw as a wee chicken.*

*This year our chicken monitors are Ella, MacKenzie and Sommer.*

## 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 Cheetahs v Target Road ~ Won 24 - 0**

*Player of the Day: Whole Team*

**Verran Jaguars v Birkenhead ~ Lost 10 - 4**

*Player of the Day: Whole Team*

**Verran Tigers v Birkenhead ~ Drew 6 - 6**

*Player of the Day: Whole Team*

**Verran Leopards v Northcote ~ Won 9 - 2**

*Player of the Day: Whole Team*

**Verran Lions v Manuka ~ Lost 41 - 14**

*Player of the Day: Shunta Shiinzaki*

*Fair Play: Ciara Webber*

**Verran Pumas v Willow Park ~ Lost 12 - 8**

*Player of the Day: Daymon Nuttney*



*I am Weka and I am a Bantam rescued from Albany. My eggs are small and have a white shell.*

*I am Goldie and I am a Brown Shaver and I lay eggs with a brown shell*





# Holiday Programme



Verran School

Room 8 and Enviro Room

ALL CHILDREN FROM OTHER PRIMARY SCHOOLS WELCOME TO JOIN

Week 1 Earlybird Rate (paid before 1<sup>st</sup> April) \$220

Week 2 Earlybird Rate (paid before 1<sup>st</sup> April) \$220

Week 1 Regular Rate (paid after 1<sup>st</sup> April) \$240

Week 2 Regular Rate (paid after 1<sup>st</sup> April) \$240

Open from 7am to 6pm daily

17 Apr MON

Sorry, we're

CLOSED



18 Apr TUE

MOANA DAY

Cooking Classes with

Master Chef



19 Apr WED

TRIP DAY

Extreme Bowling

and Laser Force



20 Apr THU

SPORTS CAMP

Day 1



21 Apr FRI

SPORTS CAMP

Day 2



24 Apr MON

TRIP DAY

New attractions at

Auckland

ZOO



25 Apr TUE

Sorry, we're

CLOSED



26 Apr WED

JAZZ UP MY RIDE

Wheels Day & Scavenger

Hunt



27 Apr THU

EVERYTHING

HIPHOP

A day to enjoy music!



28 Apr FRI

TRIP DAY

Learn how to sail a really

big sailing boat!



For more information, you may reach us at

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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



**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.

**INTERNATIONAL TWILIGHT FOOD FEST**  
**FRIDAY 7TH APRIL 2017**  
**4:00-9:00 PM**  
**BIRKDALE NORTH SCHOOL**  
 Mainstream classes  
 Ngā Muka - Whānau class  
 L'Étoile du Nord - French-English bilingual unit  
**Live rock band - The DeSofoes**  
**Live cultural entertainment**  
 Wāi Māori, Haka, Māori, Pacific, Chinese, Japanese, Hindi, Punjabi, Spanish, Vietnamese, Korean, Thai, Malay, Indonesian, and more.  
**Children's activities**  
 Bouncy castle, Little Dancers & Singers  
**Wine, beer and food from around the world for purchase**  
 Pizzas, Burgers, Pasta, Sushi, Kebabs, Puffins, Breads, Breads, Curry, Quiche & Much More!  
**FREE ADMISSION**  
 Kindly supported by:  
**BENEFITZ** - Future thinkers.  
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 Birkdale Branch  
 Birkdale North School  
 211 Birkdale Rd, North Shore, Auckland  
 Cash and EFTPOS (no cash out)  
 For further information: [play@birkdalenorth.school.nz](mailto:play@birkdalenorth.school.nz)  
 Organised by the P.T.A. of Birkdale North School  
**This is a non-BYO event**

**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



**PAA HARAKEKE WORKING BEE - WEDS 26TH APRIL 2017**  
 Come and Help Maintain the Harakeke  
 We will begin with a short walk into the reserve to the Pa Harakeke location. Here local weaver Judy Te Hiwi will teach us how to maintain and promote healthy regrowth of our harakeke as we work together to clean up the site. Meet at 10am at the Substation on Eskdale Road. 82A Eskdale Road, Birkdale.  
[admin@kaipatiki.org.nz](mailto:admin@kaipatiki.org.nz) (09) 482 1172

**WEEDING DAY - SAT 27 MAY 2017**  
 Come and Help Weed in Preparation for our Winter Planting Season  
 Meet at 10am at Domain Road off Glenfield Road. Come and help to release plants and weed in preparation for our winter planting season.  
 Refreshments provided and some spades.  
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