

Sunnybrae Normal School

Our Vision is to be : 'A connected community of positively engaged learners'

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Dates to note for Week 9

Thursday 14 December

Final Assembly at 10.30 am in the hall - all welcome.

Friday 15 December

School finishes at 12.30 pm.

Māori Kupu/te Reringa Kōrero

Māori word/phrase of the Week

āwhina - help/assist

Māku koe e āwhina.

I will help you.

Health & Safety Tips

Be safe in the sun when on holiday - remember to **slip** on a shirt, **slop** on some sunscreen, **slap** on a hat and **wrap** on some sunglasses! Check out the information about being Sunsmart on this website

[http://
www.sunsmartschools.co.nz/](http://www.sunsmartschools.co.nz/)

Featured Blog

Please click on the following link to view our class blogs -

[http://www.sunnybrae.school.nz/
class-blogs.html](http://www.sunnybrae.school.nz/class-blogs.html)

Thanks to all of the students and their teachers for the work they have put into their blog posts this year. We hope that you have enjoyed being able to view students' work online.



Kia ora to all of our parents, caregivers and whānau,

This week we farewell 63 Year 6 students who will be going on to Intermediate in 2018 and 11 other students who are transferring to other schools. We wish them success at their new schools.

Reports and progress folders

These were issued to most students last Friday. Please inquire with your child's teacher if you did not get one (NB: some students in Years 1-3 did not get a report as they received one earlier in the term). A letter explaining the report has been included for your information.

Reminders

🕒 Term 4 finishes this Friday 15th December at 12.30 pm. Please ensure that your child is picked up at this time as there will be no supervision provided after 12.30 pm.

🕒 On Friday all returning students will visit their 2018 class to meet their teacher and fellow classmates. They will be issued with a list of stationery requirements, which should be purchased before the students return to school.

🕒 Term 1 commences on Wednesday 31st January at the usual time of 8.55 am.

🕒 If you would like to hire a pool key for the summer season you must inform the office by tomorrow at the latest. No pool keys are being issued after Wednesday.

🕒 If you still have any school resources, e.g. journals, library books, other readers, sports uniforms, we would appreciate receiving them back as soon as possible please.

Sunnybrae PTA Update

Find us on [Facebook](#)
Click on the link above to access our Facebook page ...

Our annual International Food Festival is taking place on Friday 9th March. Please put this date in your diary now.

Community Notices

Auckland Libraries' Kia Māia te Whai - Dare to Explore reading adventure is a fun, FREE way for children aged 5 - 13 to keep learning, reading and building their language skills over the summer holidays. Beat the boredom with up to 60 challenges that can be completed at home, on holiday, at the library, and on the internet. Check it out at <https://www.aucklandlibraries.govt.nz/>

Music holiday courses: Scherzo are holding an Instrument Smorgasbord course on 27th January 2018 to give students an opportunity to try out **man??** instruments. For more information visit www.scherzo.co.nz/schoolhols or email enquiries@scherzo.co.nz

Summer Holidays drama programme being held at the Pumphouse Theatre for children aged 7 - 12 years from Jan 8 - 12. Cost \$50 per day. To enrol phone 489 8360 or go to www.pumphouse.co.nz

Spanish holiday classes available for children ages 5 - 10 years at the Salvation Army, 430 Glenfield Road from 3rd Jan. - 24th Feb. once a week for 2 hours on Wednesdays. Enrol through www.lcfclubs.co.nz

Invitation from *What Now* to be part of the live audience in 2018. Check out locations and dates and register at www.whatnow.tv/bonus/audience

Mangere Mountain Kids Days Out at the Volcano 8th-16th January Monday - Friday from 10 - 3 pm. \$10 per child. Guided walks, games, treasure hunts. Check www.mangeremountain.co.nz

School Uniform Sales

The uniform shop will be open on Friday 26th January and Tuesday 30th January from 9 am until 12.30 pm for those who are wanting to purchase any items.

Congratulations, thanks and well done to ...

... all of the children who took part in team sports this year. Ka pai to the following students who were awarded prizes at our recent sports prize-giving for being the best player in their particular sporting code: Te Awerangi Hogg and Bethany Scott-Donelan (netball), Seongwon Jung (boys' basketball), Chae Eun Shin and Lily Wilson (girls' basketball), Michael Kim (boys' hockey) and Nurira Won (watersports cup).

Special thanks to the following teachers, parents, whānau and friends for organising, coaching and/or managing the teams; we could not offer these opportunities without your support:

Netball - Wendy Frazer, Laura Bateman, Anne-Marie Scott-Donelan, Beth Railton (2 teams), Asha Dahya, Kylie Stewart, Fleur Guthrie, Te Rangi Hogg, Heidi Murray, Rebekah Bradfield and Carly Russell (Westlake Girl volunteers)

Hockey - Anita Knight and Pam McLauchlan

Flippa Ball - Anna Won and Clare Brown

Basketball - Mary Waters, Helen Lamberton, Stephen Simpson, Brandon Watts, Sophia Snow, Karen Simpson, Joel Smith, Dave MacKay, Lisa Mackay, Leanne Barlow, Kirsten Mail, Chantal Pearce, Makalita Vaenuku, Anna Won, Mia Yoo and former students, Mitchell McIntyre & Levi Watts who helped out.

Gymnastics – Melissa McIntyre, Beth Railton and Fleur Guthrie

Touch Rugby – Joel Smith and Melissa McIntyre

Special thanks to Laura Bateman, our Sports Coordinator; we appreciate the extra work that you have put into ensuring that these team sports are organised and available.

... all of the students who represented Sunnybrae at the Inter-school Athletics Day recently; see over for results. Thanks to the following parents: Christina and Mau Lula, Lisa Mackay, Te Rangi Hogg, Michelle Smith, Beth Railton and Katrina Pace for helping on the day and to staff members - Laura Bateman, Stephen Gordon and Donna Bailey for their organisation.

... all of the parents who joined us for the ROC day activities and walks, we appreciate your support of this event. Thanks also to the staff from Auckland Transport - Rachel Woodworth, Rochelle Pethybridge, Louise Cameron and Yvette Nicholls for their support and to the teachers Wendy Frazer and Karen Rodger for their organisation of this.

... Nurira Won and Joseph Shin who both won medals in the Auckland Junior Swimming championships recently: Nurira, 2 gold medals and 1 silver; Joseph (1 silver and 2 bronze).

... the following parents who assisted with the last sausage sizzle for the year: Anna Won, Shanghai Sim, Jeehye Yim, Beth Railton, Amy Emms and Ann Jacobs.

... one of our former students, Jacques Cantin, for coming back to talk to our Year 6 students about his progress and his achievements and successes since leaving Sunnybrae; he was very inspirational.

Congratulations, thanks and well done to ...

... the following children who performed in the Talent Quest Finalists Concert on Friday, we enjoyed your items and were very impressed with the standard of your performances: Te Awerangi Hogg, Brianna Williams, Samantha Henry, Tashiana Murray, Xander Murray, Cohen Smith, Ethan Smith, Genzui Kudo, Michael Kim, Katie Brown, Abbie Mackay, Simon Zhou, Mikey Fox, Leo Morresey, Corey Snape, Alexander Butskikh, Marius Buxton, Viola Lu, Lian Yu, Bethany Scott-Donelan, Katie Brown, Sophie King, Brayden Fitzgerald, Anton Olliver and the Middle Syndicate Kapa Haka Teina group with teachers Barbara Shephard and Catherine Sands - ka pai! Thanks also to Karen Rodger for organising this.

It is hard to believe that this is my last newsletter and last week as Principal! It has been an absolute privilege to be part of the Sunnybrae Normal School Community for the last 24 years, I have loved it and feel incredibly fortunate to have been able to work in a profession and at a school where I could make daily connections and build relationships with so many wonderful people - the children, the staff, the parents and wider whānau/family members, thank you for your friendship and support. As I said to our Year 6 students at their farewell last week, if you see me out and about somewhere in the months and years to come, please come up and talk to me, I would love to hear your stories.

I hope that you all have a very Merry Christmas, Happy New Year and a safe, relaxing and enjoyable holiday. I know that Lorene Hurd, Sunnybrae's new Principal is looking forward to meeting everyone on the first day back at school on Wednesday 31st January.

Ngā mihi nui,

Jennie Stewart (Principal)

Check out [Term Dates for 2018](#)
- all on our school website.

Inter-School Athletics Day Results

Year 4 girls

Ema Lavemaau - 1st in 60m sprint, 1st in high jump and 2nd in 100m sprint

Year 4 boys

Noah Mackay - 1st in 60m sprint, 2nd in 100m sprint, 2nd in shot put and 3rd in long jump

Taylor Warsame - 2nd in high jump and 2nd in discus

Cohen Smith - 3rd in high jump

Max King - 3rd in discus

Year 5 girls

Kaia Pirie - 1st in high jump

Year 5 boys

Thomas Jones - 1st in long jump, 1st in 60m sprint, 1st in 100m sprint and 3rd in shot put

Niki Tomoda - 2nd in long jump

Year 6 girls

Sophie King - 1st in 60m sprint, 1st in 100m sprint, 1st in discus and 1st in shot put

Lily Wilson - 2nd in shot put


Te Awerangi Hogg - 3rd in shot put


Year 6 boys

Jaden Lula - 2nd in high jump

Louie Kishimoto - 3rd in shot put

Additional Community Notices

 Kelly Sports runs a summer holiday programme. For further information phone Felicia on 022 533 5420 or book online at www.kellysports.co.nz

 Football Kidz is running summer holiday football camps at Birkenhead Primary School, 77 Mokoia Road, 18th - 22nd December and 22nd - 26th January from 9 - 12 noon. Cost \$19 per day or \$79 for 5 days. To register your child go to footykids.m-sports.org and click on programmes, then holiday programmes. For further information please phone Chris Bryson on 021 0676 700 or email chrisb.fknz@gmail.com