



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

Tuesday 8 August

Rippa 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

Saturday 19 August

PSG Quiz Night

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

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.

We have had a great response to date.

Thursday 03 August - Newsletter 23/2017

Week 1, Term 3

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

Welcome

We have welcomed Gabriela and Mariana Illera Gomez to Room 8 this week.

Staffing Shortage Crisis

Across Auckland Schools there is a staffing crisis. The media has reported a number of articles in the press lately. This is a real issue for all our schools. There are a record number of enrolments of students across the region with North Shore Schools getting larger than usual numbers of students either new to school, from other schools or parts of the country and from overseas.

Coupled with the growth in numbers is the problem that teachers are leaving Auckland and leaving the teaching profession. Finding relievers when teachers are sick or on Professional Learning Courses is becoming more and more difficult. The pool of relieving teachers' is shrinking as these teachers take up part time or fixed term positions. Sadly this is impacting on students.

At Verran Primary School we are fully staffed, we have an excellent pool of relieving teachers available to us, however, on occasions we do have difficulty getting relieving teachers on given days. We don't like to split classes for the day and use this as an absolute last resort, but there are times when we will have no option. If a class is split across the school, they have learning activities they can carry on with and will have a buddy from their class with them.

Adidas School Fun Run / Cross Country

We will be holding the Adidas School Fun Run / Cross Country as part of our Phys Ed programme and as a new fundraising event this year. This run will be held on Friday 1st September. As we have so much of our school fenced off, we have booked the run to be held at Milford Reserve and Milford Beach. Mr Swanson will be organising the course and the event with the support of the PSG Group.

Children have been keen to participate with their training some choosing to do extra training runs at Interval or Lunch breaks in anticipation of making the Interschool Cross Country Team. There will be a non competitive run for those who wish. The Adidas School Fun Run / Cross Country promotes healthy and active lifestyles while helping raise funds. It's all about participation. More details will be sent home on Monday.

Spare Clothing

Now that our grassed areas are saturated it would be helpful if your children could carry a spare pair of shorts and tee shirt in their bag in case of an emergency.

Kieran Read / Swisse Visit

- 29 August - it would be great to have all children wearing all black outfits - not necessarily 'ALL BLACK' gear.

PSG Quiz Night -

Get your tickets quick and book a table for you and your friends - a fun night for all involved.

Playground

We are so proud of the way all children have been playing together. Both the Junior and Senior hard court areas are restricted due to the building site fences and now with the wet weather the fields are closed. Children have adapted well and have been utilising the variety of equipment available in the playgrounds.



A new piece of equipment - The Verran Racing Track - designed and constructed by Paulette, Jeff and Jack Watt. It is a Winner.

Art Trip to The Lake House



As part of Ella Sievert's Art Prize, 25 of our children were able to take part in a special workshop with Artist 'Sam Melser'. The children worked individually but towards a shared piece of art. Thank you to all parents for helping with transport and supervision.

A very enjoyable experience, thanks Ella. The children's work and Sam's exhibition is on display at The Lake House.

Enviro Activities

Can you spot the snails? - Activity for this group - 'How snails move and eat'.



Leader Mackenzie makes slime with her enthusiastic Enviro Kids

Unwanted Visitors

We had two teenage boys in the school on Sunday 30 July between 1:45pm and 2:30pm damaging school property - photos of these individuals from our CCTV have been distributed to the local secondary schools - I noticed many school families at school on bikes and walking at the same time in different areas. If you saw the boys or recognised the boys could you please send details to the school office ASAP.

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 Kristin ~ Won 3 - 2

Player of the Day: Danielle Hohaia

Verran 2 v Chelsea ~ Won 1 - 0

Player of the Day: Ash Setford

Netball

Verran 3/4 v Birkdale ~ Lost 1 - 0

Player of the Day: Isabella Robinson

Fair Play: Izzy Oldfield

Verran 5A v Kauri Park ~ Lost 6 - 3

Player of the Day: Ricco Howarth

Verran 5B v Kauri Park ~ Won 5 - 2

Player of the Day: Lexie-Grace Preston

Verran 6A v Birkdale ~ Lost 6 - 3

Player of the Day: Alice Sutton

Fair Play: Whole Team

Verran 6B v Birkdale ~ Won 13 - 7

Player of the Day: Daymon Nuttney

Fair Play: Whole Team



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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