

SUNNYSNOOK PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents/ Caregivers / Sunnynook Families

Years 1-3 Fun Athletics Day on the Tuesday, 26 November. What a great day this was. We had a superb parent and grandparent turnout and the children loved their fun activities.

Our Pasifika and Kapa Haka Performance Groups made us very proud at last week's Onepoto Cultural Festival. They performed so well and with such pride.

The Year 6 students together with their teachers, parent helpers and Mrs East have headed off to camp this week. Our next newsletter will include some photos and sharing from their exciting time at Carey Park.

I'm sure you will remember recently receiving a notice about our Junior and Senior school playgrounds being closed after school between 3.00- 4.30pm. This decision was made for following safety reasons:

- There has been several accidents on the adventure playgrounds over the last few weeks involving several broken limbs. The playgrounds are of course closely supervised by teachers at both lunchtime and playtime, however teachers are obviously not able to continue overseeing the playground after school.
- Our playground has been designed for students aged 5 – 8 years old and yet many pre-schoolers have been playing on it too. We worry about the safety of these smallest members of our families.
- We have also had issues with students not going home straight after school and playing on the playground unsupervised. Several parents have worried that their children had gone missing, and yet they had been later found to be playing on the playgrounds.

For these reasons we expect children to go straight home after school unless they have a sports practice or are attending Skids – after school care programme. Thank you for your support in keeping all of our students safe.

[BOT Newsletter](#): Keeping you up to date with what is happening in our school – an informative read.

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 the planning of staff, and class organisational purposes.

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



SCHOOL NEWS

Virginia Montague
Principal

IMPORTANT DATES

29 Nov	Y5 Peer Mediator Training
3 Dec	2020 New Entrant Visit day 1 BOT Mtg 6pm
4 Dec	Parent Helpers Afternoon Tea 1:30pm (by invitation)
5 Dec	2020 New Entrant Visit day 2 10:00 – 10:30 New Entrant Parent Meeting
9 Dec	Year 5 – 6 Certificate Assembly
10 Dec	Year 6 Graduation Supper
13 Dec	Final Assembly 11:00am Year 6 Rewards day after assembly Reports go home
17 Dec	Last newsletter for 2020
18 Dec	Last Day of Term 4 – Early finish 1pm

Monday, 3 Feb 2020 Term 1 begins for students

FULL SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

School Values: Compassion and Responsibility

Banner: Room 21
(pictured on the second page) – for being a fantastic buddy class to Room 10 and ensuring each child was supported to be successful

Yummy Apple Trophy: Room 9

Room 21

This term we have had a mystery box arrive in our class each week. We have studied solid, liquid and gases, crystals and gems, our organs, plants and the bones in our body.

When we studied bones we used cotton bud sticks to make a skeleton body. We labelled each bone with their scientific names, for example, cranium, phalanges, tibia, scapula (which we thought sounded like spatula).

We also learnt that babies have 300 bones and adults have 206 bones!

Here are some of our bones artwork which we shared at assembly on Monday.



Our annual Library stock take is about to take place.

Please have a hunt at home and return all Library books to school as soon as possible.



RESULTS: SPS Athletics Year 4-6 2019

13 November 2019

		Long Jump	High Jump	Discus	Shot Put	100m	200m	400m	800m
Y4 Girls	1st	Katia	Katia	Christine	Ayah	Katia	Katia	Jasmine	No entries
	2nd	Jasmine	Jasmine	Renee	Amy H-W	Esmee	Esmee	Sylvie	
	3rd	Brooke	Esmee	Sua	Amelia	Brooke	Sua	Amy H-W	
Y4 Boys	1st	Rafe	Aidan	Minjun	Alex	Rafe	Rafe	Kobe	Kevin
	2nd	JD	Minjun	Lyon	Joaquin	Minjun	Phoenix	Hunter	JD
	3rd	Amarant	Kobe	Joaquin	Phoenix	Amarant	Minjun	Kevin	Hunter
Y5 Girls	1st	Erina	Immanuella	Erina	Erina	Erina	Erina	Isabella	Erina
	2nd	Laela	Miriana	Ariana	Ariana	Immanuella	Shia	Miriana	Isabella
	3rd	Immanuella	Shia	Josie	Zoe S	Shia	Immanuella	Laela	Miriana
Y5 Boys	1st	Xavier Sione	Xavier Sione	Luke	Christopher	Xavier Smith	Xavier Smith	Rhys	Rhys
	2nd	Xavier Smith	Riley Fowlds	Christopher	Luke W	Xavier Sione	Xavier Sione	Zac Lampard	Zac Lampard
	3rd	Rhys	Zac Lampard	De'varne	Zac Lampard	Riley Tear	Riley Tear	Riley Fowlds	Luka
Y6 Girls	1st	Ella	Jaaz	Selepa	Selepa	Jaaz	Jaaz	Rachel	Katie H-W
	2nd	Selepa	Manaia	Celine	Katie H-W	Manaia	Manaia	Amelia	Rachel
	3rd	Gabeen	Laura and Selepa	Rachel	Amanda	Jenny	Evelyn	Katie H-W	Katelyn B
Y6 Boys	1st	Jake	Seth	Deaven	Connor	Jake	Zac Clarke	Mario	Jake
	2nd	Justin	Justin	Kevin	Kevin	Justin	Justin	Seth	Seth
	3rd	Deaven	Mario	Connor	Mitchell	Te Koha	Jace	Deaven	Mario

Year 0 – 3 Fun Athletics Day

On Tuesday 26 November, the very first Year 0-3 Athletics Sports Day was held at Sunnynook School. All the children were cross grouped into teams. Each team then rotated around a variety of activities. Activities included: long jump, high jump, frisbee/discus, hurdles, javelin, shotput, sprint races, egg and spoon races, gumboot throw, sack races, ball in bucket, bean bag throw and parachute. The closing activity was the finals for the Sprint Races for each age group. Results are published below.



The weather was excellent and the children participated enthusiastically in all of the activities. The day was extremely successful due to our parent helpers who worked tirelessly throughout the morning. A big thankyou to all our parents who helped and supported the children and then stayed for a picnic lunch after the event.

	First	Second	Third
Year 3 Boys	(First Equal) Ezekiel and Tyrone		Jasper
Year 3 Girls	Alexis	Sabeen	Catherine
Year 2 Boys	Max	Cooper	Liam
Year 2 Girls	(First Equal) Isis and Lani		Dylia
Year 1 Boys	Ethan	Cameron	Aiden
Year 1 Girls	Talei	Orlaith	(Third Equal) Brooklyn and Honour
Year 0 Boys	Theo	Jayden Kim	Nixon
Year 0 Girls	Amber	Suzy	Mika



Wairau Arts Festival

The Wairau Art Extravaganza and Art Exhibition was held on Monday 11 November at Wairau Intermediate School. Sunnynook Primary School was proud to enter 5 performing groups; Asian Cultural Dance Group, Junior and Senior Jump Jam, Choir and Pasifika; all performed at the festival. All groups were amazing and were a real credit to our school. It was a wonderful opportunity to perform in front of an audience and showcase some of our talent. The Art Exhibition displayed art from several schools. It all looked stunning and the occasion allowed us to share the artistic talents of Sunnynook Primary School students. Thanks to Fiona and Philippa, from Wairau Intermediate, for inviting us to participate in this event.



Sustainability Challenge

On Friday 1st November the enviro leaders went down to Long Bay Regional Park to participate in the Schools Sustainability Challenge. Along with over 100 teams, the two Sunnynook teams had to complete a range of sustainability challenges while also trying to find checkpoints along the way. Challenges included sorting rubbish, learning where our rubbish goes, finding out how to check if stream water is clean and learning about the Kereru. It was a great day!



Onepoto

On Friday the 22nd of November the Sunnynook Kapa Haka Performance Group and the Pasifika Group attended the Onepoto Cultural Festival. It was a beautiful sunny day with clear blue skies and no threat of rain. This event is a highlight of the school year which the children look forward to because of the chance to share and interact with other cultural groups and peers from other schools within the North Shore community.

The Pasifika group performed first, albeit 20 mins late, on the inside stage to an appreciative audience. The performance included the sasa and a musical performance by multiple ukulele! The outside stage was running 40 mins behind and because of



this we had to make a decision to perform on grass area, with Browns Bay Primary School. If we had not done this the bus company would have left Onepoto without us. It was a very successful performance despite the tricky circumstances but the crowd that gathered for us (which was probably larger than the crowd watching the outdoor stage) warmly received both school performances which included waiata, poi and haka.

This day would not be possible without the following people. A giant thank you to Darius and Tracey Witana who have volunteered their time, skills and knowledge to work with our Kapa Haka students all year. Another big thank you to Naomi Naera who also attends every Friday session and helps Miss Cadness to organise uniforms and performers at each event we attend. For Pasifika, Miss Legge would like to thank the Ngaluafe family who helped sew the traditional Pasifika costumes this year. These people do a massive job to help us and they are very much appreciated.

To all our whanau and friends who turned up on the day a big thank you to you for your support. We know how difficult it is to find parking, so appreciate the effort.



From the Classrooms

Year 1 Room 12



I went to Kelly Tarltons to see the sea creatures. When we got there, we first went into the tunnel to see sting rays, sea horses, squids and sharks. We got to the penguin's enclosure. I saw a fat penguin with a lot of eggs under it. I saw 8 baby penguins and then we went on the thing that made us dizzy. After that, we went back to the penguin enclosure, back through the tunnel and went on the bus back to school.

Yifang Ma

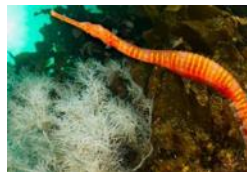
When we went to Kelly Tarltons, we saw the penguins and they had eggs. Then the penguins went into the water to catch the fish that the people were throwing into the water. Before we went to see the penguins, I saw some eels and puffer fish. Then we went to see the octopus. I learnt that it could stick on the rocks. A star fish and a seahorse can camouflage in corals. Did you know that a turtle shell is made out of fingernails and hair?



Yemaya Scarlett Oliveira

When we went to Kelly Tarltons, we saw seahorses, penguins, a dead giant squid, a puffer fish, a manta ray and a sting ray. I learnt that a seahorse can camouflage in coral.

Zoe Bickerdike



Year 3 Room 18

Year 3/4 have had an exciting term with our 'Discovery' Inquiry. Each week a mystery box arrives in the classroom with a new Science concept to discover. Room 18 loved finding Crystals, Rocks and Gems last week and many questions arose after they had compared and contrasted them with magnifying glasses as well as growing their own crystals. The tamariki worked hard to research answers to questions they individually posed. Jia Park (pictured speaking), was so proud of the posters that they created that she organised with Mrs Sole to share their learning in whole school assembly, organised her peers and wrote her own script!



A-thon Fundraiser

This year, the 'A-thon' was earmarked for purchasing STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) equipment. The STEM team researched and spent a lot of time deciding how best to spend this money. The result was that we were able to purchase play based equipment for the children allowing the development of creativity, thinking skills, problem solving and STEM practises and principles. The purchase also included



coding and robotics equipment. The equipment purchased is designed to build the STEM skills in the children over their primary school years, becoming increasingly sophisticated with each year level. The equipment will be shared around the classes in each team so that each class experiences varied learning opportunities. We sincerely thank our community for your commitment to this fundraiser and to enabling the learning success of our students.



YUMMY FRUIT STICKER PROMOTION

Thank you to all Sunnynook Families that have supported our school with this promotion over the past year. Thanks to you, we have restocked our sports trolley and have even more sports supplies put aside for 2020. This promotion is not over, we encourage you to please keep collecting Yummy stickers into next year so we can do this again next year! We currently have 35 completed sheets towards next years promotion with a goal of collecting 150.

If you complete your sheet please collect a new form from the school office, or you can print your own:

Sticker Collection Sheet - [Click here](#)

Cut out Label Collection Sheet - [Click here](#)

New Variety Sticker Collection Sheet - [Click here](#)



Thank you to Yummy Fruit Company for donating apples for our Y3-6 Athletics sports day last week. Getting the students active and aware of what they are eating is a huge reason why this promotion is so successful.

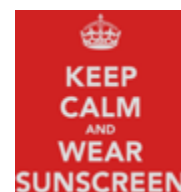


Sunnynook is a 'Sun Smart School'



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



FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

We have a [BOT newsletter](#) attached to the email of the fortnightly newsletter Keeping you informed about what is happening around our school.

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
18 November	UPHS Lions	Loss 4 – 10	Linhao
25 November	Milford Bullets	Win 8 – 0	Oliver

Year 4: Sunnynook Hurricanes– had the following games:

Date	Against	Result	Players of the Day
15 November	Sunnynook Lightning	Loss 12 – 32	Ami
22 November	Murrays Bay Pacers	Win 36 – 12	Alex and Tyrone

Basketball

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

Date	Against	Result	Player of the Day
19 November	Forrest Hill Warriors	Win 28 – 16	Ellie

Netball

Year 2: Sunnynook Sunbeams – had the following games:

Date	Against	Result	Players of the Day
9 November	St John's Poppies	Win 11 – 4	Olivia and Alice
16 November	Murrays Bay Rockets	Win 13 – 8	Lani and Rose

Year 3: Sunnynook Sunrays – had the following games:

Date	Against	Result	Players of the Day
16 November	Dairy Flat	Loss 3 – 5	Aiya and Grace

Touch Rugby

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

Date	Against	Result	Players of the Day
21 November	Milford Sparks	Win 11 – 3	Fei Fei



Next Meeting is Monday, 24 February 2020
in the Staff Room at 6:30pm

Uniforms: We have a lot of second hand size 6 jumpers for sale. Please contact Wopkje on sunnynookuniforms@gmail.com if you would like to purchase one of these.

Thank you for everyone who was involved with the PTA in 2019. We appreciate your support with our fundraising efforts and would welcome anyone who wishes to get involved in 2020.

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

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[How myKindo works](#)

Online Payment

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SAVE TIME – PAY ONLINE

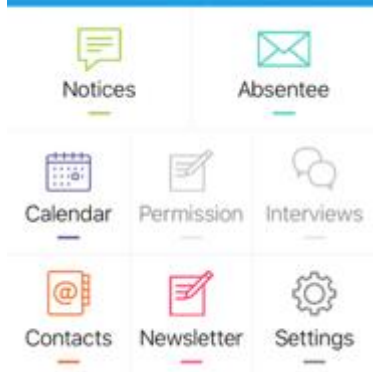


Our school shop uses the same software as Ezlunch so you can use your current email and password.

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




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

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



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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:

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