

# BUCKLANDS BEACH INTERMEDIATE FEBRUARY 2019 NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents

A warm welcome to BBI. I trust your association with BBI will be a happy and productive one. A special welcome to our returning Year 8 students who will be our seniors this year.

Our school mission statement says that it is our intention to ensure quality learning outcomes for each student.

***To educate, guide and mentor all students to become successful, internationally minded, lifelong learners.***

“Wahaia te Tikitiki – Reach for the Heights”

**Waitangi Day- Wednesday 6 FEBRUARY** School will be closed this day due to the public holiday.

**SCHOOL CAMP FOR YEAR 7 STUDENTS** A letter will be going home shortly explaining more about camp. This will also include a return slip asking for parent helpers, and a police vet form. All three camps will be going to camp Motutapu.

**The dates for camps are:**

* Camp 1	Rooms 1,2,3,4 Team A	Sunday 10 March	-	Wednesday 13 March
* Camp 2	Rooms 9,10,11,12,13 Team C	Wednesday 13 March	-	Saturday 16 March
* Camp 3	Rooms 5,6,7,8 Team B	Tuesday 19 March	-	Friday 22 March

\* Please note that Camp 1 & 2 involve a weekend.

A camp meeting for parents is scheduled for the evening of **Wednesday 27 February** from 7pm – 8pm. (Please note this date in your diary until further notification is sent out.)

**MEET THE TEACHER EVENING** More information will go out regarding the Meet the Teacher evening. Please enter this in your diary for **Wednesday 13 February** from 6.45pm to 8.00pm. This is an opportunity to meet with your child’s teacher and hear about class policy issues and major events. Year 7 teachers will also outline details about the forthcoming school camps. The evening is also an opportunity to find out more about the exciting activities on offer at Bucklands Beach Intermediate.

**PARENT PORTAL** BBI has a Parent Portal, to enable parents to pay for trips, fees, stationery etc. online. An letter was sent out previously with the passport and username etc however we will be sending it out again over the next few days. Thank you for the support with payments and contributions, your monetary help is greatly appreciated. A special thank you to those who contributed towards funding our teacher aide. We are 25% there. This request will be going out to Year 7 parents by the end of week one.

**SCHOOL STATIONERY** A stationery list has been sent home today listing requirements for the year. Stationery can be paid for on the parent portal or with the form provided with cash or cheque. Please send your payment in with your child to their classroom teacher. To simplify stationery, we are selling stationery by the “pack”. If parents choose not to buy the pack as a whole, then individual items can be bought elsewhere from the usual retailers. There are however several items that can only be bought through school - these are listed separately on the stationery list provided. Classes will be called up for stationery sales on Tuesday 5th and Thursday 7th February. **Packs are NOT available from the office in the first week**, so please ensure students have their money or pay online.

**HELP NEEDED PLEASE** The Teacher Resource Centre requires parent help on a regular basis to assist with tidying, sorting, labelling, mending books etc. If you are able to spare a couple of hours on a Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday mornings to assist, your help would be greatly appreciated. If you are interested please contact Jeanine Saunders either via the office or email Jeanine at [jeanine@bbi.school.nz](mailto:jeanine@bbi.school.nz).

**UNIFORM** Please be aware that we expect all students to be sun safe by wearing their hat during break and PE lesson times at BBI. Please ensure the school uniform is worn in the correct manner and is clean and tidy at all times. Any uniforms left around the school will be placed in the lost property box outside Room 1.

**PARKING / STOPPING** Bucklands Beach Road is a busy road. If possible, please encourage your child to walk to and from school. Alternatively, your child could be dropped off and picked up at a point close to school. Please note that St John's Church next door to us, also runs a kindergarten, and is not to be used as a pick up or drop off place. Please ensure that you obey the parking restrictions around the school – especially yellow line areas around our pedestrian crossing. The speed limit is 40km in the immediate area around the school. If you are collecting students from the bus bay, please either park in the areas provided. This is a “no waiting” area as the bus needs to get through, so please just drop off or pick up in this area.

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES** The regular BBI Board meeting is held at 7.00pm in the boardroom. The first board meeting for 2019 however, will be held on **Wednesday 13 February at 7.30pm** (following on from the Meet the Teacher evening.)

**COMMUNICATION WITH PARENTS** It is essential that lines of communication are kept open between our school and your home. We can achieve this in a number of ways: (Please read the points below)

**SCHOOL NEWSLETTER** Our newsletter is posted on our school website on the 1st of each month or as near as possible to that date. Please visit our website to read this each month as it will contain items of general information and dates to note. The link is <http://www.bbi.school.nz/news-events/newsletters/>

**SCHOOL WEBSITE: [www.bbi.school.nz](http://www.bbi.school.nz)** Our website enables us to better communicate with our wider community. Please take the opportunity to explore our site. You may well find a number of items of interest. I suggest you check it regularly and note updates which are clearly recorded, especially our calendar dates.

**FACEBOOK & TWITTER** Regular updates are recorded here.

**CLASS OR TEAM NEWSLETTERS** These are sent home (as the need is required) to inform you of specific events relating to a particular class or group of classes. A Team newsletter is sent home at least once each term to keep you up to date with current happenings.

**TELEPHONE, VISITS OR EMAIL** The telephone is a fast efficient means of keeping in touch. Do not hesitate to phone or email if you wish to see the class teacher or me about a specific matter. Please have in place a contingency plan for rainy days as the students attend lessons outside of their home room and it makes it difficult to ensure any messages get to them before they leave for the day. In order to minimise disruptions and to ensure security of students and property we ask that parents do not go directly to classrooms during the school day. When visiting during school hours (8.00am – 3.30pm) please report initially to the office. The office staff will assist you in the first instance. If your child has an appointment during the school day please inform your child and teacher of the time your child needs to leave school. Students may then excuse themselves from the lesson, sign out at the office and wait for you. On return or if late for school they are to sign in at the school office. Messages for students need only to be given in an emergency situation. If possible please make after school arrangements prior to the start of the school day.

**ABSENCES** If any student is absent or late to school, please phone the school office asap in the morning and leave a message on the 'absence line answer phone'. For safety reasons, all unexplained absences are followed up. It is against the law for students who are absent to be left at home by themselves – they must have adult supervision. If a student is late to school for any reason they need to sign in at the office, alternatively if they are required to leave school early they must sign out at the office.

**MEDICAL ISSUES** Some of our students have health conditions that the school needs to be aware of. If your child has a health need, please contact Mrs Lynette Dimond [lynette@bbi.school.nz](mailto:lynette@bbi.school.nz) at the school office. An action plan may be required for students with high health needs.

It is hoped that with communication channels kept open, discussion can take place before concerns arise.

**INTERNATIONAL VISITORS** We are pleased to welcome visitors from Thailand to school in March. The opportunity for exchange of cultures is a valuable experience for all students. If you would like to register as a host for any of our visitors throughout the year please contact Kate Roberts of Student Care NZ. [kate@nzstudentcare.com](mailto:kate@nzstudentcare.com) or phone Kate on 274 7802.

**SCHOOL SPORT** Sport is an important component of BBI culture and student life. In 2017 BBI was awarded first place in the AIMS (Association of Intermediate & Middle Schools) New Zealand wide sports competition. BBI offers many different sporting activities and programmes for students. The main areas are: South Eastern Zone, AIMS Games, the Lunchtime Sport Programme and After School Sports programme. Throughout the year, many outside agencies offer sports for BBI students. Information is passed on to students and it is the student's responsibility to get involved. Trials for each sporting code usually begin the month prior to the tournament. Trials and practices are generally held during lunchtimes, although some may be held before or after school. Students qualify for the final team if they meet a combination of commitment and ability. Notices regarding sporting events are made during assembly and morning news times. Students are responsible for noting the times and dates of the activities. If you have any questions regarding sporting life at BBI or you have any sports skills or knowledge that could benefit the school and its teams and activities, please contact Mark Caulfield ([markc@bbi.school.nz](mailto:markc@bbi.school.nz)) is our Director of Sport.

## TERM DATES FOR 2019

Monday 4 February	to	Friday 12 April
Monday 29 April	to	Friday 5 July
Monday 22 July	to	Friday 27 September
Monday 14 October	to	Wednesday 18 December (12 noon)
Thursday 19 December		Teacher Only Day

## Camp Dates

Camp 1	Rooms 1,2,3,4 Team A	Sunday 10 March - Wednesday 13 March
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## DATES TO NOTE FOR TERM 1 2019

Waitangi Day	Wednesday 6 February
Wednesday 13 February	6.45pm Meet the Teacher
Wednesday 13 February	7.30pm Board of Trustees Meeting
Wednesday 27 February	Camp Meeting
27/2 & 18/3 February	School wide photos
Tuesday 19 February	SEZ Boys cricket
Thursday 21 February	SEZ Girls cricket
Sunday 3, 17 & 31 March	Orienteering forest series
Tuesday 5 March	SEZ Boys softball
Wednesday 6 March	SEZ Girls softball
Friday 8 March	BBI Swimming Sports
25 & 28 March	Sir Peter Blake Trust talk
Thursday 28 March	SEZ Tennis
2 & 3 April	ARU Rugby Development day
Thursday 4 April	AAIMS Swimming
Thursday 4 April	AK SS Orienteering
Wednesday 3 April	1.00pm – 5.00pm – Student Led Conferences
Thursday 4 April	1.00pm – 8.00pm – Student Led Conferences
Sunday 7 April	AK Sprint Orienteering final
8 - 12 April	Daniel Tizzard Y8 Guest speaker
Wednesday 10 April	SEZ Orienteering
Friday 13 April	3.00pm School Closes for Term 1 holidays

## BBI ORGANISATION 2019

<b>PRINCIPAL</b>	<b>Diane Parkinson</b>
<b>DEPUTY PRINCIPAL</b>	<b>Robbie Perreau</b>
<b>DEPUTY PRINCIPAL</b>	<b>Edward Roper</b>
<b>DEPUTY PRINCIPAL</b>	<b>Mark Stevenson</b>

### Year 7

#### **Team A**

Tash Unkovich  
R1  
Stacey Kimpton  
R2  
Cameron Neal  
R3  
**Debbie Allan\***  
R4

#### **Team B**

Matt Hornby  
R5  
Nicola Jarvie  
R6  
Nic Reid  
R7  
**Jan Kean\***  
R8

#### **Mark Drummond\***

R9  
Min Chang  
R10  
Vanessa Impey  
R11  
Maria Hallis  
R12  
Gigi Milea  
R13

### **SPECIALIST TEACHERS**

#### Material Technology

Regan Smith

#### Media

**Brett Nugent\***

#### Food Technology

Shona Stephenson

#### Design and Textiles

Jacqui Carr

#### Music

Nicolle Gate

#### Art

Shona Sykes

#### Science

Grace Brown\*

### Year 8

#### **Team D**

Libby Banks  
R15  
**Anne Burgess\***  
R16  
Kathryn Taylor  
R17  
Jess Baskett  
R18  
Alice Lee  
R19

#### **Team E**

**Will Roper \***  
R20  
Jan Treadwell  
R21  
Julia Adams  
Rm22  
Sheridan Bell  
Rm23

**\*DENOTES TEAM LEADER/  
SENIOR TEACHER**

### **OTHER SPECIALIST TEACHERS**

#### P.E. / Sport

Mark Caulfield / Stacey Knowles\*

#### ESOL

Carrie Barnett and Vicki Don

#### Mathematics

Mandy Attard

Amy Galbraith  
Rm24  
Sarah McAloon  
Rm25  
**Anita Leeuw \***  
R26  
Ross Devereux  
R27

### SUPPORT

#### Teachers Part Time

Anne McSkimming  
Juliann Te Young

#### T.Aides

Wai Meng Woo  
Lisa Harvey  
Jayne Catford  
Janette Adams

#### Support / Administration Staff

Nicky Stewart –Principal's Secretary/ E.O.  
Jo McKay / Janet Philson – School Secretary  
Lynette Dimond – Office Secretary  
Jeanine Saunders – Teacher Resource Mgr  
Christine Little – ICT Manager  
Serena Griffiths – Library Manager  
**Property Staff**  
Robin Fletcher (Property Manager)  
Clynton Young (Assistant Caretaker)