

The header image shows a garden scene with a large white sculpture of a bird, possibly a swan or heron, in the foreground. The text 'BUCKLANDS BEACH INTERMEDIATE' is overlaid in a large, white, serif font. Below it, 'MARCH 2019' and 'NEWSLETTER' are written in a smaller, white, sans-serif font.

BUCKLANDS BEACH INTERMEDIATE MARCH 2019 NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents

Thank you to all those parents who attended our "Meet the Teacher" evening. Any parents who missed this event can make a time to introduce themselves to their class teacher. We appreciate having parents involved in the school. Parent evenings are ways of being part of BBI.

Camp Dates

Team A: *Saturday 9 March – Wednesday 13 March*

Drop off at Half Moon Bay @ 5pm on Saturday 9 March. *Pick up Wednesday 13 March @12.15pm*

Team C: *Wednesday 13 March – Saturday 16 March*

Drop off at Half Moon Bay @ 8.30am on Wednesday 13 March. *Pick up on Saturday 16 March @ 8.00pm*

Team B: *Tuesday 19 March – Friday 22 March*

Drop off at Half Moon Bay @ 8.30am on Tuesday 19 March. *Pick up on Friday 22 March @2.45pm*

Thank you to those parents who are able to take the time to attend one of our camps. Those going on camp will have the opportunity to see their own son/daughter in a totally different environment. We do have very strict safety ratios and need a large contingent of parents to ensure we meet the standards we set. Special thanks must go to the teaching staff who once again have been prepared to make arrangements to leave their own families and responsibilities at home ensuring the needs of our students come first.

FRIENDLY REMINDER - CAMP PAYMENT DUE

Just a friendly reminder that the Year 7 Camp payments are due by the Wednesday 6th March.

OVERSEAS VISITORS

Throughout the year, we host international visitors including students. For BBI it is a wonderful opportunity to enhance our knowledge and experience of the world. We would like to thank those students who are buddies and those families who homestay visitors. This month we will be welcoming groups from Thailand and Japan. If you are interested in homesteading any of the students please contact StudentCare directly on Ph: 274 7802 or email: debbie@nzstudentcare.com

THAILAND & SOUTH KOREA TRIPS

Thank you to the families who have expressed an interest in the proposed trips later this year. More information will come home shortly.

END OF TERM

The last day of term is Friday 12 April. School will close at 3pm as usual on this day. If you intend for your child to leave school early, please ensure that you send a note to the teacher and that arrangements are made for your child to be signed out and ready for you at the time stated. (This applies to any time that students need to leave school for any reason.)

BBI HOODIES

The BBI hoodie is still available to order through John Russel Menswear in Moore Street, Howick until the 9 March 2019. Please ensure you take your child when you order so they can be fitted.

AFTER SCHOOL CLASSES

Once again we had a great response to our after school classes which start on 4th March. Hope you all enjoy your classes. The next ASC booklet will be sent out at the end of Term 2 for classes starting in Semester 2 (Term 3).

BOOK FAIR

The library will be holding a Book Fair the week of the 1 April - 5 April. The library will be open until 4.30pm each day except for Thursday 4 April when it will be open until 7.30pm as this coincides with the 3 Way Conferences.

PARENT CONTACT

We welcome parents who wish to make appointments to talk about up and coming events or issues. Please remember that class teachers are busy, and emails can be an easier way of contacting them. See our website for school contacts. When visiting the school, please ensure you sign in at the office.

SCHOOL "CONTRIBUTIONS"

Thank you to all who have now paid the school 'contribution'. We believe the \$376.00 asked for represents good value for money. We would not be able to offer the programmes we do, nor have the technology and other facilities available for students, without this financial support. The contribution covers all materials used in specialist programmes (wood, food, fabric, art etc). It covers most sporting and class trip costs (up to a budget limit) as well as fees for any visiting school performances, the end of year 'Yearbook' plus additional equipment and facility purchases. We are well aware of the extra demands on family finances at this time of the year. We know the \$376 asked for is less than that sought by some local primary schools which do not have the specialist programmes to fund. A term-by term payment does help spread the load. We are a well-equipped school and this has been achieved through the support of those who have gone before. We will continue to grow and develop and provide what our community expects with your added support. Thank you for that. It does make a difference. Parents are welcome to pay this off at \$94 per term or payments as you can.

SECOND HAND UNIFORM SHOP

Please note the change in the uniform shop times.

Wednesday 8.15am - 8.45am

Wednesday 3.00pm - 3.30pm

THE SCHOOL DAY

Please note our school day commences at 8.40am. This allows time for all administration, notices, roll calls, etc to be undertaken without disrupting prime learning time. We need to be assured that lessons are underway promptly by 9am daily. Please ensure your son/ daughter leaves home in time to be here for the 8.40am roll call and fitness.

PARENT/GUARDIAN CONTACT

It is very important that the school office is notified immediately of any change of address and home or work telephone numbers. This is a safety issue. Also if your email address ever changes please notify the school office.

Diane Parkinson
PRINCIPAL

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

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Depart 9.30am. Pick up 8.00pm (Drop off at Half Moon Bay @ 8.30am on Wedn 13 March)

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Depart 9.30am. Pick up 2.45pm (Drop off at Half Moon Bay @ 8.30am on Tues 19 March)

DATES TO NOTE FOR TERM 1 2019

Sunday 3, 17 & 31 March	Orienteering forest series
Tuesday 5 March	SEZ Boys softball
7-8 March	Dental van at BBI
Wednesday 6 March	SEZ Girls softball
Friday 8 March	BBI Swimming Sports
Tuesday 12 March	SEZ Tag
Wednesday 22 March	AAIMS Soft Ball Boys
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21-22 March	Dental van at BBI
Friday 22 March	SEZ Swimming
25 & 28 March	Sir Peter Blake Trust talk
Thursday 28 March	SEZ Tennis
1-5 April	BBI Book Fair
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 12 April	Shave for a Cure/Mufti Day
Friday 12 April	3.00pm School Closes for Term 1 holidays

