

SUNNYNOOK PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents/ Caregivers / Sunnynook Families

A special welcome to the new students and their families who have started as new entrants in Room 23. Ms Heays has welcomed children into the class this week and worked with them on settling into our school and Ms Eaton will be their new teacher from Monday 4 November.

We have already had a lot of exciting things happening at our school this term. We recently celebrated Diwali and you can read about what was on offer at lunchtimes last week, later in the newsletter. We also experienced success with our Rehu Tai speech finalists, two of whom won their section of the speech competition in the North Shore finals. Congratulations to Jesse Wilson and Celine Nasrallah who were awarded First Place last Friday. They both went on to represent our school at the Champion of Champions on Tuesday night at Ponsonby Primary. They both represented our school so well and made us very proud.

This week we have had a series of lunchtime concerts with students from across the school sharing their talents and I can tell you that Yes, Sunnynook really does have talent!

PTA Disco – Friday, 8 November – Please ensure that you read the PTA News regarding this event.

2019 Years 1 – 5 Leavers – please could you inform the admin office in writing, as soon as possible, if your child will not be returning to Sunnynook Primary School in 2020. This is for planning of staff and class organisational purposes.

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

SCHOOL NEWS

IMPORTANT DATES

5 Nov	Year 4-6 Combined Cluster Touch Rugby (Pinehurst) BOT Mtg 6pm
7 Nov	Year 2 Kite Day 11:30am
8 Nov	PTA Disco
11 Nov	Full School Assembly Year 4-6 Combined Cluster Touch Rugby (save day) Wairau Arts Festival Week
12 Nov	Term 1 Trip to Kelly Tarlton's Aquarium Year 6 Camp Parent Helper Mtg 6pm
13 Nov	SPS Year 4 – 6 Athletics Day
14 Nov	Year 2 Kite Day (save day 11:30am)
15 Nov	SPS Year 4 – 6 Athletics Day (save day)
19 Nov	Vision and Hearing Clinic
22 Nov	Onepoto Cultural Festival

FULL SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

School Values: Compassion and Responsibility

Banner: Room 2 (pictured above) – They created their own exciting video game concept and also designed and carved beautiful pendants – with special Māori significance.

Caught being good:
Kevin Lee – Room 5
Peyton Asilusi – Room 14

Yummy Apple Trophy: Room 12



Save
the
date



Our final assembly for 2019 takes place on Friday 13th December @ 11.00am - 12.30pm.

Graduation for Year 6s will be the evening of 10th December (more information to follow)



2020 Dates

Term 1	Monday, 3 February to Thursday, 9 April
Term 2	Tuesday, 28 April to Friday, 3 July
Term 3	Monday, 20 July to Friday, 25 September
Term 4	Monday, 12 October to Wednesday, 16 December

2020 Public Holidays / Teacher Only Days
within term time where the school is closed for instruction

Term 1	
Waitangi Day	Thursday, 6 February
Term 2	
Teacher Only Day	Friday, 29 May
Queen's Birthday	Monday, 1 June
Term 4	
Labour Day	Monday, 26 October



Property Modifications – Rooms with a view

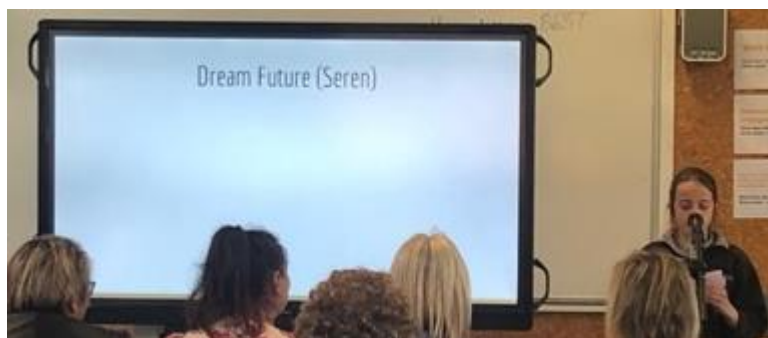
As part of our Exploration theme – our property modifications have been interesting topics of conversations in classrooms around the school. We have enjoyed looking at the progress the construction workers have made and have had many 'Think, notice and wonder' questions. It has been fascinating seeing the changes.



COL – STUDENT INQUIRY



Four house leaders Alice, Phoenix, Richard and Seren were selected to take part in our Community of Learning (COL) Student Inquiry. They collaborated with students from each of the schools in the Pupuke Kahui Ako including the intermediates and high schools. The students were working in mixed school groups inquiring into one of the three key achievement challenges of the Pupuke Kahui Ako - Wellbeing, Key Competencies or Community Engagement. On Thursday 24 October, Alice, Phoenix and Seren presented the findings of their appreciative inquiries to the principals of the Pupuke Kahui Ako. It was a very successful morning and the principals appreciated the efforts the students had put into their inquiry learning. The findings of each inquiry will be collated and shared amongst the school communities with the intention of implementing their new ideas in the future.



For further information please click on the link for the

[Pupuke Kahui Ako News - Principals' Report Term 3 Week 10 2019](#)

Diwali

Last week Sunnynook Primary School celebrated Diwali!

In order to celebrate this festival of lights, three students from the senior team: Yashica, Yatra and Reya, planned a few activities throughout last week. On Monday, the girls went around the classes to hand out colouring sheets for the Diwali-themed colouring competition. Then on Thursday at lunchtime, Reya read some Diwali stories in the library for Years 1-3.

Finally, on Friday students did Rangoli patterns outside the technology room. Rangoli is an art form, originating in India, in which patterns are created on the floor or the ground using materials such as coloured rice, dry flour, coloured sand or flower petals. The purpose of Rangoli is decoration, and it is thought to bring good luck.



Inside the technology room we made origami diva, which is Indian paper art. Mahi Ghadvi an ex-student of Sunnynook who is now at Murrays Bay Intermediate, also came along to help us on Friday.

Thank you to Miss Gordon who helped us to co-ordinate these activities

Written by Yashica Lal





Walking home safely

It may be timely to remind your children who walk/scooter to and from school about being safe:

- Observing road hazards
- Looking carefully when crossing busy roads
- Remembering to STOP, LOOK, LISTEN before crossing

For those interested in the Sunnynook Road Pedestrian Improvements – please click and view the link from Auckland Transport [Auckland Transport - Sunnynook Road Pedestrian Improvements](#)

Our school participated in the annual “New Zealand Shakeout”

ShakeOut is held across the world to remind people of the right action to take during an earthquake — Drop, Cover and Hold — and to practise a tsunami hīkoi (evacuation) if in a coastal area.

This took place at Sunnynook Primary School on Thursday 17th October at 1.30pm. This was a successful drill which reminded both teachers and students what needs to happen in the event of an earthquake at school. The school were very efficient in carrying out this practice and managed to drop cover and hold in their classrooms for the required period of time. Classes then gathered on the field and took a roll call to check that all students were accounted for.

We will hold our next earthquake drill at a similar time next year and our next emergency practice will be a fire drill, which will take place later this term. Schools are required by the Ministry to run a minimum of two emergency drills a year. At Sunnynook we try and run four drills a year—one each term. So far this year we have had a fire drill, a lockdown drill and this latest earthquake drill.



Sunnynook is a ‘Sun Smart School’

All children are required to wear a sunhat during Terms One and Four in the playground. Children who do not have a hat at school are confined to a designated Shade Area. Hats are available from the office for \$12.50 or online



SPORTS NOTICES

WEETBIX TRYATHLON 2020 - HIBISCUS COAST VENUE

A reminder that students can secure their spot in the Hibiscus Coast TRYathlon from today. Parents can take advantage of the Early Bird pricing.

- Entries are open for the **Hibiscus** Weet-Bix Kids TRYathlon on **Sunday, 22 March 2020** at **Manly Park, Whangaparaoa**
- Our school has created a School Group which you can join when you enter from home. Search for **Sunnynook Primary School** when prompted. By linking to our school group it will give us the chance to win some cool prizes.
- To enter the TRYathlon visit tryathlon.co.nz

If you have any school or school group related questions please contact the Weet-Bix TRYathlon team directly, email tryathlon@sanitarium.co.nz or phone 0800 WEETBIX

Years 4-6 School Athletics Day

Wednesday 13 November 2019

We are holding the Years 4-6 Athletics Event **on Wednesday, 13 November**. In case of bad weather the postponement day will be **Friday, 15 November**. Parents and friends are welcome to come and support the children as they participate in their events.

TIMES: The day begins at 9.15am with assembly in the shade area, and finishes at 3.00pm.

FORMAT: The event this year is more of a 'fun sports day' for the children that do not choose to compete in the competitive events. The competitive events: heats have already been completed in class time, therefore on the day to save time and prevent weary children, only the track events; semi-finals/finals and field events; finals will take place. Results from the competitive events, will provide us with 'individual performance information', which will allow us to select a team for the Super-Cluster Athletics Event on 27 November. **Please understand that due to the Year 6 camp date clashing with the Super-Cluster event, we will not be entering a Year 6 team in this event this year.**

REQUIREMENTS: Any child not participating in the event, will require a note from home. The children should wear comfortable sports gear for competing in. Footwear will be optional. Children will also require a hat, sunblock, water bottle, a warm top, and any asthma medication. **Children are encouraged to wear their house colours to run in, Pukeko/blue, Kiwi/red, Tui/yellow, Kea/green.**

PARENT HELP: We would appreciate as much parent help as possible on the day. If you are able to help the teachers out with the fun events, **please return the reply slip on the letter, to the office by Friday, 8 November. Parents helping please meet Mrs Fritsch at 9.00am on the day in the staff room.**

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
21 October	St Johns Timberwolves	Loss – 6 – 12	Lani

Year 4: Sunnynook Hurricanes – had the following games:

Date	Against	Result	Players of the Day
20 September	St Marys	Loss 12 – 16	Hunter and Cayden
20 September	Sunnynook Lightening	Loss 18 – 22	
18 October	Murrays Bay	Win 16 – 14	Jacob, Hunter and Ami
25 October	Oteha Valley	Loss 2 – 22	Hunter and Jacob

Basketball

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

Date	Against	Result	Player of the Day
23 October	Pinehurst Cavaliers	Win 27 – 12	Christopher
29 October	Albany 3	Loss 14 – 29	Arley

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

Date	Against	Result	Player of the Day
22 October	Oteha Valley Magic	Win 26 – 23	Ariana
29 October	Albany 2	Loss 26 – 32	Tyler

Netball

Year 2: Sunnynook Sunbeams – had the following games:

Date	Against	Result	Players of the Day
19 October	Pinehurst Tuis	Win 12 – 2	Olivia

Year 3: Sunnynook Sunrays – had the following games:

Date	Against	Result	Players of the Day
19 October	Bayfield Stars	Win 11 – 3	Addison and Isobel

Touch Rugby

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

Date	Against	Result	Players of the Day
17 October	Campbells Bay Pink	Win 5 – 3	Sebastian
24 October	Forrest Hill Superstars	Win 7 – 2	Olivia



**Next Meeting is Tuesday, 26 November 2019
in the Staff Room at 7:00pm**

Disco: We are holding a disco on Friday 8th November. Flyers for the disco went out to students this week.

Year 0-3 disco	starts	5:00pm	finishes	6:30pm
Year 4-6 disco	starts	7:00pm	finishes	8:30pm

Please note that the payment is by bank transfer only:

Sunnynook PTA account no. 12-3087-0109124-00

(please note that this is not the school account)

Separate payments for each child

Include:

Particulars = Classroom Number

Code = Child's first name

Reference = Child's last name

There is a limit on the tickets we are selling for each disco so please get in quick to make sure your child does not miss out!



PLEASE NOTE: there is **NO** parking available on the junior courts due to construction. We suggest that you park in the side streets leading to the school or carpool or walk.

Calendar Art Fundraiser: Thank you to everyone who supported our calendar fundraiser this year. We have received the first lot of orders and these have been sent home with students. The second order closed on 30th October and we expect to have these calendars to students by the end of November. If there are any problems please contact Natalie on sunnynookptasecretary@gmail.com

Yummy sticker promotion: We received the figures from Yummy Apple Company based on our stickers collected over the last 12 months **and SUNNYNOOK SCHOOL HAS BEEN ALLOCATED \$1,555.00 TO SPEND ON SPORTS GEAR!** That is **\$600 more** than we received last year! Thank you so much to all Sunnynook families that participate in this promotion for our school! Mrs. Fritsch will have lots of fun spending this money and make sure the sports trolley is full of new gear very soon.

Please keep collecting stickers from all Yummy fruit as the promotion continues into next year. As the apple season finishes you can start collecting yummy stickers from all other delicious stone-fruit like plums, nectarines, peaches, and pears.

Over the last 2 weeks, we have had a fantastic collection of stickers handed in and we now have 22 complete sheets already towards the next year of this promotion. I have a goal, I believe we can get to 150 complete sheets easy!

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

**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**

GET INVOLVED!

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.

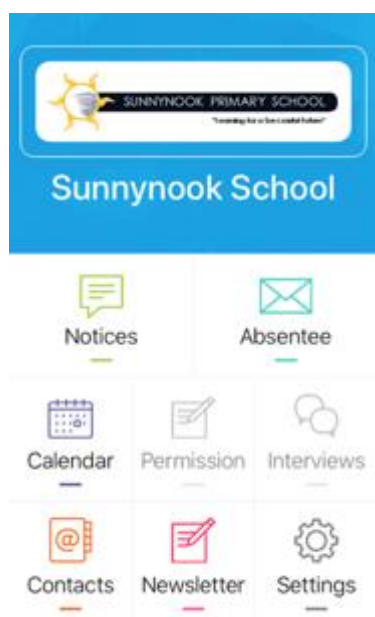
First time users can easily create an account simply by clicking on the register button.

Our online school shop is available directly from our school website:
www.sunnynook.school.nz

Online Payment

Look for the icon on our home page.

SAVE TIME – PAY ONLINE



SKOOL LOOP

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



← Sunnynook School

Absentee Form

Direct Contact

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:

Reset

Submit Absence