

SUNNYSNOOK PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents / Caregivers / Sunnynook Families

Welcome back! We are certainly in for a busy term. We have many exciting activities, trips and sports events happening this term so please make sure to keep an eye on the calendar for any important dates. Speaking of which, Skool Loop is one of the main tools for any updates to events, so we do recommend that you download this app onto your phones (see the last page of the newsletter for more information). Our Year 6 students are getting very excited about their camp coming up later this term.

Health and Safety is of huge importance to us at Sunnynook Primary School, so please take note of the following **Property Modifications**:

You will have noticed that the school is undergoing some property modifications to improve the accessibility of our school environment. These works will continue throughout this term and possibly over the summer holidays. These works are significant and will impact on the spaces directly in front of and behind classrooms. You will need to be aware of machinery coming onto school grounds and that we will be making some areas out of bounds at this time.

Works have started to the front (court side) of Rooms 7 to 12 and outside of Rooms 18 and 19. Therefore, you have been directed to use the doors behind or to the side of classrooms, while these works are carried out.

We will update you where possible and try our best to keep any disruption to a minimum. We ask that you remind your children about safe walking around school especially when going around the corners of buildings. Your understanding at this time is appreciated.

SCHOOL ENROLMENTS FOR 2020 – are now open. If you know of anyone in-zone that may be interested in enrolling their child, please ask them to collect an enrolment pack from the school reception.



Virginia Montague
Principal

IMPORTANT DATES

18 Oct	PTA Mtg in Tech Room 2pm
25 Oct	Rehu Tai Oral Language Festival – Speech Finals
28 Oct	Labour Day – School Closed
29 Oct	Full School Assembly
30 Oct	Y1-2 Sunnynook's Got Talent – Lunchtime show
31 Oct	Y3-4 Sunnynook's Got Talent – Lunchtime show
1 Nov	Y5-6 Sunnynook's Got Talent – Lunchtime show

SCHOOL NEWS



Road Patrol Volunteer

An adult volunteer is needed for **Friday mornings 8.15 - 8.45am**. If you are able to help please contact Mrs East on: yolandae@sunnynookschool.nz or 09 449 3001

Please click on the link below, for an interesting and informative on Social Media and Gaming
[Children's Mental Health Report - Social Media and Gaming](#)

Our overall topic for Term 4's learning is Exploration. This is a very exciting theme and is looked at in varied ways through different lenses across the curriculum levels of the school.



Year 0/1

This term we are inquiring into *Te Moana: The Sea* as part of a school-wide focus on Discovery. This will include learning about tides, some sea creatures/ marine life and the ocean, through experiments and researching aspects that interest the children. On our trip to Kelly Tarlton's we will visit the education room where we will learn about discoveries made by Kelly Tarlton and his team and of course we will also explore the aquarium.

Year 2

This term we are looking at Physical Phenomena with a focus on colour, light and wind. Students will be investigating how colours and rainbows are made. We will be learning about the different colours in nature as well as exploring the forces of wind by making our own kites and flying them. Our final activity is an inquiry, where students will be asked to explore why animals have different colours and markings.

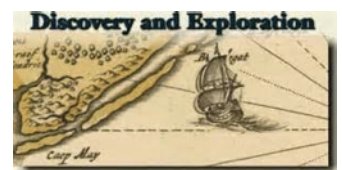


Year 3/4

We are very excited about our Inquiry this term! Through the lens of DISCOVERY, we have created a number of Science based boxes, each with a different concept to be explored. Every week, each class will receive a new box to unpack, discover and make connections with. Students will 'Think, notice and wonder' in mini-inquires. Ask your child(ren) each week what Science concept they are discovering!

Year 5/6

Our main unit of inquiry for this term will focus on Discovery and Exploration: 'New Ideas, New Places, New Things'. Students will develop their understanding of how ideas and science have changed over time, to enable us to discover more about Earth and humankind. We will be inquiring into different forms of exploration and discovery within a Science context, for example; astronomy, medical discoveries, space exploration, archaeology and fossils.



The Key Questions that will be guiding our inquiries will be:

- Describe discovery and exploration – What do we mean by the terms discovery and exploration? Why do people feel compelled to explore the unknown?
- Explain the importance of discovery – What impact does exploration have on the way people understand Earth and science?
- Reflect on discovery – What new understandings or changes have been / are developed through exploring?



The last week of term was Chinese language week in New Zealand. In order to celebrate this, the house leaders along with 4 other 'expert' students from Year 5 and 6 (Flanny, Grace, Linda and Amy) ran fun luncheon activities throughout the week for students to take part in.

Monday they offered outdoor games of Chinese skipping and a game of Hawk and Chicks- very traditional Chinese playground games.

Tuesday the Junior students were invited to come and make Chinese lanterns in the Tech room.

Wednesday was a Chinese origami activity for the older students and Chinese stories in both Mandarin and English offered for the junior students in the library.

The week finished off with a Chinese poster hunt around the school and a Chinese-themed Escape room activity for the senior students.

Overall a great fun way of celebrating our school's diverse community. Many thanks for the hard work of our senior students and house leaders. We couldn't have done it without you – Xie xie.

From the Classrooms

Year 2

Room 15

Room 15 have been learning about 'Million Dollar Words' in writing

Million Dollar Words:

- Make our brains work hard
- Put pictures in our heads
- Describe something or someone
- Are interesting words
- Make our Writing better



Neve East:

How do you think the dinosaurs feel when they hear the T-Rex bellowing over the trees? As the golden sun rises above the shadowy, jagged cliffs, THUMP... THUMP... there was a quiver in the bush. The dinosaurs are roaring. The mighty dinosaurs are gigantic. The dinosaurs are powerful and they have googly eyes. The dinosaurs are excited. What will happen next?

Olivia Bartlett:

The massive dinosaurs are moving to a new world. This is what it looks like. There are towering volcanos that spew hot molten lava. Silver glittering fish dive up and down through the bubbling water. There are four fierce meat eaters. The hatching area is covered with warm sand. All of the dinosaurs can roam through the long, wavy grass. Butterflies flutter around and lay eggs on swan plants. The dinosaurs are all having fun. What a wonderful adventure!

Guan Han Li:

The dinosaurs were having a morning drink in the golden, shimmering sun. The water was lapping gently. Suddenly, a T-Rex exploded from no-where! The T-Rex hadn't eaten for days, so it was really hungry. The Arjentirosaurus, Triceratops and Ankylosarus got ready to fight. The Triceratops was eaten in the battle. It made a delicious meal for the T-Rex, but the T-Rex still wasn't full. The T-Rex tried to eat the Ankylosaurus, but the Ankylosaurus' shell was as hard as nails. Then the Arjentinosaurus showed up. It was the most dangerous dinosaur fighter of all. It used its long whip-like tail and bashed the skull of the hungry T-Rex. That was it! The T-Rex was defeated!



Safety at the School Gate and Travelwise Annual Survey Results

We encourage you to walk with your children to school, but if you need to drive them sometimes, please observe and discuss with your child the following safe practices:

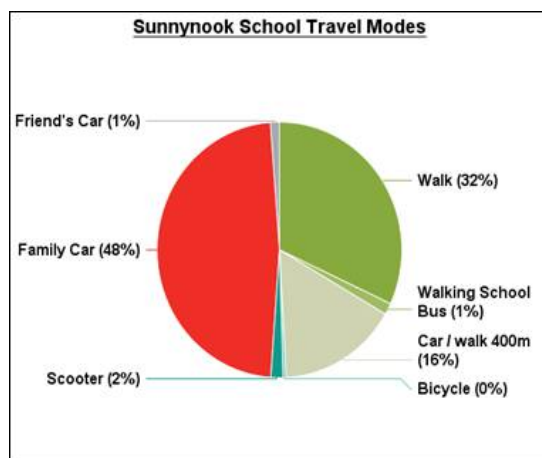
Dropping Off

- Park a short distance from the school and walk with your child/ren to school. (Help keep the school entrances free from cars to make it safer for everyone.)
- Always park beside the footpath and ensure children exit vehicles on the footpath side and not the roadside.
- Always use the pedestrian crossing to cross the road.

Picking up

Park and walk to the school grounds to meet your child/ren.

- Do not wave or call your child/ren across the road.
- Always educate your child/ren to use the pedestrian crossing.
- Always role model good safety behaviour to your child/ren and teach safe habits.
- **Always drive slowly near the school and watch for pedestrians and scooting children at all times.**



Travelwise Annual Survey Results

We would like to share the results of the Travelwise Annual Survey completed in Term 2. The graph below provides a good summary of the different Travel Modes families use to get to school.

Thank you to all our families who make wise travel choices to keep our children safe and healthy.

SPORTS NOTICES

Kidzplay Netball Winter League Prizegiving was held on Saturday, 21st September. The Year 2 Sunbeams, Year 3 Sunrays and Year 4 Sunsets all won their Grade and received a trophy and medals. It was lovely to have Mrs Sole there too.



STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS



As a Birkenhead United 9th grade squad player, Kevin Tian & his team won the Nationals Tournament during this term break. Kevin also received the Golden Boot Award with 14 goals scored in pool games & 5 goals in the finals.



In Term 3, Isabella Kwon competed in a gymnastics competition in the Franklin Competition representing North Harbour. She came first in her U bars and she came 4th overall.



SPORTS RESULTS

On the sideline from our team coaches

Miniball

Year 1/2: Sunnynook Thunders – had the following games:

Date	Against	Result	Players of the Day
23 September	Campbells Bay Storm	Win 12 – 7	Willoughby

Year 3/4: Sunnynook Lightning – had the following games:

Date	Against	Result	Players of the Day
13 September	OVS Allstars	Loss 14 – 16	Daniel
20 September	BV Swish	Loss 8 – 16	Lucas

Basketball

Year 5/6: Sunnynook Blaze – had the following game/s:

Date	Against	Result	Player of the Day
24 September	St John's Heat	Loss 22 – 24	Rhys
15 October	Murrays Bay All Stars	Win 38 – 8	Tian Tian

Year 5/6: Sunnynook Heat – had the following game/s:

Date	Against	Result	Player of the Day
15 October	TKK Weta	Loss 32 – 22	Caleb

Netball

Year 2: Sunnynook Sunbeams – had the following games:

Date	Against	Result	Players of the Day
31 August	Greenhithe Diamonds	Win 11 – 9	The whole team



**Next Meeting is tomorrow, Friday, 18 October 2019
in the Technology Room at 2:00pm**

Calendar art: Online Orders close on 21 October - you can order calendars, diaries, sketch pads and mouse pads with your child's artwork on it! These parent order forms have a unique code to enter so that you can view and order your child's art. We appreciate parents supporting the PTA in this fundraising event.

Uniforms: If your child has outgrown their uniforms, please consider leaving them at reception to be sold in our second hand uniform sales. If you are looking for second hand uniforms, please email sunnynookuniforms@gmail.com

PTA Meeting - Our next PTA meeting is on Friday 18th October at 2:00pm in the Technology Room. You are most welcome to attend and learn what the PTA do in our school.



Contact the PTA on sunnynookpta@gmail.com and LIKE our Facebook page to keep up to date. <https://www.facebook.com/SunnynookSchoolPTA/>

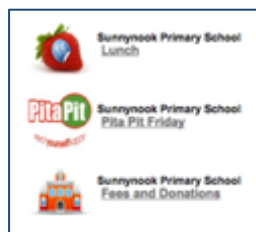
Second hand uniform email address: sunnynookuniforms@gmail.com

USEFUL SCHOOL APPS

ONLINE PAYMENTS – DONATIONS / EZLUNCH / SPORTS

Here is a video link showing you how the account works

[How myKindo works](#)



Our school shop uses the same software as Ezlunch so you can use your current email and password.

First time users can easily create an account simply by clicking on the register button.

Our online school shop is available directly from our school website:

www.sunnynook.school.nz

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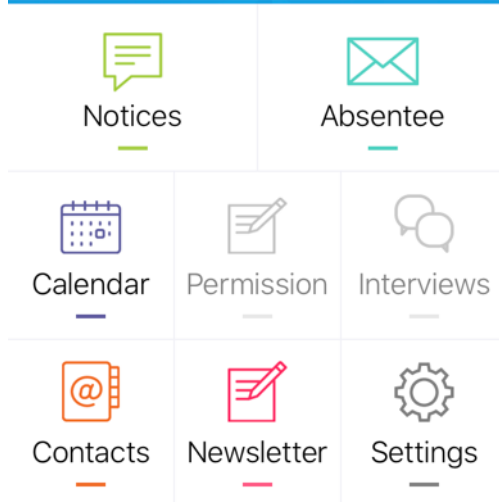
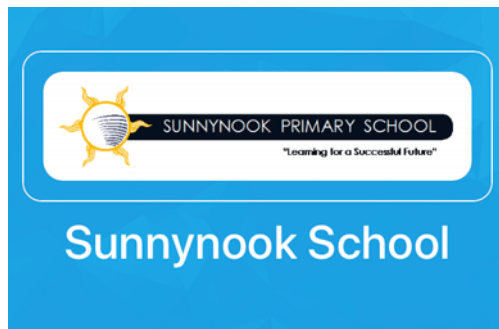
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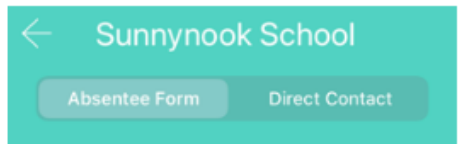
There is an update available for Skool Loop. Update this on your phone and you will be able to see the new absentee settings and ensure that your notifications are on in the settings



Don't forget to turn on notifications on your phone to receive **instant alerts** from us via the **Skool Loop App**.



Simple free download: In Google Play or App Store search "Skool Loop" & choose our school once installed



Student/child name:

John Smith

Classroom:

Room 1

Return date (if longer than one day):

3/6/2019

Reason for absence:

Contact number:

022 123 4567

Signature:

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Submit Absence