

2 May 2018



STANLEY BAY SCHOOL

Dear parents/caregivers

Welcome to Term 2. I hope you have thoroughly enjoyed the break and made the most of some quality time with your family.

Term 2 promises to be exciting, apart from the production (which we are all very much looking forward to!) there are a couple of events coming up for you to be aware of, more information will be in newsletters throughout the term and on our website.

Curriculum Parent Events

As we continue our journey to develop the digital curriculum we will be presenting a couple of opportunities for you to find out more about what this could 'look like' for your child.

Open Day – Wednesday 23 May

On Wednesday 23 May (from 9.30am—2.30pm) we invite you to come and see teaching and learning in action. All classrooms will be 'business as usual' and open for you to come and wander through to see how we are equipping our children to participate, create and thrive in a fast evolving world. We are keen to show you that we are delivering balanced future focused learning that can often be enhanced by integrating aspects of the digital curriculum.

Digital Curriculum parent information evening - Wednesday 23 May, 6pm

At the information evening we will share the Digital Strategy and show how it is integrated into the Annual Plan. The later part of the evening will be an opportunity for you to take part in some learning experiences that we use to teach computational thinking and digital outcomes. There will be plenty of chances to ask questions and offer feedback to help us develop the Digital Curriculum in a way that meets the students and community needs.

Let's get SunSmart!

Last Term, one of our parents, Emma, carried out some research on becoming a SunSmart school and presented the findings to the Board of Trustees, with a call for the school to revisit the issue of a sun protective school hat.

I am sure you are all aware of NZ's alarming melanoma statistics. NZ has now overtaken Australia as the world leader in invasive melanoma rates. Sun exposure in the first 10 years of life determines to a substantial degree the lifetime potential for skin cancer. From a skin cancer prevention perspective, wearing a SunSmart hat is a basic measure to take because the face, ears and neck receive higher levels of UVR relative to other body parts, and these are common sites for skin cancers to occur.

According to 2017 research by the University of Otago, 72% of NZ primary schools (including non-uniformed schools) only allow students to wear SunSmart hats and as such we are now heading towards being in a smaller group of schools that do not have standardized SunSmart hats. This is something we would like to change to protect our children and their future.

Dates for your diary

"Dates for your diary" (including Term dates) are available on our website www.stanleybay.school.nz or [click here](#)
As events are finalised for this term they will be displayed on our website.

We would like to add to Emma's baseline research and find out your opinion so that we can plan a SunSmart Hat initiative that meets our community needs. There are two ways in which you can help;

First, part of the research included surveying a sample group of about 35 Stanley Bay families. We would now like to ask for your opinion about the introduction of a standardized SunSmart hat. From this Friday, and running for the next couple of weeks, there will be a display in the office area where you can have your say. Please pop in and contribute your comments.

Secondly, if you would like to be involved in planning a SunSmart initiative please contact myself - principal@stanleybay.school.nz. I look forward to hearing your responses and working towards being a SunSmart School.

Anzac Day poppies

Last term we were fortunate to work with the National Museum of the Royal New Zealand Navy to learn about ANZAC day and make poppies for the Field of Remembrance exhibit. The poppies created by Stanley Bay and St Leos certainly made a powerful display that we can be proud of.



The Fundraising Team ... what's it all about?! - Wednesday 9 May, 6pm in the staffroom.

Stanley Bay has a strong community and history of successful fundraising ventures led by a team of committed and dedicated parents. This was evident in the many 2017 events including the Garage Sale and Devonport Village Cookbook. Last year the Fundraising Team raised a staggering \$88,343, these funds are invaluable in supporting many school initiatives.

As you may be aware many of our Fundraising Team members are stepping down and we are in need of a new team to lead community and fundraising events throughout the year.

If you are an existing parent or new to Stanley Bay this is a fantastic way to meet other families and support the school community. On Wednesday 9 May, 6pm, you are invited to come along to an informal evening to find out what the Fundraising Team is all about and how you can get involved. Remember, many hands make light work!

If you have any questions about joining the team or getting involved in community events please do not hesitate to contact me.

Teacher Only Day – Tuesday 5 June

On Tuesday 5 June we will be having a Teacher Only Day and the school will be closed for instruction. Please note this is the Tuesday after Queens Birthday so a great opportunity to have a long weekend away!

Teachers will spend the day participating in a Community of Learning Conference. The conference is an opportunity to work collaboratively with the schools on the peninsula to share effective educational practice and build learning focused relationships, which will enhance student outcomes.

Nga mihi nui
Lucy Naylor, Principal / Tumuaki

Board of Trustees—Acknowledgement

Justine Rowe has advised the Board that she intends to stand down from the fundraising committee. For a period of time Justine has been Chairperson, she has been the driving force of the committee. She has lead the charge on a number of highly successful initiatives, including the Devonport Village Cookbook – not only a terrific fundraiser for the school, but a community collaboration which takes pride of place in many kitchens around Devonport and further afield. The Board wishes to thank Justine for her tremendous contribution.

**Stanley Bay School Board of Trustees
2018 By-Election**

Nominations are now being accepted for the election of **ONE** parent representative to the board of trustees.

You may nominate yourself if you are on the school electoral roll or be nominated by someone else on the school electoral roll.

Candidates do not have to be a parent of the school.

Parents will have already received information and nomination forms by post. Each candidate is invited to enclose a brief statement with their nomination form.

NOMINATIONS CLOSE AT NOON ON FRIDAY 11 MAY 2018.

Nomination forms should be addressed to the Returning Officer and or posted to Stanley Bay School or dropped into the office after the holidays.

If there is more than one nomination received we will proceed to an election on **25 MAY 2018**.

Voting papers will be posted to voters on the school roll.

**For any enquiries please contact Janie Stone,
Returning Officer 0212 965 777 or janiestone3@gmail.com**



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