



BUCKLANDS BEACH INTERMEDIATE

March 2018

Dear Parents/Caregivers

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.

YEAR 7 CAMPS

Our Year 7 students and teachers are all gearing up for camp.

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)

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. In total we have over 100 adults attending camp over the 2 weeks! 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. To clarify any concerns, buses do have seat belts.

FRIENDLY REMINDER - CAMP PAYMENT DUE

Just a friendly reminder that the Year 7 Camp payments are due by the 5th March 2017.

YEAR 8 BEACH SAFETY

Our Year 8 students will be attending beach surf safety during March. This has been a huge success in past years. Thank you to parents for their support. This trip will compliment our "Who We Are" unit of inquiry. We appreciate support with our school contribution as this has assisted with the cost of the trip.

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.

JAPAN TRIP

Thank you to the families who have expressed an interest in the proposed Japan visit in July. A combined group of students from Wakaaranga, Farm Cove and BBI schools will travel to Japan.

There will be a meeting for interested families held in April. Further details will follow at a later date. If you have any queries please email the office.

EASTER HOLIDAYS - EARLY CLOSE

School will close for the Easter holiday on Thursday 29th at 2.15pm. The public holidays are: Good Friday (30/3) and Easter Monday (2/4) and we also have an educational school holiday on Tuesday (3/4). The school will commence on Wednesday 4th April.

END OF TERM

The last day of term is Thursday 13 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.)

FIJI TRIP

In 2016, we began a significant partnership with Vitogo District School in Lautoka, Fiji. Each year we have had BBI students spend a week in this school and build a mutually beneficial relationship between our schools. Thank you to those who have expressed an interest in the Fiji visit and provided feedback about the proposed dates. Later this term, we will be sending out expressions of interest forms for the students to fill in with the confirmed dates and also run a parent information evening to provide more information about the trip.

AUSTRALIAN SCHOOLS COMPETITIONS (ICAS)

Letters have gone out to all students inviting them to enter the Australian Schools Competitions. This year we are offering Computer, Science, English, Writing, Maths and Spelling exams. The first competition is the Computer competition on 8 May 2018. Past papers will be available for students to borrow, two weeks prior to the exam and will be distributed through their classroom teacher. Papers and information are also available on the University of NSW web site www.eaa.unsw.edu.au. Please ensure all forms and money is returned before the closing date of **FRIDAY 8TH MARCH 2018**.

Testing Dates

Digital Technologies	Tuesday 8 May 2018
Science	Tuesday 29 May 2018
Spelling	Wednesday 13 June 2018
Writing	Thursday 14 June 2018
English	Tuesday 31 July 2018
Mathematics	Tuesday 14 August 2018



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AFTER SCHOOL CLASSES

Once again we had a great response to our after school classes which started on the 26 February. 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).

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 facilities 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.

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.

SECOND HAND UNIFORM SHOP

Please note the change in the uniform shop times. These times will continue until we have new helpers come on board
Monday 8.15am - 8.45am
Monday 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.



DATES TO NOTE FOR TERM 1 2018

2018 Term Dates for Bucklands Beach Intermediate School

Term 1	Wednesday 31 January	to	Friday 13 April
	(Monday 5 February – Teacher Only Day – School Closed)		
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

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Dates to note

Thurs 1 March - 13 March	Y7 Water Safety
Friday 2 March	BBI Swimming Sports
Tuesday 6 – Thursday 8 March	Y8 Surf Safety at Muriwai and Bethells Beach
Friday 9 March	SEZ Swimming
Tuesday 13 March	Boys SEZ Softball
Wednesday 14 March	Girls SEZ Softball
Wednesday 21 March	Boys AAIMS Softball
Thursday 22 March	Girls AAIMS Softball
Tuesday 27 March	SEZ Tennis
Wednesday 28 March	7.00pm Board of Trustees meeting
Thursday 29 March	2.15pm – school will close early for Easter
Friday 30 March	Good Friday
Monday 2 April	Easter Monday
Tuesday 3 April	Easter Tuesday (Education holiday)
Wednesday 4 April	1.00pm – 5.00pm – Student Led Conferences
Thursday 5 April	1.00pm – 8.00pm – Student Led Conferences
Friday 13 April	3.00pm School Closes for term 1 holidays

