

# BUCKLANDS BEACH INTERMEDIATE

## JANUARY 2018 NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents

A warm welcome to BBI to our new students and families, I trust your association with BBI will be a happy and productive one. A special welcome to our returning Year 8 students.

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.***

“Whaia te Tikitiki – Reach for the Heights”

**TEACHER ONLY DAY- MONDAY 5 FEBRUARY** This is confirmation that the school will be closed on Monday 5 February, for a Teacher Only Day, as shown in the school prospectus.

**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. The date and venue has had to be changed this year, as Motutapu Camp is unavailable due to geotechnical concerns after the slips and terrible weather last year.

This year our students will be going to two camps close to Taupo.

**The dates for camps are:**

* Camp 1	Rooms 1,2,3,4	Sunday 11 March	-	Wednesday 14 March
* Camp 2	Rooms 5,6,7,8	Wednesday 14 March	-	Saturday 17 March
* Camp 3	Rooms 9,10,11,12,13	Monday 9 April	-	Thursday 12 April

\* Please note that Camp 1 and Camp 2 take place over a weekend day

A camp meeting for parents is scheduled for the evening of **Tuesday 20 February** from 6pm – 8pm. (Please note this date in your diary until further notification is sent out.)

**MEET THE TEACHER EVENING / EXPO** More information will go out regarding the Meet the Teacher evening. Please enter this in your diary for **Tuesday 13 February** from 6.30pm 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** We have started to use the Kamar Parent Portal, to enable parents to pay for trips, fees etc. online. During the holidays, there was a minor glitch with some students being shown up as having the wrong class teacher etc. This is a lesson learned for next year and this will be addressed for next time. We believe that it is a valuable tool for parents. This year we will be offering for parents to pay for their student's stationery through the portal.

**SCHOOL STATIONERY** A stationery list has been sent home today listing requirements for the year. This year we are offering for parents to be able to pay for their stationery through the Parent Portal. Otherwise please pay for stationery only on the form provided by cash or cheque. 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. Classes will be called up for stationery sales on Thursday 1st and Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February. **Packs are NOT available from the office**, 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).

**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.

**UNIFORM** All students should now be wearing the new style P.E. gear. Please be aware that we expect all students to be unsafe by wearing their hat during break and PE lesson times at BBI.

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES** The regular BBI Board of Trustees meeting is held at 7.00pm in the boardroom. The first board meeting for 2018 however, will be held on **Tuesday 13 February at 7.45pm** (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:

**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.

**JAPANESE STUDENTS** We will be hosting several students from Japan between the 25/3 - 30/3. If you are interested in homesteading one/two of these students please email [jo@bbi.school.nz](mailto:jo@bbi.school.nz). You may like to consider this opportunity if you are thinking or would like to be considered to attend the trip to Japan with BBI later in the year.

**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 Stacey Knowles ([Stacey@bbi.school.nz](mailto:Stacey@bbi.school.nz)) is our Director of Sport.

## DATES TO NOTE FOR TERM 1 2018

### 2018 Term Dates for Bucklands Beach Intermediate School

Term 1	Wednesday 31 January	to	Friday 13 April
	<b>(Monday 5 February – Teacher Only Day – School Closed)</b>		
Term 2	Monday 30 April	to	Friday 6 July
Term 3	Monday 23 July	to	Friday 28 September
Term 4	Monday 15 October	to	Monday 17 December

### Camp Dates

Camp 1	Sunday 11 March	to	Wednesday 14 March (Rooms 1,2,3,4)
Camp 2	Wednesday 14 March	to	Saturday 17 March (Rooms 5, 6, 7, 8)
Camp 3	Monday 9 April	to	Thursday 12 April (Rooms 9, 10,11, 12, 13)

### Dates to note

#### Teacher Only day (school closed)

Waitangi Day  
 Tuesday 13 February  
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 Tuesday 20 February  
 Monday 26 February  
 Friday 2 March  
 Tuesday 6 – Thursday 8 March  
 Friday 9 March  
 Wednesday 28 March  
 Thursday 29 March  
 Friday 30 March  
 Monday 2 April

#### Tuesday 3 April

Wednesday 4 April  
 Thursday 5 April  
 Friday 13 April

#### Monday 5 February

Tuesday 6 February  
 6.30pm Meet the Teacher  
 7.45pm Board of Trustees Meeting  
 Camp Meeting  
 School wide photos  
 BBI Swimming Sports  
 Y8 Surf Safety at Muriwai and Bethells Beach  
 SEZ Swimming  
 7.00pm Board of Trustees meeting

**2.15pm – school will close early for Easter**

Good Friday

Easter Monday

#### Easter Tuesday (Education holiday)

1.00pm – 5.00pm – Student Led Conferences  
 1.00pm – 8.00pm – Student Led Conferences  
 3.00pm School Closes for term 1 holidays

## SCHOOL STAFF

<b>Principal</b>	Diane Parkinson
Deputy Principal	Robbie Perreau
Deputy Principal	Ed Roper
Deputy Principal	Phebe Rossiter
Deputy Principal / SENCO	Mark Stevenson

### Year 7 Teachers

#### **Team A**

Room 1	Tash Unkovich	Room 2	Stacey Kimpton
Room 3	Cameron Neal	Room 4	<b>Debbie Allan *</b>

#### **Team B**

Room 5	Matt Hornby	Room 6	Julia Adams
Room 7	Nic Reid	Room 8	<b>Jan Kean *</b>

#### **Team C**

Room 9	<b>Mark Drummond *</b>	Room 10	Nicola Jarvie
Room 11	Min Chang	Room 12	Maria Hallis
Room 13	Gigi Milea		

### Year 8 Teachers

#### **Team D**

Room 15	Douglas Choong	Room 16	<b>Anne Burgess *</b>
Room 17	Kathryn Taylor	Room 18	Jess Schwerzel
Room 19	Alice Lee		

#### **Team E**

Room 20	<b>Will Roper *</b>	Room 21	Jan Treadwell
Room 22	Sarah McAloon	Room 23	Sheridan Bell

#### **Team F**

Room 24	Amy Botha	Room 25	Dan Morris-Adams
Room 26	<b>Anita Leeuw *</b>	Room 27	Libby Banks

### Specialist Teachers

Media and Science	<b>Brett Nugent *</b>	Materials Technology	Regan Smith
Food Technology	Shona Stephenson	Design and Textiles	Jacqui Carr
Music	Nicolle Gate	Art	Grace Brown
<b>Director of Sport</b>	<b>Stacey Knowles *</b>		

### Support Staff

Executive Officer	<b>Nicky Stewart *</b>	School Secretary	Jo McKay
Office Secretary	Lynette Dimond	Office Secretary	Janet Philson
Teacher Resource Manager	Jeanine Saunders	ICT Resource Manager	Christine Little
Library Manager	Serena Griffiths	After School Care	Serena Griffiths

### Teacher Support

Carrie Barnett (ESOL), Mandy Attard (Mathex), Anne McSkimming, Sue Murray, Juliann Te Young

### Teacher Aide Support

Wai Meng Woo (ESOL), Lisa Harvey, Jayne Catford, Andrea Pattinson, Janette Adams

### Property Staff

Caretaker / Property Manager Robin Fletcher

(Denotes Team Leader / Senior Teacher \*)