

Summerland Primary Annual Report 2008



If your plan is for one year, plant rice;
If your plan is for ten years, plant trees;
If your plan is for a hundred years;
Educate children.'
Confucius

'Shared values are more important than paper and policies. We need, passion, people, and pride.
Leadership not management.' Lester Levy

'School should be the best party in town.' Peter Kline

'You cannot teach anybody anything. You can only help them discover it within themselves.' Galileo

'I never let my schooling interfere with my learning.' Mark Twain

Summerland Teaching Staff

2008

Luke Sumich
Blair Giles
Barbara Dysart
Jennie Campbell
Heidi Tumanuvao
Melisa McEwen
Megan Hughes
Suzanne Davies
Sarah Nicolson
Erin Buchanan
Glenys Holt
Kristin Rack
Maria Galbraith
Shannon Pulman
Lisa Dorreen
Claudia Sutherland
Jess Rankin
Michelle Edwards
Janet Shepherd
Megan Matia
Claire Cheeseman
Dana Talamaivao
Mary Brown
Natasha Lord
Sarah Rack
Innes Nisbet
Aaron Cunliffe
Sheryl Ellington
Lisa Lambert
Peter Hall

Farewelled during the year

Levonne Martin

We farewell at the end of the year

Sarah Nicolson
Aaron Cunliffe
Heidi Tumanuvao

2009

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Peter Hall

We welcome at the beginning of the year

Georgia Geaney
Nada Vulinovich

On leave

Rhea Anglesey
Joe Thornley
Natasha Plumridge
Sarah Taylor



Summerland Governance

The Board of Trustees for 2008/9 are:

Brett Cameron (Chairperson)

Daniel Wong

Brenda Lewis

Annette Campbell

Grant Williams

Luke Sumich (Principal)

Janet Shepherd (Staff Rep)

During the year the Board of Trustees faced many challenges. The most difficult hurdle we faced was the discovery of leaky buildings. It continues to be very time consuming work. We are most appreciative of the support and maturity shown by the community in what could have been a very difficult situation to handle. The BOT have ensured our children's interests have come first. The prefabs are almost complete and the rebuild will begin in January. While this action takes place there will be other work going on during 2009 which reflects the development plan of Summerland School. We will be extending the school library, extending playground facilities, sporting facilities and building a facility for professional learning for staff.

The money invested by the Board of Trustees into professional development for staff has a direct link to achievement in the classrooms. The performance of students in reading, writing and mathematics and their comparison to nation wide norms is very pleasing. Investing in staff development and building life long learners at Summerland is a continuous job that is of massive benefit to our learning community.

Parent involvement is a critical component of any school and there are multiple levels of assistance. We have many working families and therefore direct involvement is not always possible. Luckily we have a caring set of volunteers who come and help nurture our students social and academic needs. These acts of kindness are genuinely appreciated by all the families of Summerland. Thank you. The BOT continues to work with the teachers and community of Summerland to ensure our school is the best place it can be for every child who enters the door.

On behalf of all of our parents I want to thank Luke Sumich and the entire staff of our school for the dedication and passion they show for our children on a daily basis. We know this is a special place for our kids and long may this continue.

Brett Cameron - Chairperson



Writing Sample:

The basic purpose of argument writing is to encourage children to look at facts and use them to take a point of view on a topic. Arguments are more easily written if they have a structure, which all children were specifically taught. Learning to write a good argument is a skill we all need to try and help us get out of those unwanted parking tickets. As children move through the year levels the complexity of the writing grows. The marking of samples requires multiple teachers for each piece of work to ensure consistency. This is time consuming work but very important.

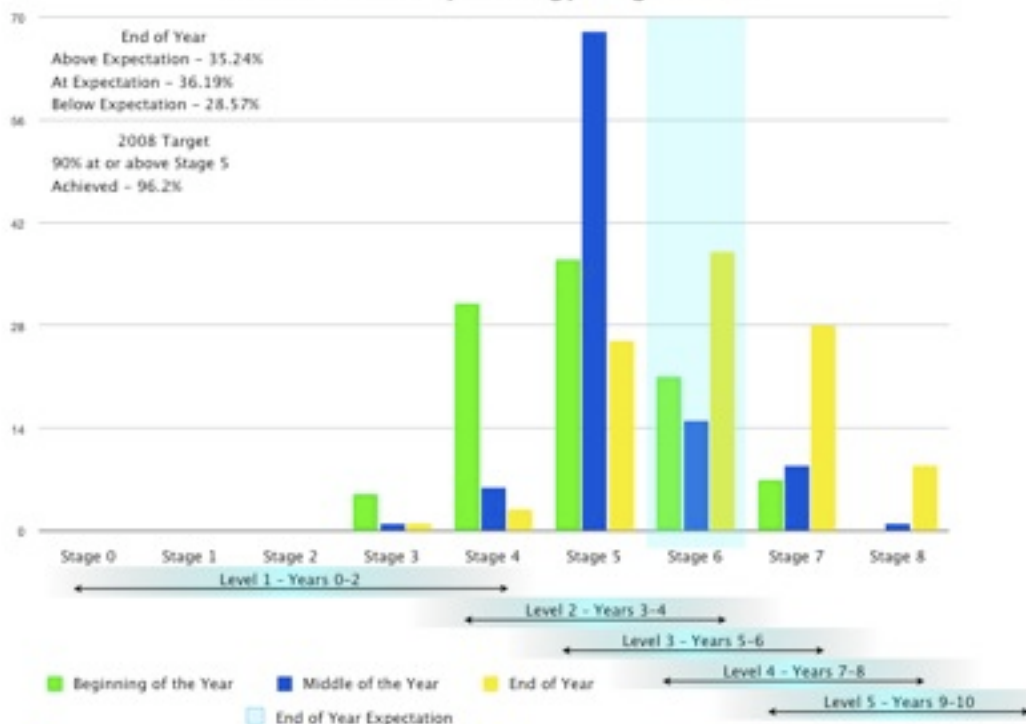
The moderation process was completed twice for every student during 2008. The results of these samples will serve as a base for measuring improvements in writing. Each writing sample is broken into 7 categories. I have provided a copy of the year five and six data, what it shows is the improvement from the start of the year to now and also measuring it against national norms (students). All the year level information is available on the school website.

Year 5 (Norm 3B)	% Below		% At		% Above	
	Sample 1	Sample 2	Sample 1	Sample 2	Sample 1	Sample 2
Audience	73.7%	28.6%	13.2%	22.1%	13.2%	49.4%
Content	73.7%	31.2%	11.8%	20.8%	14.5%	48.1%
Structure	81.6%	39.0%	7.9%	23.4%	10.5%	37.7%
Language	80.3%	39.0%	10.5%	20.8%	9.2%	40.3%
Grammar	76.3%	51.9%	13.2%	22.1%	10.5%	26.0%
Punctuation	78.9%	48.1%	14.5%	19.5%	6.6%	32.5%
Spelling	71.1%	31.2%	13.2%	18.2%	15.8%	50.6%

Year 6 (Norm 3P)	% Below		% At		% Above	
	Sample 1	Sample 2	Sample 1	Sample 2	Sample 1	Sample 2
Audience	73.0%	34.0%	11.0%	18.0%	16.0%	48.0%
Content	75.0%	35.0%	11.0%	19.0%	14.0%	46.0%
Structure	74.0%	32.0%	16.0%	18.0%	10.0%	50.0%
Language	78.0%	38.0%	9.0%	21.0%	13.0%	41.0%
Grammar	82.0%	47.0%	10.0%	17.0%	8.0%	36.0%
Punctuation	72.0%	45.0%	17.0%	23.0%	11.0%	32.0%
Spelling	67.0%	38.0%	18.0%	11.0%	15.0%	51.0%

Numeracy testing at Summerland requires detailed and specific knowledge of the stages children move through. We have then taken the knowledge learnt from individual assessments and used this to ensure teaching meets the needs of each student. Each assessment becomes more complex as the children move through the school, I have attached a copy of the year six data as this is our target group for 2008. All the year level information is available on the school website.

Year 6 Numeracy Strategy Stages 2008



Strategic Goals 2008 / 2009

The continued focus on numeracy and literacy will be ongoing at Summerland. Comprehensive professional development of staff has ensured quality teaching and outcomes for students that helped the school reach its goals. Our goals for 2009 will reflect the areas highlighted from 2008 results and build upon the outstanding results of this year. Writing and maths will remain as priority areas for 2009.

Summerland school is a lead school in the Extending High Standards Across Schools (EHSAS) initiative. Our goal is to reflect on the teaching practice across the school. We have been visiting each others rooms looking at specific teaching points and having courageous conversations about pedagogy. This is another phase in building our professional learning community. In 2009 we will extend the reflective practice programme which will further enhance the work done this year.

Our strategic plan has identified the need for continuous and constant improvement in reading, writing and maths as well as building life long learners.

Values will continue to be part of the school vision for 2008 and 2009. A continued focus on respect, honesty, truthfulness and responsibility.

Over the next two years we are hoping to build on our sporting, dance, drama and arts programmes. We are looking at building a framework that will cover participation, excellence, and enjoyment of the arts. We will be developing our facilities to provide opportunities. To reach our goal we have an ambitious action plan and our staff are keen to get on and do the job.

Financial

The school is in a good financial position. We have a sound ten year maintenance plan which covers future work. The school is able to fund its strategic plan and educational goals on an annual basis and the school budget reflects the goals set. The school is audited every year and Summerland continues to pass with flying colours as it has done every year for seven years.

Leadership

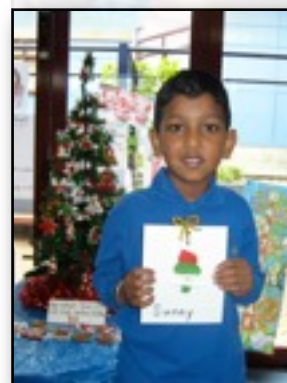
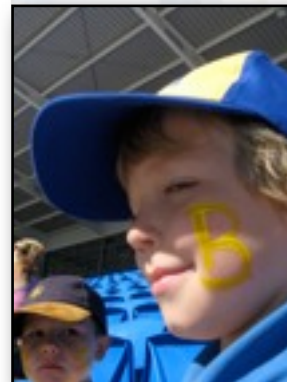
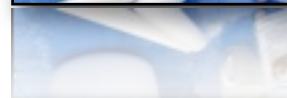
Barbara Dysart had a turn as Principal for Term 2, while I was away on sabbatical leave. She bore the brunt of the leaky building business and had an interesting term dealing with several unexpected staff changes. Barb did a tremendous job and I would like to thank her for this.

Building leadership within the school is essential for the growth of staff. Teachers have taken a lead in professional development particularly in Maths and in Reflective Practice. It has been wonderful to give jobs to teachers, support them, and let them have the license to follow things through. The ownership and "buy in" of learning from teachers makes the effort, all the more successful and rewarding.

Property

The school is continually growing and we have been trying to keep pace with the size of roll and the limitations of the buildings and grounds. We are facing challenges in the amount of available play space, both formal and informal. The school is not funded for new projects or adequate maintenance. The MOE rules state that a school must be at least ten years old before it is eligible. Any new buildings or upgrades need to be funded entirely by the Board of Trustees.

The hassle of the leaky buildings and subsequent rebuild has made future improvements slow to progress. We are unsure how the rebuilding project will hamper our ability to continue to develop the school site. The field development plan requires a rethink as the pre-fabs now fill some of the space.



The Board of Trustees are now forced to look at re prioritizing the important projects to suit the rebuild.

During 2008 we have been able to complete the additional four rooms and build the shade outside rooms 21, 22, 23, 24. This was a major job which from start to finish took about 22 months.

In 2009 we will look closely at the addition to the library, extension to the playground and a professional learning space for staff. These jobs are on the horizon but may be hampered by the rebuild of classrooms 1 to 12.

We are also looking at hall seating and other sporting facilities.

These jobs are possible because of the fantastic fundraising efforts of our families and from a "one off" grant given by the Ministry of Education.

We were robbed seven times this year with most of the trouble being the damage left behind. We are always looking at ways of making improvements in security. The most important thing is no-one was hurt. Security is always an issue and I'd like to ask people to continue to walk through the school after hours, and feel free to tell people off if someone is up to no good. Or phone the police.

Many thanks to Mr Sonny Gough who contributes in so many ways. He is extremely proud of Summerland School. His efforts don't go unnoticed when walking around Summerland.

General

This year saw the sad passing of Ingrid Ho who was a loved member of room two. Thankfully the school showed amazing strength and the resilience of students was obvious. Mr and Mrs Ho are very thankful for the support shown by so many people. Ingrid touched many children in her short time here. We will be building a friendship seat in her memory. The seat will be a place where children can sit if they have no-one to play with and other children can go and be a friend to those in need.

The current crop of year six students is one of the best we have produced. They have grown as a group and exhibit the values we want so much in the life long learners. The experiences they have had as young learners should be very helpful for them as they take on new challenges at new schools. I wish them every success and am confident that they leave Summerland with excellent skill sets.

Thanks

There are many people to thank for 2008. Staff obviously are the key to a successful school. Behind the scenes there are tireless workers too. Our Teacher Aides, Office Staff, Volunteer Parents, Board Members, Grandparents, Families, but most importantly the children who we love.

Year 6 leavers you will be missed. Please continue to be part of our Summerland family.

Best Wishes.

Luke.



Events

The website is a marvelous place to make your connections to the school.

This is a list of many of the web pages in action on our school site for this year only! There are many more pages tucked away in "the rooms" section of our site.

Tribute To Ingrid
Cultural Festival Photos
Basketball Championships
Anzac Parade
Book Character Parade
Camp Year 5 & 6 2008
Cross - Country
Flippa Ball
Guitar Lessons
Gymnastics 2008
Jump Jam
Kids Congress 2008
Maths Week 2008
Northern Mystics Netball Visit
Room 10 & 4S Music Videos
Soapbox Derby 2008
Summerland Netball 2008 -Information
Tagging Out
Trash To Fashion
Winter Sports Field Day
Year 6 Dinner
Conservation Club
Spstv
The Queen Medley
Abba Medley Performance
Mini Olympics
Pasifika Performance
Mighty Green Machine Ict
Our Trip To Clendon Park School
Waitakere College Manu Samoa
Waitakere College Savalivali
Trash To Fashion 2008
Trip To Corbans Arts Centre
"Mighty Green Machine" Assembly 2008
Buddy Reading
The green Picnic
Life Sized Collages
In Action At Cross Country
Waitakere College Visit The Green
Machine!!!!
Learning Blog

Tiger Feet
Dr Doolittle's Treasure Hunt!
Camp Bentzen Thank You Cards
Collaborative Story
Cultural Celebration Podcasts
Gymnastics In Action
Pod Cast - The Greek Wedding
Pod Cast - Shichi Go San
Pod Cast - Chinese Moon Festival
Pod Cast - The New Year
Pod Cast - Diwali
Super Hero Survey For The Publishing
Frogs
Survey For Our Super Hero For Bright
Sparks
Super Comic Survey For Nosgp
Politician Survey
Comic Survey
Funky,Fantastic,Favorite,Fun,Five
Super Hero Survey - 4 Super Stars
Super Hero Survey-Publishing Hamster
Amazing Photography
B P Challenge
Blogs
Camp Comics
Creative & Collaborative Story Writing
Creative Comics
Dastardly Downloads
Homethink Helper!
Math-A-Licious!
Pirate Green Screen
Pirate Poem Podcasts
Pirates Day!
Rabbits Visit Room 16
Thar She Blows!
Amazing Facts
Buildings Of The World
Check It Out!
Dog Ears 2!
Dog Ears!
Go Strategy Game



The Save Of Mike
 Creative & Collaborative Story Writing
 Creative Writing In Action!
 Story Movies Online
 Castle
 Enormous Castle
 The Bear
 The Weirdest Vacation Ever
 Beardless Crew
 Blackbeard's Pirates
 Pirates Of The Caribbean
 Shipmates
 Summerland Pirates
 New Zealand - What Are We Like?
 Thar She Blows! Blog
 Book Character Day - Wow!!
 Budding Artists
 Disco Fever
 Extreme Cushions
 Look At Us Learning
 Notices Sent Home
 Our 15 Minutes Of Fame!!!
 Our Pasifika Trip
 Our Trip To Motat
 Practising Road Safety
 The Kids
 We Had A Fish In Our Classroom
 We Love Books
 Writing, Writing, Writing
 Even More Gumboots
 Gumboots They Are Wonderful
 Guess Who? Guess Where?
 Basic Facts Or Bust!
 Book Week Characters
 Great Fish Art
 A Team Rocks!
 How To Live In My Home
 Some Great Thinking Going On Here.
 A Leap Year Birthday!
 Look At Our Great Art!
 Muriwai At Muriwai
 Rapungent
 Room 22 News
 Room 22 Podcasts
 Room 22 Tinder Box (Toy Making & History Day)
 The Rainbow Connection (Learning About Light And Colour)
 W.W.O.T.W. (Optimistic)
 A Day In The Life Of An Spca Animal
 Beach Trip
 Gymnastics
 Origami Pets
 Sophie's Rabbits Come To Visit
 Spca Movie
 Spca Visit
 Nice Day For A Debate
 Term Three Puppets Movie



Softball & T Ball Field Day 2008
 Sturges Bridge Artist
 Summerland Library
 Summerland Merit Badge System
 Scared?
 Someone Else's Shoes
 All About Camp
 Burma Trail Trouble
 Camp 1 Doing Fishing
 Past Blogs
 R.A.K
 Superheroes
 Yo Ho Ho For Pirates!
 Animal Blog
 Cartoon Character
 Colour My World
 Dinosaur?
 Favorite Show On Tv?
 Favourite Car
 Favourite Stuff
 Grow Up!
 Ice Cream Flavour
 Movie Star
 Comic Susie, Angel, Yidi
 Colour My World Art
 Kelly Tarltons Sleepover
 Our Blog
 Room 8 Rocks
 Cultural Arts Festival
 Room 10 And 11'S Poi Dance
 ImovieThinkers Key Ideas
 Worm And Rubbish Facts!
 Superheroes Wiki
 Esol Learning
 A Royal Assembly!
 Making 3D Flowers
 Shoe Art
 A Ti-Ger-Ific Assembly!

