

Sunnybrae Normal School

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

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Dates to note for Weeks 2 & 3

Tuesday 13th February

Meet the Teacher evening from
7 pm - 8.30 pm

We hope all parents will be able to come along and meet your child/ children's teachers for this coming year.

Māori Kupu/te Reringa Kōrero

Māori word/phrase of the Week mahana - warm

Kei te mahana te wai?
Is the water warm?

Health & Safety Tips

Parents please model safe walking in and around our school by using the footpaths provided. Children are taught not to walk on the driveway or through the car park and we really need parents to do this too.

Please also remind children to check carefully both ways before crossing the road to ensure no traffic is coming.

Featured Blog/ePortfolio

Class blogs/ePortfolios are currently being set up for each classroom. These will be shared with parents once they are ready to go.



Tēna koutou to all of our parents, caregivers and whānau,

Last Wednesday our staff and students held a Powhiri to welcome our new Principal, Lorene Hurd. We also welcomed Student Teacher, Samantha Harrison (Room 8) and our new students:

Room 1: Cybell Cai, Chris Tonga

Room 2: Ken Chung

Room 3: Storm Newcombe Parker, Irene Kwon, Kate Kinsey,
Krismund Zheng

Room 4: Ian Chou

Room 6: Vinnie Higginson, Marley Temu, Yireh Kim

Room 14: Milo Wibowo, Audrey Ng

Room 15: Damir Tretiakov

Room 17: Eve Halsey

Room 19: Matthew Wu

We also extend a warm welcome to families who are new to the school and to the following Student Teachers from Auckland University who will be working in our classes: Jamie Tait (R9), Jane Simpson (R10), Jessica Ahern (R11), Aria Newton (R12) and Liam Williams-Matias (R13).

Sunnybrae PTA Update

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

Food Festival

The first planning meeting for the year is being held tonight at 7:00 pm. All welcome.

Community Notices

- After school art classes for children aged 7 - 12 years on Tuesdays in Birkenhead from 3.30 - 5 pm commencing 27 February. Cost \$110. For bookings phone 483 6703 or email eion@eionbryant.com
- Milford Sea Scout Kea Club for children aged 5 years - 8 years on Wednesdays from 4.45 - 5.45 pm. For further information phone Christien Griffith 027 663 6782 or email christiengriffith426@gmail.com
- Chess competition for children aged 7 year upwards is being held at Browns Bay Bowling Club on 25th February from 1 - 5.30 pm. For more information visit www.chesspower.co.nz/event/343717
- Tennis coaching will be held at Sunnybrae on Mondays from 12.40 - 1.20 from 12th February - 9th April. \$56 for 8 weeks. Bookings and registrations online at www.kiwitennis.com

Meet the Teacher Evening

Tuesday 13th February commencing at 7:00 pm in the hall. Our Principal, Lorene Hurd and the leadership team will address the parents and caregivers and introduce our staff. Parents will have an opportunity to visit their child's classroom where his/her teacher will speak to parents about expectations for the current year. Later this week we will send home a *Meet the Teacher* sheet.

Information Packs

Last week the eldest child in each family brought home a pack which contained:

- an [Information Leaflet](#)
- a notice about [Swimming Lessons](#) offered until 2 March 2018
- a sheet outlining the [Donations/Fees for 2018](#)
- a note about [Lunch Options](#) for this year

Please let the office know if for any reason you did not receive this information. office@sunnybrae.school.nz

Music/Cultural Groups

Information about these groups for Years 3-6 children will be sent home within the next few days.

Dates to Note for Term 1

6 February	Waitangi Day - public holiday
13 February	Meet the Teacher Evening from 7:00 - 8:30 pm
7 March	Middle Syndicate Swimming Carnival at 11 am Junior Syndicate Swimming Carnival at 1.30 pm
9 March	International Food Festival
16 March	Senior Syndicate Swimming Sports at Birkenhead Leisure Pool at 9.30 am (Food Festival Save-a-day if cancelled)
23 March	Drum Show for all students
30 March	Easter Good Friday - public holiday
2 & 3 April	Easter Monday and Tuesday holiday
11 April	Parent Teacher Conferences 3.20 - 5.30 pm
12 April	Parent Teacher Conferences 1.20 - 7.50 pm
13 April	Term 1 finishes at 3:00 pm

Message from the Principal

Thank you to those parents who have stopped by the school for a visit and for the many well wishes via email. You have all made me feel very welcome. I am looking forward to meeting as many of you as possible during the coming weeks. Please feel free to pop in and say hello if you have an opportunity. I am always available to be contacted via email lhurd@sunnybrae.school.nz or phone (09) 443 5058 if you have any concerns. I am also looking forward to getting to know and work with your children.

Kind regards
Lorene Hurd
Principal

Celebrating Success at Sunnybrae

Six of our students recently graded with Kumgang Taekwondo and attained the following belts :

- Shiv Patel - Green - tip
- Simon Jacobs - Green - tip
- Gunn Choi - Blue - tip
- Aaron Ryu - Blue - tip
- Isaac Ryu - Blue - tip
- Geordan Coffey - Blue

These results involved commitment, perseverance and indomitable spirit. We are very proud of their achievements and wanted to share their success with our school community.

SPORT AT SUNNYBRAE 2018

We are looking forward to another exciting sporting year at Sunnybrae. Below is a list of the sports that will be offered during the year, along with the teacher that you can contact if you have any questions. Thank you to those who volunteered to coach and manage last year; we truly appreciate your assistance. Now is the time to start thinking about whether you can help out this year by coaching or managing. We will support you in any way that we can, however **without a volunteer to coach, we are unable to enter teams into the various competitions.**

Junior Basketball, Year 3-4 – Kelsey Robinson krobinson@sunnybrae.school.nz

Games are played on Wednesday afternoons at the YMCA, beginning in March and running throughout the year.

Senior Basketball, Year 5-6 – Laura Bateman lbateman@sunnybrae.school.nz

Games are played at the YMCA, Akoranga Drive. Year 5 & 6 teams both play on Thursday afternoons or early evening. It begins in March and runs throughout the year.

Junior Netball, Year 1-3 – Kelsey Robinson krobinson@sunnybrae.school.nz & Anna Blair ablair@sunnybrae.school.nz

Games are played on Monday afternoons at Netball North Harbour in Terms 2 & 3.

Senior Netball, Year 4-6 – Laura Bateman lbateman@sunnybrae.school.nz

Games are played at the Netball North Harbour courts in Northcote. Year 4 teams play on Monday afternoons and Year 5 & 6 teams play on Wednesday afternoons.

Hockey, Year 3-6 - Melanie Hanson mhanson@sunnybrae.school.nz

Games are played at the North Harbour Hockey Stadium in Albany on Monday afternoons in Terms 2 & 3.

North Harbour hockey also offers a Fun Sticks Hockey programme for children aged between 5-7 years old. Refer to this address for individual registration forms: <http://www.harbourhockey.org.nz/>

Touch Rugby (summer), Year 3-6 - Carolyn Hutton chutton@sunnybrae.school.nz

The games are played at Kaipatiki Park in Glenfield on Wednesday afternoons in Term 4.

Cricket, Year 3-6 - Laura Bateman lbateman@sunnybrae.school.nz

The Cricket Blitz Programme runs for Terms 1 and 4 and was played on either Tuesdays or Thursdays last year (this could change). This programme is free of charge.

There is also Friday night cricket available at the Takapuna Cricket ground at Onewa Domain. Refer to the following website for individual registration: www.takapunacricket.co.nz.

Table Tennis Year 5-6 - Mary Waters mwaters@sunnybrae.school.nz

Games are played on Wednesday evenings all year round at the North Harbour Table Tennis Stadium in Akoranga Drive (behind the YMCA).

Flippa Ball, Year 4-6 - Laura Bateman lbateman@sunnybrae.school.nz

Games are played at AUT Millennium in Albany on Sunday afternoons. Children must be strong swimmers to play this sport.

Children can sign up for Term 1 Sports through their classroom teacher and once they have done this, they will receive more information. Please talk with your child about which sports they would like to get involved with this year and encourage them to have a go. If there are other sporting codes that your child is interested in playing that you have heard about, please contact Laura or Kelsey with the information and we can see if there is enough interest to put a team together.

NB: All children signing up for Sports teams will need to be signed up to CareMonkey as this is where staff will access their contact details. In particular, please check and update your email address if this has changed.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions.

Kind regards

Laura Bateman & Kelsey Robinson

Sports Curriculum Leaders

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YMCA Auckland

... is a not for profit organisation, committed to strengthening families and youth development.

We're out there, managing over 20 facilities from Whangaparaoa in North Auckland to Hamilton in the Waikato. Our network comprises of centres which are owned and operated by YMCA, and a number that

are managed through partnerships with central government agencies such as Ministry of Education and local government agencies such as Auckland Council.

Rest assured, though; we're from around here too. We reinvest into local communities through our three philanthropic programmes, Raise Up, Family Camp and Fee Assistance.

Our facilities are a place for families. From babies to grandparents and everyone in between we offer a wide range of services with something for everyone in the family.

We're over 150 years old, and our rich history mirrors the history of New Zealand. Dedicated work over many years has laid the foundation to continue our work reinvesting in local communities, now and for many years to come.

Both YMCA facilities and programmes are regularly recognised through industry awards. We're also a pretty big player as well - nationally YMCA is the largest provider of Out of School Care for school-aged children, the largest provider of residential camping facilities and we run some of the largest sports leagues.

Your local YMCA ...

YMCA North Shore Recreation Centre

5 Akoranga Dr, Northcote, Auckland