

25 February	Long Bay Beach Trip Y5/6
1 March	TravelWise Week
1 – 12 March	Testing Weeks
2 March	Auckland Museum Trip Y3/4
3 March	Walk to School Wednesday
11 March	Hearing and Vision Testing

Dear Parents and Caregivers  
Kia Ora

**SCHOOL ASSEMBLY**

Room 14 with Miss Eaton received the School Banner for the great start they have made to the year with their colourful art and flowers identifying what they are good at doing.

Blaize Mane (Room 21) received our Respect Trophy for his polite and helpful attitude around the school.

At the Assembly I introduced our second value/virtue of the year which is Responsibility (Kawenaga). Children show responsibility when they:

- ✓ take care of things that belong to them
- ✓ take care of themselves

**MEET THE TEACHER EVENING**

The Meet the Teacher Evening was held last week and the teachers were pleased to meet parents and children in the classrooms. Thanks to the PTA for the lollies and Sausage Sizzle on the night.

I took the opportunity to talk to parents about the Boards Plans for 2010 in specific areas. The Strategic Plan for 2010 has some specific areas we are working on:

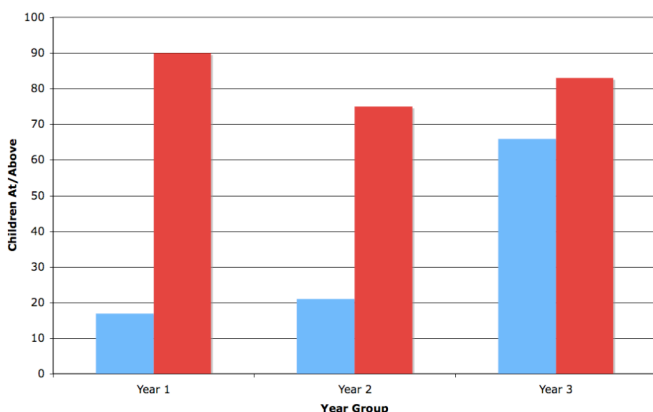
**Curriculum:**

- Lead school in the local Information and Computer Technology cluster for 2010 – 2012
- Continue our focus on “best practice” in Reading and Writing and monitor these across the school.
- Develop a Te Reo Maori language programme across the school with a specialist teacher aide.
- Develop our Maths programme with a special Home – School Programme
- Survey our community on expectations of a Camp Out for Year 5 and 6 students.

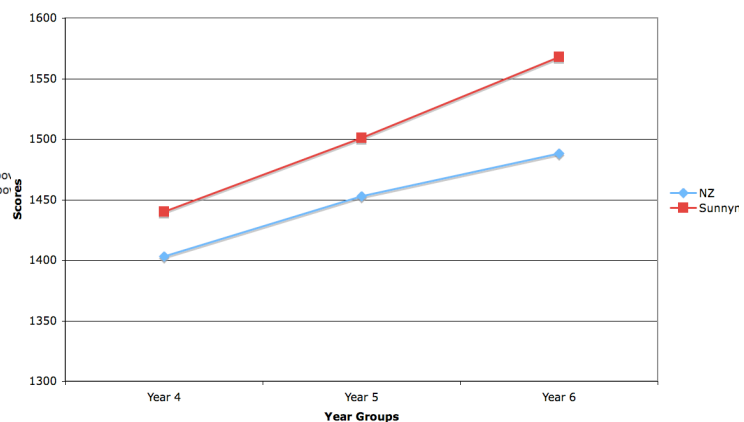
**School Review:**

- Continue our good standards as shown in the ERO Report 2009
- National Standards requirements are met.
  - Plain English Reports
  - Investigate National Standards

Reading Year 1 - 3 2009



Reading Year 4 - 6 2009



The two graphs (above) show how our pupils progressed in reading in 2009. The Year 1 – 3 children made progress over the year with 83% of these students at or above school levels of expectation. Most children in each year group are above expectation for national levels.

The Year 4 – 6 pupils results show that our average score for reading on this National test is above the National level.

## **Administration**

- Board Election (May 7 2010)
- The School Uniform is implemented over the year.

## **Property**

- Senior Classes Interior Upgrade: Rooms 1 – 6 have new wall coverings and more electrical / ICT wiring.
- Toilets Upgrade: all toilets and cloak bays are improved
- Pool Shade Area: the current TEMPORARY shade is replaced with the permanent shade
- A Hall Committee is established to investigate a full stand – alone Hall at Sunnynook School

## **TRAVELWISE**

**Congratulations to Rooms 11 and 12 who had the highest walkers on the Wednesday Count with 70% of their class walking to school.**

## **PTA CAMP OUT**

A Camp Out is being held on Saturday 13 March at 3pm until Sunday 14 March – includes all current pupils of Sunnynook School and their immediate families **ONLY**. Cost is \$5 per person for the campsite and \$3.50 per person for the breakfast rolls for Sunday morning. If you are interested in booking a site please call into the Office and complete a form.

## **CHESS CLUB – PARENT HELP**

We would like to start up a Chess Club yet we have no coach. If you are interested please contact the office.

## **UNITE – SCHOOL NEWSLETTER**

Would you like to advertise on the back of our school newsletter? If so, please contact Leesa at [manager@promotionalnewsletters.co.nz](mailto:manager@promotionalnewsletters.co.nz) for more information. This is a great way to promote your business and support the school at the same time, as advertisers ensure we get a free newsletter to all the families at the school.

## **UNITED SOCCER 1 PRIMARY SCHOOLS SOCCER CLINICS**

US1 started their soccer clinics at Sunnynook School on today at lunchtime for six weekly sessions.

## **SHORE TO SHORE FUN 5KM RUN/WALK – SUNDAY 28 MARCH**

Reminder to keep entries coming in. Last day for entries to Sunnynook School is **Wednesday 10 March**.

Peter Mulcahy

**PRINCIPAL**

## **COMMUNITY NOTICES**

**Auckland Lantern Festival:** Chinese New Year Lanterns at Albert Park on 26-28 February 2010 from 5pm-10.30pm – [www.asianz.org.nz](http://www.asianz.org.nz).

**Sunnynook Community Centre Family Fun Day:** Friday 5 March at Sunnynook Community Centre, Cnr Sunnynook Road and Sycamore Drive at 4.30-7.00pm. Come along and picnic in the park.

**Harbour Hockey:** Come and try out hockey for free with the Black Sticks and North Harbour NHL players on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> February at 10am-12pm at Crown Relocations Hockey Stadium, 60 Paul Matthews Drive, Albany.

**Bayswater Auto Show:** Sunday 7 March at 10am-3pm at Bayswater School, Bayswater Avenue. \$10/family (2 adults 2 kids), \$3/person, Under 5 years free. For more information please go to [www.schoolground.co.nz/bayswaterautoshow](http://www.schoolground.co.nz/bayswaterautoshow)