

# Forrest Hill School Newsletter



*Nurturing growth for a lifetime of learning*



**Thursday 14th December 2023**

*Our Values are Respect, Connect and Challenge*

Kia ora koutou,

This has been another great year for our school whanau. It was fantastic to present Excellence Awards to a number of students this Monday.

In 2024, we will be starting the school year with meet the teacher interviews. They will be an opportunity for to meet your child's teacher face to face. I will send out communication on the sign up process for these interviews in January.

Winners of the school wide excellence awards.

Wayne Hutchinson Cup - **Zoe Ahn**

Enid Watson Cup - **Lily Davis**

Arataki Kaiako Kowhiri Teacher Choice Award  
- **Elly Li**



## PTA NEWS

The PTA are proud to announce that this year's fundraising efforts has exceeded our goals - donating a mammoth amount of **\$71,748.98. (raised over the last 3 years)** Thank you to all the families that have supported the various events this year helping to raise funds for our FHS community. A huge thank you to Diane Hutton and Jo Frankham for their amazing effort with the running of the PTA!

**School dates for 2024 are:**

**Teacher Only Days -  
30th and 31st of January.**

**Meet the Teacher Interviews -  
Thursday 1st February**

**Students start school in classes -  
Friday 2nd February**

**There will be a second hand uniform sale  
on Thursday 1st February  
in the school library.  
9.30am - 11.30am.**

**A reminder - school closes tomorrow  
at 12 noon.**

I wish everyone a safe and happy Christmas break. We look forward to seeing you all back in the new school year.

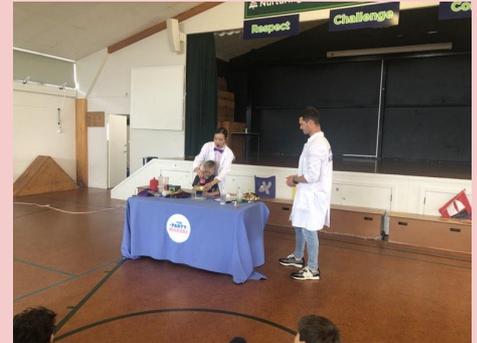
*Nga Mihi,  
John Marwick  
Principal*



# ESOL Christmas Shared Lunch and Secrets of Magic Tricks Show!



On Wednesday 13th of December the ESOL students, parents and teachers came together to celebrate another successful year. All of our ESOL students have been feeling the Christmas spirit and wanted to brighten someone else's day, by giving a gift to a child in need this Christmas! The Salvation Army work incredibly hard to help these families. We provided a lovely surprise for some of these primary aged children in Auckland. A representative from the Salvation Army, Ruth Conder came into school to collect the gifts. Then in the afternoon the students watched a show about the secrets of magic tricks from Party Makers. Have a lovely holiday from the ESOL Team!





# Basketball 2024



*Firstly... Well done to all children who participated in Basketball for 2023!*

Could we please have all singlets WASHED and CLEAN, brought to ROOM 8 by tomorrow.



Rockets Year 1/2



Warriors Year 3/4  
2nd Place in Grade B



Spurs Year 5/6  
2nd Place



Bulls Year 5/6



Celtics Year 3/4

If you wish to play Basketball for 2024, please click on the link below and fill out the google form:

<https://forms.gle/ePjDLKoavZAgKE3C9>

# TAKAPUNA

FOOTBALL CLUB



## Holiday Programme

Kick off the summer holidays with our fun football holiday programme.

Girls and boys from 4 to 14 are welcome.

The week is full of exciting games and tournaments and much more.

Our team of highly qualified staff will ensure your kids have a ball in a positive and safe environment



### Holiday Camp Details

#### Venue:

Takapuna Normal Intermediate School, 26 Northcote Road, Takapuna

#### Dates:

**Week 1: Tues 19th to Fri 22nd December 2023**

**Week 2: Mon 15th to Thurs 18th January 2024**

**Week 3: Mon 22nd to Thurs 25th January 2024**

**9am to 12pm: \$29 per day**

**9am to 3pm: \$49 per day**

#### Register Your Child:

<https://enrolmy.com/msports-northshore/book-now/293-M-Sports-Holiday-Programme>

**Queries: Contact Chris Bryson on: [chrisb.fknz@gmail.com](mailto:chrisb.fknz@gmail.com)**

**We look forward to seeing you soon!**

# Holiday Surf Programmes & After-School Surfing



## Orewa Holiday Surf Programmes | Dec & Jan

Surfing is an amazing sport that will challenge, entertain, and educate.

Our popular 'Holiday Surf Programmes' give kids the confidence to be active and have fun in the ocean through the enjoyment of learning how to surf.

**Where:** Orewa Beach

**Dates:** 18-22 Dec | 8-12 Jan | 15-19 Jan | 22-26 Jan

**Times:** Mon-Fri | 10am-12pm or 1pm-3pm

We provide surfboards, wetsuits together with fun & enthusiastic surf coaches.



## Why NZ Surf Academy

- Qualified & enthusiastic surf instructors
- Giving kids the confidence to succeed
- Great feedback from parents & kids
- Teaching beach safety & surf lifesaving
- Progressive coaching, learning all the aspects of surfing: paddling, getting out back, turning, reading waves, timing etc
- Surfing NZ Accredited
- All surfboards & wetsuits provided.

## Wave Warriors After-School Surfing

Our Wave Warriors After School Surf Programme is designed to continually improve surfing in a safe positive environment, with progressive surf coaching ensuring kids have the best experience possible.

**Where:** Orewa Beach

**Term 4:** Thurs & Fri | 6-10 yrs & 11-16yr Classes

**Term 1:** Tues & Fri | 6-10 yrs & 11-16yr Classes



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# \* Supporting whānau to thrive

Our dream at Parenting Place is that every parent in Aotearoa feels confident, and every child feels deeply loved.

- We inspire** parents by offering hope for families.
- We equip** parents with information and strategies.
- We journey** with parents through key transition times.

**We recognise that every family can flourish with support, encouragement and nurture. And we believe that healthy, loving families can transform communities.**

Teachers and parents share a common goal – hope that the next generation of tamariki will grow up to be caring and fun human beings who make good choices. And of course, we wouldn't say no to the added bonuses of respect, nice manners and enthusiasm for doing the dishes!

We know that parenting is the hardest job many people will ever do. That's why Parenting Place is here – to make sure that parents feel confident in the relationships they are building with their growing tamariki at every age and stage.

And that is why we love working with schools. You know the struggles and challenges facing children, parents and whānau more than just about anyone.

There are several ways we would love to partner with you in providing support and encouragement for your parent community.

As a trusted voice on parenting in Aotearoa, we offer a range of services that you can access to support your school, parents and whānau as they navigate the highs, lows and every-days of their parenting journey, including:

- Parenting talks
- Articles and online resources
- Parenting courses
- One-on-one parent coaching

\*Anyone raising a child, including parents, caregivers, grandparents, aunts, uncles, guardians and foster carers.

## Parenting Talks

### Inspiring, informative and fun

Our Parenting Talks are designed to encourage parents and support thriving whānau relationships – in a way that is relatable and entertaining.

Our experienced presenters share practical skills and solutions for challenges facing families today. Messages are delivered from a place of empathy and compassion, and content is evidence based, drawing on the latest research.



#### Parenting Talks

- For a wide range of ages and stages
- Typically 60 minutes long, with Q&A at the end
- Tailored to your audience
- Delivered in person or online

#### Our key talks include

- Kind, Firm, Calm
- Tackling technology
- Supporting your kids through anxiety and worry
- Building an awesome whānau
- Raising confident and resilient kids/teens
- Staying connected in the teen years

#### Pricing

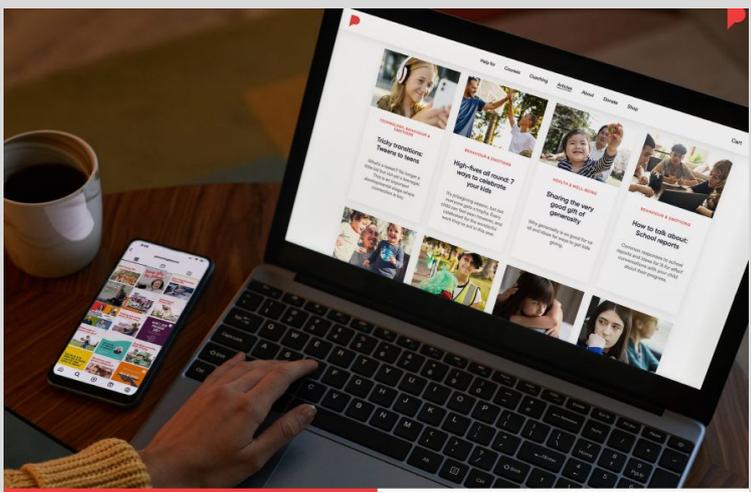
Reach out to us to discuss pricing options.

#### Next steps

Parenting Talks are made possible by partners who care deeply about whānau in their local communities. We would love to work together to help families in your area thrive.

To find out more about hosting a parenting talk, or to learn more about other Parenting Place courses, please get in touch:

- ✉ [support@parentingplace.nz](mailto:support@parentingplace.nz)
- 📍 [parentingplace.nz](https://parentingplace.nz)



## parentingplace.nz

Parenting ideas and strategies when you need them

Our website offers a comprehensive range of encouraging and insightful articles, courses and content to support parents, whatever stage they're at on the parenting journey.

parentingplace.nz is Aotearoa's 24/7 parenting resource. Designed to inform and inspire parents on everything from toddler bedtimes and fussy eating, through to managing screen time and talking to teens about vaping.

Topics can be searched by keywords, age and stage or themes, with contributions from psychologists, parent coaches, specialists, writers and parents.

Book online and in-person parenting courses, discover articles and videos, and download resources including scripts for tricky conversations and contracts for first phones and family technology use. Plus, sign up to regular email newsletters for the latest parenting news and content.

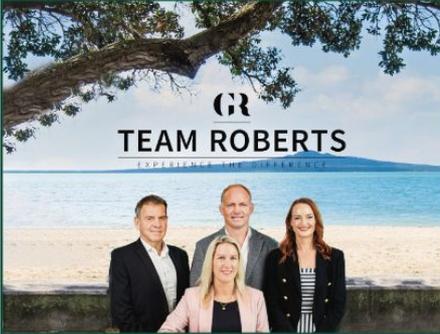
Check out our parenting podcast, *Parent's We've Met*, hosted by parent coach and author Jenny Hale and presenter Dayna Galloway. The pair share stories, wisdom and many laughs with some well-known mums and dads from right here in New Zealand. Available on all main podcast platforms.

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