

Sunnybrae Normal School

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

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Dates to note for Weeks 4 & 5

Monday 20 February

Board of Trustees meeting at 7 pm

Wednesday 22 February

Prospective Parents' Meeting in staffroom at 9.30 am

Thursday 2 March

Meeting for parents of ESOL students at 2 pm in the staffroom

Friday 3 March

Full school assembly at 2.15 pm in the school hall, hosted by Rooms 11 & 16. All welcome

Monday 6 March

Senior Syndicate swimming sports at Birkenhead Pools from 9.30 - 11.00 am.

Te Reringa Kōrero

Māori phrase of the Week

Koina! Yes, that's it!

Health & Safety Tips

Scooters and bikes should always be walked into school. Please ensure that your children know that they are not allowed to ride them in the school grounds before and after school. Skates, skateboards, heeles and roller blades are considered to be unsuitable modes of transport for our students.

Featured Blogs

Please click on the following link to view our featured blog this week -

<http://sns2017room13.blogspot.co.nz/>

You can click on the link at the bottom of a post to leave a comment - we love getting your feedback! Thanks to the students in Room 13 and their teacher Mr Gordon for the work they have put into their blog posts.



Tēna koutou to our parents, caregivers and whānau,

This week we would like to welcome the following new students to our school: Maxwell Ren (R5), Emma Dong (R5), Joel Simpson (R5) and Simone Nai (R6). We also welcome the families who are new to our school community.

Year 5/6 Cricket Players Needed

We urgently need 4 more players to make up a Y5/6 Sunnybrae cricket team. This competition is free for all children, begins this coming Thursday (23rd February) and goes for 6 weeks. The games are played on Thursday afternoons from 4-5.30pm at local locations (the first game is at Sunnybrae). If your child is interested, please e-mail Laura Bateman as soon as possible. lbateman@sunnybrae.school.nz

Full School Assembly

Next week on Friday 3 March we are having our first full school assembly of the year. Full assemblies are held 2-3 times a term and parents/caregivers, whānau and friends are all welcome to attend. These assemblies are hosted by two classes who provide items and one of our cultural or music groups usually performs. The assemblies commence at 2.15 pm in the hall.

Music Groups

The music groups and choirs will start next week. If your child put their name down to learn recorder or ukulele or be in the orchestral group, he/she should have brought home another notice last week with full details of what to buy and the cost. Please phone the office this morning if your child has not brought their slip back as orders are being placed this afternoon.

Sunnybrae PTA Update

Find us on [Facebook](#)
Here is the link to our
new Facebook page ...



Food Festival Friday 10th March
4 .30 pm - 7 pm

Community Notices

The 2017 Summer Sport Stacking (cup stacking) is being held at Murrays Bay Intermediate School Gymnasium, 37 Sunrise Avenue, Murrays Bay on Sunday 12 March. The competition is open to everyone. All details available at www.speedstacks.co.nz/pages/auckland-tournament

Guitar, bass and banjo tuition available in Hillcrest by an ex Sunnybrae student who is an experienced guitar tutor. Tuition available weekdays 3 pm - 8 pm and weekends from 8 am - 12 noon. Email brad.pk@live.com or phone Brad on 021 0299 1638

North Harbour hockey Development Clinic for Y5/6 players, 5 sessions starting on 27th February, held on Mondays from 4.30 - 5.30 pm. Cost \$80. Register online at www.harbourhockey.org.nz

North Shore trampoline club have after school recreational or competitive classes. Visit the website <http://northshoretrampoline.co.nz/>

After school Mandarin lessons held at the Glenfield Community Centre. Visit <http://www.mandarinheroes.com/> or email mandarinheroes@gmail.com

Beach Haven/Birkdale Fun Run and Walk on Sunday 5 March at 10.30 am in Shepherds Park.

Milford Sea Scout Group offers a varied programme for boys and girls aged between 7½ yrs (Y3 – Y6) and 10½ yrs. They play games, cook, go on camps, learn knotting skills, and do lots of outdoor challenges. All visitors are welcome. This group meet on a Wednesday 6pm - 7.30pm at 24 Craig Road, Milford. Phone Christien Griffith on 4181734 or 027 663 6782 or email christien01@ihug.co.nz

Notes from Parent Meeting held last week

Thanks to the parents/caregivers who came along to meet their child's teacher last week. For those of you who were unable to attend, I have included some key points discussed below:

We value a positive school culture and prioritise community, partnership and teamwork. Having respect and trust for each other, maintaining a collaborative learning culture and being inclusive in our approach are key dimensions that are important to us.

Teachers are refining and constantly improving their own teaching practice to ensure they are able to provide a quality learning environment that engages students. We expect high achievement results and success for all of our students.

How can you help your child? Be positive about their learning; set high but realistic expectations and gently encourage them to succeed; ensure they are emotionally and physically healthy and ready to learn at school.

Know the homework guidelines and create conditions needed for good learning at home. Our key aim is for students to be self-motivated learners who value their own learning. Encourage them to be curious about the world around them; help them build friendships with others; and teach them to follow safety rules.

Be involved and participate in the wide variety of activities that we invite you to join us for.

Read our newsletters, check out the website regularly - and keep the communication open.

Please always come and talk to us if there is something about school that is concerning you or affecting your child's ability to learn successfully. Staff email addresses are available from our website - <http://www.sunnybrae.school.nz/staff.html>. My mobile number is 0274 850 945 if you need to contact me out of school hours.

We are looking forward to another great year, working together to achieve our school vision.

Congratulations, thanks and well done to ...

... those parents who purchased stationery requirements from Stationery City in Porana Road. As a result of the sales we have received a donation of \$445.53 from them.

... the following children whose names were pulled from our Respect Badge box last week - Taylor Warsame (R18), Sina Angitua (R3) and Amanda Zou (R3) - we are proud of you.

... all of our students for making such a positive start to school!

Ngā mihi nui

Jennie Stewart (Principal)

Weetbix Tryathlon

Registrations are now open for the Sanitarium Weet-Bix Tryathlon. Our school has been registered for the Hibiscus Coast event at Manly Park on Sunday 26 March. You can register online at www.try.weetbix.co.nz and link your registration to the Sunnybrae team or contact Leanne Barlow at lbarlow@sunnybrae.school.nz. who has agreed to be our school co-ordinator; thanks Leanne.

Walking School Bus Promo

A Walking School Bus is just like a school bus but children walk to and from school under the supervision of adult volunteers (often parents).

Benefits include:

- Improved fitness
- Making new friends
- Decreasing traffic around the school gates
- Improves safety



And so much more....

If you would like to start a Walking School Bus, or find out more, please contact Louise at Louise.Cameron@at.govt.nz ; ph. 09 447 5158 ; 021 725 038

If you come from far away to get to school, don't worry, just park up and walk the rest of the way.

We look forward to seeing you on the Walking School Bus!