



BUCKLANDS BEACH INTERMEDIATE

APRIL 2017

Dear Parents

As we approach the end of term our students will be able to set learning goals for the remainder of the year. Please make a time to participate in our Student Led Conferences.



STUDENT LED CONFERENCES

Our student led conferences will be on Wednesday 5 and Thursday 6 April. The school will close at 12:15pm on these two days. A notice with information went home on last week. If you missed the notice or the email that was sent out, you can book online at www.schoolinterviews.co.nz code: 9hukf. Students may stay at school until 3pm or in the library in After School Care until 4.30pm. Please indicate on the notice or email the Class Teacher if you wish your child to remain at school. Please ensure that a return slip is returned to the class teacher acknowledging receipt of the notice.

MOTUTAPU CAMPS

I would like to extend my personal thanks to all who have helped make our camps to Motutapu a great success once again. Special thanks to parents, grandparents and friends who were able to travel with the students to camp. Without your support the camps could not have gone ahead. As you know, we do work to very strict ratios to ensure safety for all. Health and Safety is our number one priority. I am sure those able to take time to be at the camp will have enjoyed the opportunity to share the special experience with your son or daughter. Motutapu is such a scenic place and so close to our doorstep. We are fortunate to be able to make use of these facilities each year. I know many of you had to reorganise your lives to be able to have the time away. My thanks also to the teaching staff who put in so much time and effort to prepare for the camp and to participate during the week. It is not always easy for teachers to reorganise their family arrangements either. Once again all were prepared to do so to support their students. Thank you all for your commitment and support.

SHAVE YOUR LID FOR A BRAVE KID

This year, our Student Councillors have organised three events to raise awareness and funds for the Leukaemia & Blood Cancer New Zealand. A Crazy hair/mufti day is being held on the event day, Thursday, 13th April. Students participating in this event will need to bring a \$2 gold coin donation (and more for this great cause will be much appreciated. If you want to give a larger donation, please write your name as we will receipt if for tax purposes).

We are also going to hold a BBI Talent Show to raise further donations. The show will be held on the Tuesday, 11th April during our lunch break at 12:45pm in the school hall. Tickets will be sold for \$2 on the day. This event is open to the community, there will be a \$2 gold coin donations at the door for this event if you would like to attend and support our talented students!

There is also a 'Guess the number' competition where prizes will be awarded for the closest guesses, the entries are 50 cents each, payable at the time of the guess.

Our annual 'Shave for a Cure' event is happening on the Thursday, 13th April, the last day of term one. One teacher, a student teacher and 18 students are losing their hair and 12 students are cutting their hair (and raising donations) for the Leukaemia & Blood Cancer New Zealand. Your generous donation towards this cause can be made either at our school main office (cash or cheque) or online at: <http://my.leukaemia.net.nz/bbi>

Please help support and get behind our fund raising drive for the Leukaemia & Blood Cancer New Zealand. Our target amount is \$20,000.00

AUSTRALIAN EXAMS

Registration has closed. Practise papers and answer sheets will be available from the class teacher two weeks before the exam takes place. The web site for the Australian Exams is www.eaa.unsw.edu.au. Copies of past papers and answer sheets are available to purchase on the web site. Students are encouraged to do at least a couple of past papers.

Exam dates are as follows:

ICAS Computer to be held on 23 May
CAS Science to be held on 30 May
ICAS Writing to be held on 12 June
ICAS Spelling to be held on 14 June
ICAS English to be held on 1 August
ICAS Maths to be held on 15 August

PHOTOLIFE

The student photos have now been completed. We are waiting for the individual photo ordering forms to come back from Photolife with the "Shoot Key" code for ordering online. Once we receive these forms there is a 3 week period where you can order your photos online and not incur the delivery fee.

AFTER SCHOOL CLASSES

Our After School classes are all up and running. **There will be no After School classes on the afternoons of the Student Led Conferences. After School Classes will run on Friday 7 April as usual, and at the end of the Term on Thursday 13 April.**

INTERNATIONAL VISITORS

We welcome various short term overseas students to our school throughout the year. At the moment we are hosting a group from Thailand and a group from Japan. The opportunity for exchange of cultures is a valuable experience for all students. Thank you to the families who have welcomed overseas visitors into their homes. If you would like to register as a host for our visitors please contact Kate Roberts of Student Care NZ. kate@nzstudentcare.com Ph 274 7802

END OF TERM

The last day of the Term will be Thursday 13th April. School will close at 3pm on this day. Term 2 starts on Monday 1 May.

DATES TO NOTE

2017 Term Dates for Bucklands Beach Intermediate School

Term 1 Tuesday 31 January to Thursday 13 April
Term 2 Monday 1 May to Thursday 6 July
(Friday 7 July – Teacher only Day – school closed)
Term 3 Monday 24 July to Friday 29 September
Term 4 Monday 16 October to Friday 15 December

Diane Parkinson
Principal

DIGITAL SAFETY

We had a large turnout for the Digital Citizenship parent evening earlier this Term. In this workshop we covered latest research, challenges and pitfalls of being online, including online bullying, our school policy and Ministry of Education guidelines. The Deputy Principals have also taught a digital safety lesson in every class. We would recommend that parents are aware of what sites their children are using, how much time they spend on the internet and that parents have spoken to their children about what they need to do if they find themselves in a tricky situation.

Our BBI school policy includes:

Students are discouraged to use any social media accounts unless for educational purposes.

Students devices are student/ parents responsibility.

Social media misuse that affects the school environment will be followed up as per behaviour and consequences at BBI.

Students must not use their phones during school time.

Some important tips and strategies you may like to consider:

- Remain positively engaged: Pay attention to and know the online environments your children use.
- Keep a clean machine: Safety and security start with protecting all family computers with a security suite (anti-virus, anti-spyware, and firewall) that is set to update automatically.
- Review privacy settings: Look at the privacy settings available on social networking sites, cell phones, and other social tools your children use. We would recommend that all online accounts are private and your child only invite people who they know to be part of their account.
- Teach critical thinking: Help your children identify safe, credible Web sites and other digital content, and be cautious about clicking on, downloading, posting, and uploading content.
- Explain the implications: Help your children understand the public nature of the Internet and its risks as well as benefits. Be sure they know that any digital info they share, such as emails, photos, or videos, can easily be copied and pasted elsewhere, and is almost impossible to take back. Things that could damage their reputation, friendships, or future prospects should not be shared electronically.
- Help them be good digital citizens: Remind your children to be good “digital friends” by respecting personal information of friends and family and not sharing anything about others that is potentially embarrassing or hurtful.
- Empower your children to handle issues: Your children may deal with situations online such as bullying, unwanted contact, or hurtful comments. Work with them on strategies for when problems arise, such as talking to a trusted adult, not retaliating, calmly talking with the person, blocking the person, or filing a complaint. Agree on steps to take if the strategy fails.
- Keep your home computer in a central and open location: If your computer or device is in the open, you can physically monitor your children while they are online.
- Be aware of all the ways people connect to the Internet: Young people have many options to connect to the Internet beyond a home computer. Phones, tablets, gaming systems and even TVs have become connected. Be aware of all the ways and devices (including what they do at friend’s houses) your children are using and be sure they know how to use them safely and responsibly.
- Know the rules: Not all online services are for kids. Even some of the most popular social networking services and other sites are meant only for use by people 13 and older. We would recommend that BBI students do not have an instagram, snapchat or Facebook account.(content from staysafeonline.org)

Other useful websites for parents:

staysafeonline.org

www.netsafe.org.nz

help.instagram.com (look for 'tips for parents' section)

support.snapchat.com (look for 'policies & safety')