



Verran Primary School

Education to Ready Children to Thrive in Life



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IMPORTANT DATES

Term 3

Monday 24 July - Friday 29 Sept

Wednesday 2 August

Year 5 and 6 Art Group to The Lake House

Thursday 3 August

Ripper Rugby Tournament

Thursday 10 August

Year 5/6 Soccer Team v Police

12:00 - 12:30pm

Thursday 17 - Wednesday 23 August

Verran Book Fair Week

Monday 28 August

Teams Thompson, Swanson, Robertshaw,
Krone/Davis to the Tip Top Factory

Tuesday 29 August

Kieran Read/Swisse to Visit Verran

Thursday 31 August

Ripper Rugby Tournament

Friday 1 September

School Cross Country

Monday 4 September

Room 9, 10, 3 and 4 to Howick Village

Tuesday 5 September

Room 1, 2, 6, 7 and 8 to Howick Village

Wed 6 - Thurs 14 September

Life Education

Thursday 14 September

Parent/Child/Teacher Conferences

Cluster Zone Final Speech Competition

7:pm at Kauri Park School

Tuesday 19 and 26 September

Girls' Cricket

Friday 22 September

Interschool Cross Country

Wednesday 27 September

Senior Syndicate Celebration of their Learning

Thursday 28 September

Junior Syndicate Celebration of their Learning

Term 4

Monday 16 Oct - Friday 15 December

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.

Thursday 27 July - Newsletter 22/2017

Week 1, Term 3

Ngā mihi nui ki a koutou katoa. Greetings to you all.

Welcome

Welcome back to all our children and families. I am sure even though the weather wasn't brilliant over the holiday break, everyone had the chance to rest and recover ready for Term 3.

We have Ms Warringsholz, Mrs Palmer, Mrs Blair and Mrs Baun away overseas. Mrs Blair and Mrs Baun return on Monday 31st July, Ms Warringsholz and Mrs Palmer return Monday 7th August. We are very fortunate to have Mrs Cooper, Mrs Grant and Mrs Reid working in Room 6, 7 and 8 during this time.

We extend a warm welcome to the following new children and their families.

Mike Pang and Zen Reid joining Team Swanson, Chloe Young and Ari Gauchan joining Room 8 and Bharit Sharma joining Team Robertshaw.

Children Turning Five Next Year

Currently we are not taking any out of zone enrolments unless they are the sibling of a child already attending Verran Primary School. In October, we will be balloting for out of zone places for next year, 2018. For us to establish if we have any 'out of zone placings' it is very important that we have all children within our zone enrolled - even if they are due to start later next year.

If you live outside of our zone and have a child due to start school next year, it is imperative that you fill in an enrolment application for you to be included in the ballot.

School Hours

8:30 am Classes are open if the teacher is in the classroom

8:55 am Classroom lessons begin

10:40 - 11:00 Interval

11:00 - 12:30 Class lessons resume

12:30 - 1:30 Lunch

1:30 - 3:00 Class lessons resume

At 3:00pm many teachers carry out after school duties - supervise the Kea Crossing, monitor children waiting at the Pick Up area, supervise walkway areas. At 3:15pm, the school bell will sound for the last time for the day - if children are not picked up at this time we expect them all to make their way to the Office. Children are not to play on the playgrounds unsupervised or wait by the school gate. This is a Health and Safety issue for us.

Book Storage

Paulette Watt loves working with timber and having a challenge - over the holidays she constructed 6 Large Book Boxes for our Junior Resource Room. The cost of the materials equals the cost of 1 Large Book Box if we were to purchase from a company. Thanks Paulette, teachers will be able to find and return the books so much easier.



Cybersafety/Cybersecurity

As part of our normal learning programme we talk about this early in each term and each class discusses the agreement and what is appropriate use of a device at school. Anyone who does not follow this agreement faces consequences that usually mean they are not allowed to work digitally for a prescribed period of time. Schools are well supported with resources to ensure that we are aware of problems and that we have advice readily available via the Ministry of Education. Cybersafety and online etiquette is a shared responsibility for families and schools and we are here to work with you whenever concerns arise.

Parents, please take note

The school does not support any parent approaching a child, other than their own, with regard to discipline, behaviour or any other issue of concern. Class Teachers must be informed first and they will take the appropriate action.

School Activity Fees

The School Activity Fees are used to cover our Educational Trips - related to our Units of Inquiry. These are direct costs associated with the travel expenses to and from the venue and entry to the activity or complex.

With our planning of trips, we budget each trip - the expectation is that all children will pay this Fee. As you will understand, some trips are more expensive than others. If this Fee is not paid, individual invoices will be sent to families.

I note that some families who signed up for Sports Teams, indicating they would pay within the few weeks have not paid. Verran Primary School has paid all Invoices from the Basketball, Hockey and Netball Associations. We cannot afford to carry this cost.

Junior Steps by Room 6, 7 and 8

On selected days, Mr Kelly spent his time painting the alphabet on the steps leading to Rooms 6, 7 and 8. This has definitely brightened up the area, and children are enjoying spelling words as they go to class.



Sandpits from PSG + BOT contributions

Due to the great fundraising efforts by the PSG, two sandpits were ordered and have been installed - one by Room 1 and the other by the steps to Rooms 6, 7 and 8. Children are enjoying having a sandpit to use again. Thanks to all the families who have helped with the fundraising efforts to date. If you have any 'sandpit' toys that your family has no use for, we welcome any donations.

Ngā mihi nui, kia pai tō koutou rā
Kind Regards, have a nice day

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.

For all Sports Teams

Registrations must be returned with payment to the school office before we will enter a team.

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

Hockey

Verran 1 v Birkenhead ~ Won 2 - 0

Player of the Day: Ryu Mizuta

Verran 2 ~ BYE

Building Progress

Not a lot to show on site, but a lot of meetings and work has continued behind the scenes. Hopefully we will see the hard court areas available for use and the new Hall taking shape in the not to distant future.

Don't forget to collect the Yummy Fruit Stickers - we can exchange these for PE Equipment





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

Speech Language Therapists, Counsellors, Tutors, Assessments, Preschools, After School activities, Vision and Hearing, OT's etc...

KidsLink.co.nz is proudly supported and used by your school.

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 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 their peers. All scripts are original, engaging, educational and HILARIOUS. You can sign your child up for a Trial Lesson via our website www.marrzipandrama.co.nz (we have contact numbers on there too, should you prefer to talk to a human!)




www.kaipatiki.org.nz

Meet your Neighbours and Help Bring Back the Birds!

Bring your families, friends and neighbours to these free volunteer events this winter and help keep our bush beautiful. You'll learn skills you can take to your own backyard too!

Saturday 29th July - Tree Planting Day - beside Chelsea Pony Club off Eskdale Rd 10am start

Saturday 12th Aug - Weeding Day - Glenfield Road 10am start

Saturday 2nd Sept - Planting Day - Upper Harbour Time TBC

Saturday 9th Sept - Planting Day - Upper Harbour Time TBC

At these events, we are either preparing the areas for planting, or replanting some native trees and shrubs into Eskdale Reserve in Birkdale and Bastion Point in Orakei. These community planting days are a real highlight of our year, and we hope the days are a highlight of yours.

These events help the plants, help bring our community together and revitalise the mauri of these places. Please join us and give it a go.

If you intend to bring a group (more than 10 people) to this working bee please let us know so that we can plan accordingly - thank you. Don't forget your spades and covered shoes too. Refreshments provided.



**ONBOARD SKATE
SKATEBOARD
PROGRAMME**

**ACTIVZONE, 30 DOWNER
ST, GLENFIELD**

**EVERY MON - JULY 31ST -
SEPT 4TH, 5PM - 6PM
WE PROVIDE ALL
SKATEBOARDS//SAFETY
EQUIPMENT//INSTRUCTORS**

**ENTRY
\$10 PER
PERSON PER
SESSION**





Community Bushcare Days

Come plant a tree this winter and make a difference!

Dates: Sat 29th July & Sat 12th August

Sat 29th July - Meet at 10am at Eskdale Road across from Hobby Ave. Come and help plant where we weeded earlier in the month. Refreshments provided.

Sat 12th August - Meet at 10am at Glenfield Road just across the road from the Z Petrol Station. Come and help to release plants on the bush side, replant the gaps on the bush side and some harakeke maintenance. Refreshments provided and some spades.

To Register go to www.kaipatiki.org.nz/volunteer or email admin@kaipatiki.org.nz or phone 09 482-1172 to find out more.

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Raeburn House
 CONNECTING PEOPLE – BUILDING COMMUNITIES

WITH JULIE WALKER

Parenting Anxious Teens & Tweens

For parents of Intermediate and College students.

PROGRAMME:

- Learn more about the causes, patterns and affects of anxiety in your tween or teen. Develop practical skills and strategies that you can use in the home to support their journey to overcome and outsmart anxiety. Learn how anxiety works, what keeps it going, and how it can be interrupted and replaced with balanced thoughts, thereby increasing wellbeing.
- Meet other parents who share some of your concerns. Feel supported by the group and facilitator.
- Approaches include CBT, Mindfulness, DBT skills, Narrative, and practical parenting tips and techniques.



DETAILS

2 Weeks
 Monday, 21st August
 6pm - 8:30pm
 Norman King Community Hub
 65 Pearn Crescent, Northcote

ABOUT JULIE WALKER



I am a qualified Counsellor and I hold a BHSc in Psychology (First Class Hons), and a Post Grad Dip in Narrative Therapy. My key areas of therapeutic interest lie with those experiencing anxiety, stress, depression, or loss, and I have a particular interest in the helpfulness of group work for these concerns. The modalities I use for therapy are varied, and include CBT, narrative therapy, person-centred therapy, mindfulness, and DBT.

COST

\$ \$50 Individual
 \$70 Couples

For more information or to book, please contact **Raeburn House**:

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