

BUCKLANDS BEACH INTERMEDIATE

MAY 2017

Dear Parents/caregivers



Welcome back. We do hope everyone managed to have some family time over the holidays. Thank you to parents/caregivers who attended the conferences in April, hopefully your child had an opportunity to share some successes and set goals for 2017. If you were unable to attend the conferences then please do not hesitate to make some time with your child's teacher.

SHAVE YOUR LID FOR A BRAVE KID

During term one, our student leaders did a spectacular job of raising awareness and money for the Child Cancer Foundation. To do this, the school held a 'wacky hair day, held a talent show and had students who were keen to have their heads shaved or cut (many children donated their hair to be made into wigs), raised their own sponsorships. By the last day of term one, BBI had raised over \$17,000 which was the highest raised by any school in New Zealand! This fundraiser was celebrated with a special period 5 assembly on the last day of school where the talent show winners performed a hip hop dance and a song (amazing talent!) and of course the top ten fundraising students and two teachers having their heads shaved for this great cause! Thank you to all students, teachers and parents involved.

CHINA AND FIJI TRIPS

Congratulations to students who have been accepted to travel as a group to China and/or Fiji in September. Students selected will be involved in a number of activities in and out of school to prepare them for this experience. For the students who missed out there will be an opportunity to apply for a trip in 2018.

AUSTRALIAN EXAMS

Practice papers will be handed out through the classroom teachers two weeks prior to the exam. Alternatively you can buy practice papers online www.eaa.unsw.edu.au.

ICAS 2017 SUBJECTS AND SITTING DATES

Digital Technologies	23 May
Science	30 May
Writing	12 - 16 June
Spelling	14 June
English	1 August
Mathematics	15 August

UNIFORM SHOP HELP NEEDED

We are looking for volunteers for our second hand uniform shop. If you are able to help (times can be arranged around your availability) please contact the office. Ph:534 2896 or mailbox@bbi.school.nz

AFTER SCHOOL CLASSES

After school classes for Semester 1 will continue until the end of this term. The booklet for next Semester (starting beginning of Term 3) will go out to the students towards the end of this term.

HOST FAMILY APPEAL

We are looking for families to host Korean students who are arriving into the area starting from 24 July for stays from 10 – 21 days. English must be your first language. They come to experience our unique "Kiwi" lifestyle and culture. We place two students per home - they need their own bed and can share a bedroom. Families are reimbursed \$260 - 270 per week, per student. For further info, contact Kate kate@nzstudentcare.com or ph 021 274 7802 or 027 505 4466.

PARENTS OR VISITORS TO SCHOOL

All parents or visitors to school during school hours, must report to sign in at the office.

BUS BAY - PARKING/STOPPING

Please do not park in the bus bay. This is a drop off facility only. 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. Manukau City Council's Parking Services have asked us to advise you that due to an increase in complaints regarding illegal and dangerous parking around schools they will be doing regular school enforcement patrols. Please ensure 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 school. Thank you for your support with this.

HEALTH & SAFETY

Absence from school / Late to school

Please will parents ensure that if a student is sick or absent for any reason that they telephone and leave a message on the school absence phone line, stating the reason for the absence. (Please do not email regarding student absences as emails are not always picked up and we cannot verify who the sender is.) If a student is going to be late for any reason please telephone as above. Students must always sign in and out of school at the office.

For the safety of students, all unexplained absences are followed up by our office staff. Please ensure that your contact details are always up to date.

For any long term absence e.g. over one week, please send a signed letter to the principal stating the reason for the absence.

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

PTA news

On Monday, 3 April at a special meeting of the BBI PTA, a resolution was passed to dissolve the PTA to be reformed as 'Parent Action Groups'. Before the dissolution, it was agreed that the following would be purchased to benefit all students, as per the PTA Charter:

- Fitness Trail equipment
- Native Garden/outdoor classroom - Science & Te Reo
- Dodgeball/sports kits for each team
- "Brain Box" kits for the science area
- If there are available funds appliances for food technology.

This will total around \$40,000.

Thank you, once again, to the school community - we trust that your support of the school will continue.