



STANLEY BAY SCHOOL

Dear Parents / Caregivers

As the school year begins and learning takes off, the staff spend time preparing for the school year and developing a shared understanding of what is important for learners at Stanley Bay? What does it mean to be well educated? There is often a disconnect between our own experiences at school and what we see in classrooms today. If we were still teaching how we were 20 years ago you would have to question why, the world has moved on and the future needs of children have infinitely changed, so to prepare them for an unpredictable future, learning has to be different than it was 'back in the day'.

Going back to school means learning, gaining knowledge skills, values and habits. Traditionally, education began with story-telling, passing knowledge, values and skills from one generation to the next. Once the printing press was invented, books could be used to spread knowledge. The well-educated young person two hundred years ago would translate Latin and Greek, study nature and mathematics and read literary classics. But what does it mean to be well educated in 2019?

Learners today will be critical readers who can analyze and assess what they are reading. They will be able to express themselves in writing and speech. They will understand mathematics and computational thinking, collect and use data and images. But that is not all, a well-educated person will know a lot about the world – its history, cultures, sciences and nature. They will be keen to learn more. They will understand how democracies work and their role as a citizen. Learners will know how to use their brain to make sense of difficult ideas, create their own ideas using new skills and knowledge, they will be creative and see things in new ways. They will know how to work well with others and how to find the people who know what they need to know.

A well-educated person will be a learner all their life, curious about themselves and the world, able to find and invent their own learning paths, careers and lives. That is a lot to learn. This school year is another giant step in your child's education and we will be encouraging and supporting them to be alert, creative and curious in order to make the most of everything Stanley Bay, the students, the teachers and the community has to offer!

Annual School Picnic – Friday 22 February, 4 to 7pm (weather dependent)

You are invited to our Annual School Picnic! Bring a blanket and picnic onto the field and while the children play you can catch up. If you are new to SBS this is a great opportunity to connect with other families. Sports equipment will be out and the pool will be open, FOSB will be sizzling sausages and Mr Whippy will be calling in! Bring some coins as it will be cash sales only. We look forward to seeing you all there!

Please note: Parents are responsible for looking after their children in the pool area. There will be no supervision provided by the school.

Teacher Only Day – Friday 29 March

An early heads up that on Friday 29 March the school will be closed for learning and supervision. Teachers will be taking part in a day of professional learning focusing on GROWTH Coaching.

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.

Waitangi Day Celebrations

To celebrate the signing of Te Tiriti o Waitangi children have been practising waiata and learning about tikanga Maori. To enrich their experience the children had the opportunity to work as a team to paddle a real waka. A big thank you to Stuart Harrington who sourced and transported the waka. No small undertaking!

Last Friday there was a waka at Stanley Bay school. The paddles were very heavy and the carvings were extraordinary. Everyone had a turn with the paddles. It was a lot of fun.

By Katie C and Taylor T , Rm 4



Green Team

As you know we are very lucky to have a Green Team, which for many years has been superbly organized and managed by Deb Jacobs. Sadly Deb is coming to the end of her time at SBS and we are hoping to put together a team of parents to continue the good work.

The garden provides constant joy for our children and is a real credit to Deb and the children's hard work. Take a moment to have a look; the corn is going crazy, strawberries are ripening and geraniums flowering. It is a rich ecosystem that is very much a part of the school. The Green Team garden provides the school with a valuable learning resource but also a 'safe' place at lunch time. It is a lovely spot for students to play, make new friends while creating a beautiful garden.

However, to keep the garden growing we are looking for a small group of parents to continue the good work. To get you going Deb will be on hand to help and guide! We would love to hear from you so if this sounds like you please email – principal@stanleybay.school.nz



Chess Club - starts again this Friday 22 February

The school is excited to be hosting the Chess Power all day Devonport Junior Tournament in May so now is a great time to dust off the chessboard and get some practice in. There are some tough schools to beat but we've got the raw talent - we just need the practice.

Chess club runs every Friday lunchtime in room 4 and all are welcome (including parents!)

Finally, best of luck to our Y5 and Y6 students who are off to Camp Adair next week!

I am sure you will have an amazing time challenging yourselves and taking a few risks. Thank you to all the parents who are going along to help, we look forward to hearing all about it when you return!

Nga mihi, Lucy Naylor (Principal / Tumuaki)



M Sports are coming back to hold fun Football Kidz clinics at school with our new inflatable pitch. Girls and boys from years 0-6 are welcome to participate.

When: 5 weekly sessions starting Tuesday 5th March.

Register on: enrolmy.com/msports-northshore