



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 17 - Wednesday 23 August

Verran Book Fair Week

Friday 18 August

Year 5/6 Soccer Team v Police

12:00 - 12:30pm

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

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.

We have had a great response to date.

Thursday 10 August - Newsletter 24/2017

Week 3, Term 3

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

Welcome

We have welcomed Cooper Inder, Taiki Robertson, Khloe Murray to Room 8 and Kaitlynn Murray has joined Room 3 this week.

Absences at School

Every school is required to monitor attendance of every child and act on patterns and trends which are seen with both children arriving late to school and multiple absences. Attending school is compulsory for all children after the age of six. Nationally the attendance rate deemed acceptable is 90% per term (this equates to five days away from school per term).

Regarding children who are out of school for sports events - no child's attendance is affected when they are out of school representing Verran Primary School at a school event be it sporting, academic or cultural. Term 3 is a difficult term with the various health issues around due to the weather. We have had an increase in number of children coming to school and within the hour come to the sick bay. Please, if your child is not well keep them at home for a little longer to help them to recover fully.

Picking up Children after school

Our teachers of Year 0 and 1 children are very careful about waiting with their children to be collected by parents in the afternoon. They encourage you to communicate how you will collect your children and they will support this to ensure safely. Once children have been at school for a few terms or move into Year 2 and beyond, children can have an agreed meeting place and we encourage you to develop this independence and resilience in your children. They should know that they do not leave the school grounds and if lost should come to the office or speak to any teacher or adult in the school.

It is important that you have a clear system for your child in the event you are held up or they become lost. We have a school rule that they come to the office if they do not know how they are getting home and Mrs Sykes is wonderful at contacting parents. Please discuss this with your children. Parents who have a problem getting to school on time to collect children need to let the office know and we will get a message to the class teacher to bring the child to the office to wait.

With regards to the school playgrounds - they are not supervised by a teacher after school as teachers are preparing for the next day or in meetings. Children can only play in the playgrounds after school if they are supervised by their parent or the designated person picking the children up.

Verran Survey re Technology and Internet Use at Home

An online survey was emailed to parents yesterday, a hard copy of the same survey will be sent home today. Many thanks to those who have already completed this on-line.

Unwanted Visitors

Thank you to parents who have passed on information to us, we are still following up on events.

Head Lice

We continue to have an issue with head lice here at school. This is not a Verran problem, all schools have the same issue with head lice. It is not a one dose treatment for head lice to eradicate them. You need to treat your children in a methodical way over a sustained period to rid them of these creatures. A suggestion is to use the robo comb and regular treatment weekly in order to ensure they are gone. We are continually fielding complaints from parents about head lice. We continually notify classes and parents about this but it does not seem to be getting sorted. Can I please ask again that you help by

- Checking your children's hair regularly
- Treating your children's hair regularly
- Supporting each other by everyone begin vigilant with the treatments. This is the only way we can rid the school of 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. Please refer to the information sent home on Wednesday regarding the Adidas School Fun Run fundraising support.

Verran Soccer Team v Police Team

This was scheduled for today, however, our fields are very wet. This has been postponed until Friday 18 August, 12:00pm kick off. Parents are welcome to attend.

Rippa Rugby Field Day

Team		Result	Player of the Day
Year 3/4 Girls	v Chelsea	Won 7-3	Isla-Coco Hepi
	v Birkdale	Drew 4-4	Coco Fraser
	v Westminster	Won 8-0	Phoebe Jones
Year 3/4 Boys A	v Birkdale Nth	Won 5-3	Solomon Pocock
	v Beach Haven	Won 11-6	Jake West
	v Westminster	Won 8-2	Roman McEvedy
Year 3/4 Boys B	v Birkdale	Lost 4-1	John Morgan
	v Bayview	Lost 10-0	Archie Fitzsimmons and
	v Windyridge	won by default	Anthony Arona
Year 5/6 Girls	v Manuka	Won 6-1	Sayla Hall
	v Glenfield	Lost 4-3	Jade Setford
	v Birkenhead	Lost 6-3	Danielle Hohaia
Year 5/6 Boys A	v Westminster	Won 8-1	Izak Lawson
	v Bayview	Won 6-1	Tristan Sheehy
	v Marlborough	Won 9-2	Tyler Hughes
Year 5/6 Boys B	v Bayview	Won 4-2	Noah Blandford
	v Target Road	Lost 6-3	Billy Higgins
	v Marlborough	Won 6-5	Cameron Deamer

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

Have you planted a tree to feed the birds this Winter?

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 Willow Park ~ Won 4 - 0

Player of the Day: Jack Stansfield

Verran 2 v Windy Ridge ~ Lost 1 - 0

Player of the Day: Solomon Pocock



Book Fair at Verran

Can you help?

Thursday 17 August beginning in the afternoon through until Tuesday 22nd August in the morning.

Unpacking the books and setting up, available at school drop off and pick up times to take book orders

Packing the books up on the 22nd. If you can help at any time, please give your details to the Office.

Providing a quality education in a caring environment



Enrolment Day

Tuesday 15 August &
Wednesday 16 August
8am-7pm

200 Birkenhead Road, Auckland : 09 443 9768 : office@bis.school.nz : www.bis.school.nz



www.kaipatiki.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 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!)



Birkenhead Tennis Club

Verran Road
Birkenhead
(Behind the reservoir)



Open Days:

Seniors and Juniors
Sun 13 Aug 1pm - 5pm
Midweek
Wed 16 Aug 9:30am - noon

Opening Day Junior Piggy-back subscription offer:

For every junior member enrolled, their parent can enrol for \$99. Offer only available to parents who were not members during the 2016/17 season. \$99 entitles parent to a full senior subscription for the 2017/18 season.

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 Birkenhead 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






Kaipatiki Community Facilities Trust Sustainable Neighbourhood Project.

Boomerang Bags ``made in Kaipatiki `` is a community driven initiative tackling plastic pollution at the grassroots level through our KCFT Sustainable Neighbourhood Projects which is supported by the Birkenhead Licensing Trust. The many dedicated volunteers get together to make re-usable bags using recycled materials as a means to provide a sustainable alternative to plastic bags in Kaipatiki.

To set the scene, of Plastic Free Kaipatiki, we absolutely need your help! Keen Volunteers needed to help with cutting and sorting the materials, pinning, ironing, stamping and sewing at the planned sewing bees.

All ages welcome! No experience required - sewers non sewers.....churches, community sites.....every one volunteer is exceptional.....if you're keen please let us know, or if you can donate material for this programme.....or other ideas, we welcome contact
 Jill@kaipatikicommunityfacilitiestrust.org.nz Let's see how many sewing bees we can add to the existing at Bayview Community Centre, Chartwell Hub and Beach Haven Community House. Our two lovely project leads Tracey and Alana.....would be keen to hear from you. The Facebook Page Boomerang Bags North Shore Auckland <https://www.facebook.com/groups/184754688701669/> Thank you.

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...

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HEALTHY LUNCH BOX IDEAS

Are you stuck for lunchbox ideas? Do you feel like healthy lunchboxes are too hard or too expensive? Come along to the free Healthy Lunchbox workshop run by Integrative Nutrition Health Coach Melissa Lowe of The Thrive Guide and get heaps of easy lunchbox ideas and recipes; learn time & money saving tips and how to get your kids on board so that they want to eat healthy food (yes, it is possible!)
 5 September at 9.45am
 Highbury House, 110 Hinemoa Street, Birkenhead.
 Bookings essential on 4805279 or admin@highburyhouse.org.nz

WE'RE BACK!

Wattie's

Has been a proud partner of The Salvation Army for 24 years

COLLECT. EDUCATE. CREATE. DONATE.

Collecting cans to help fill Salvation Army foodbanks.

30TH OCT - 3RD NOV 2017

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