



Verran Primary School

Education to Ready Children to Thrive in Life



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IMPORTANT DATES

Term 2 2017

Monday 1 May- Friday 7 July

Wednesday 10 May

Constable Harwood talks to the school about 'Keeping Ourselves Safe'

Friday 19 May

Trees for Survival Planting Day
(Saver Day 2 June)

Friday 26 May

Whole School Assembly

Monday 29 May

Class Photos
Individual Photos

Thursday 1 June

Parent/Teacher/Child Interviews

Thursday 8 June

Ripper Rugby

Friday 9 June

Year 4 Trip to Tiritiri Matangi

Thursday 15 June

MT and AR to Tiritiri Matangi

Friday 16 June

NS and KD to Tiritiri Matangi

Friday 23 June

Kaipatiki Schools Matariki Festival
Birkdale Intermediate

Tuesday 27 June

Room 2 and 4 to Auckland Museum

Wednesday 28 June

Room 1 and 2 to Auckland Museum

Thursday 29 June

Room 6, 7 and 8 to Auckland Museum

Term 3

Monday 24 July - Friday 29 Sept

Term 4

Monday 16 Oct - Friday 15 December

Thursday 11 May - Newsletter 13/2017 Welcome

We have welcomed Henare Cherrington - Room 2 and Azryiel Cherrington - Room 4 who have joined the school this week. Great to see you back.

New Classrooms

Finally the word was received from the Ministry of Education on Friday and the four classes moved into the new class spaces. Lots of excitement as a new journey begins for us all. We have guardian groups for each class - Team Thompson(MT)-Team Swanson(NS)-Team Krone/Davis (KD)-Team Robertshaw(AR).



Toys at School (Pokemon Cards, Fidget Spinners, Transformers, BayBlades etc)

The variety of toys available for children is amazing. As with any popular craze amongst children, Pokemon cards, Fidget Spinners and other toys are starting to cause issues for class teachers. Toys are not part of our school programme and we do not wish for them to take time away from learning, therefore teachers will not be policing cards or toys or following up on those that go missing. Please make sure your child understands that there are risks when bringing toys to school, they can be used in the playground during Interval and Lunch but get placed in their bags after these breaks.

Netball / Hockey / Basketball Fees

Sports fees are charged by the affiliated sports associations to register teams. Non payment means your child will not be registered and will not be able to play. If your child is playing in a team we ask that you pay your sports fee immediately to avoid the school being out of pocket. If alternative arrangements need to be made please discuss with Ms Dunning.

School Assembly

Our Whole School assembly is held on the last Friday of each month. We will use the New Classroom block for this. Each month, a class will host the assembly and everyone is welcome. Assembly will start at 2:15pm. School Assembly will be held on Friday 26 May.

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.

Children and their Learning

It is important that all children practice and develop word analysis strategies through speed reading, sight vocabulary, and targeted reading practice geared at developing reading fluency. Research says that an 'average' student can see a word 4- 10 times and remember it. The same word may take a struggling learner up to 500 - 1500 times before they remember it. Learners that are struggling require repetition to assist with long term memory. Teachers at Verran use a variety of techniques to help develop these skills in class. Learning games, computer programmes and regular revision and support from home help children as well. This is why reading at home and talking with your children about the meaning of words is extremely important.

Enviro News

Taniwha Makeover

Team Thompson are giving Tane the Taniwha a new look. This includes renewing his tongue and redoing his vocal chords, giving him a new voice and message. Mr Robertson's team would like any children to suggest a good message that Tane can deliver. Some classes are already working on it and are creating a rap. Please hand in any suggestions to the office.



E-Learning

Our thanks to all our families who have helped with fundraising efforts over the past year, your good work has enabled the Board of Trustees to purchase 24 Chrome books for the school. 4 of the Chrome books will be used in the Library to enable children to access the Cloud Based Library Programme which has all our books and more. 5 will go to each of the teaching teams in the new classrooms to enable children to search the web for their Inquiry work. We hope to be able to purchase more as the year progresses.

Walking to School

Rochelle Pethybridge from Auckland Transport is our Community Transport Coordinator. She and a colleague will meet children at Castleton Street and Berne Place on the morning of 12th May at 8:30am. Any children that join Rochelle and Louise will be able to have a warm Milo drink.

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 Cheetahs v Campbells Bay ~ Won 18 - 2

Player of the Day: Jordan Paterson

Verran Jaguars v Verran Tigers ~ Lost 6 - 0

Player of the Day: Whole Team

Verran Tigers v Verran Jaguars ~ Won 6 - 2

Player of the Day: Whole Team

Verran Leopards v Hauraki ~ Won 14 - 5

Player of the Day: Flinn Olson

Fair Play: Rhaea Tusini

Verran Lions v Northcote ~ Won 24 - 20

Player of the Day: Shunta Shinzaki

Fair Play: Kiana Williamson

Verran Pumas ~ BYE

Hockey

Verran 1 v Wainui ~ Won 3 - 0

Player of the Day: Whole Team

Verran 2 v Browns Bay ~ Lost 3 - 1

Player of the Day: Whole Team

We have had another delivery of Basketball Singlets and shorts and Netball skorts. These uniforms have been sponsored by Birkenhead New World.

They look great. Thanks to the PSG for organising this for our children.

Gold Medals

Congratulations to Ms Davis and her New Zealand Masters Hockey team, beating Australia in the final and winning the 2017 Gold Medal. Great to have her back, no bruises or injuries. (That we can see)

NEW

Pita Pit deliver lunch to Verran Primary

available every Thursday starting May 11th

It's simple; all you need to do is register at www.lunchonline.co.nz and follow 4 easy steps to get started

- 1 Register an account
- 2 Add member/s including your child's name, school and classroom
- 3 Make a payment so you have funds in your account before you order
- 4 Select your lunch and place an order



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Hells PIZZA Lunches - Term 2

Hells Pizzas available certain Friday's to pre-order. To make money handling easier you can pre-order for any or all of the four Fridays that Pizzas are available for the remainder of this term. *Please take note of the Fridays for this term that we have Pizza lunches, the first Friday is not until Friday 19th May.*

Pre-Order your Hells Pizza Lunch

These, pre-ordered, snack sized pizzas are only \$5. Each pizza is made to order with fresh ingredients by Hell Pizza Glenfield. Order yours now by completing the form below and returning, with money, to school. New order forms will come out the week before each Friday the Pizzas are available but you can take advantage of ordering ahead of time if you wish. Eftpos available at the office or you can deposit money into the **Verran Fundraising account 12-3035-0515665-00** and then **email the order form** to the office. **Without an order form your order may be missed.** Each fortnight **orders must be received by the Wednesday 9am** before the Friday of the dates below. Any queries please contact the office.

HELLS PIZZA MENU

DOOM HAM, CHEESE AND PINEAPPLE
PRIDE MUSHROOMS, CAPSICUMS, TOMATOES, PINEAPPLE, FETA
CHAOS HAM AND CHEESE
MISCHIEF CHEESE, FRESH TOMATOES, OREGANO, SALSA

All dietary requirements can be specially catered for, including gluten free bases or vegan pizzas.

For Friday 19th May pizzas please return order & money to the office by Wednesday 17th May

NAME: _____ ROOM: _____

*Pizzas \$5 each

	CHAOS	DOOM	MISCHIEF	PRIDE	SALIC BREAD	WEDGES	CORN NUGGETS
Fri 19th May							
Fri 2nd June							
Fri 16th June							
Fri 30th June							

Dietary or special requirements: _____



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.

admin@kaipatiki.org.nz (09) 482 1172

KidsLink

WE HAVE DONE THE HARD WORK FOR YOU!

Visit our new website KidsLink.co.nz which helps schools and parents connect with local providers who offer a range of services for children and teenagers in...

Learning Behaviour Physical Needs Extra-Curricular Childcare

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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 or contact us on **027 217 0693**



Birkdale Intermediate School

OPEN EVENING

Parents and prospective students are cordially invited to attend

Thursday, 25 May
repeated on
Wednesday 31 May

7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Our students will be happy to show you around the school.
The tour will start in our theatre.