



WHAKA TE TIKITIKI

BUCKLANDS BEACH INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

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Dear Parents

STUDENT LED – CONFERENCES

On **Thursday 10 August, 2017** school will close at **12.10pm** to allow student led conferences to take place. The school bus will leave at 12.20pm from the bus bay rather than the normal time of 3.10pm. (Please note the change of date from Wednesday)

Student Led Conferences on Thursday will be set at 30 minutes from 1.30pm to 8.30pm. This will allow students more time and leadership opportunity in guiding you, their parents, through their learning. This extended time will allow the students to share, explain and demonstrate their learning in greater detail. We are excited about this opportunity for students to celebrate their learning and to be independent in guiding you through their presentation. We value this process and the time for students to lead their discussions and understand their next steps. Should any parent feel that they would like a follow up meeting with the teacher, this can be arranged with your teacher directly.

We would also encourage you to also meet with a specialist teacher relevant to your child's learning. Specialist classes include hard materials, food technology, design, music, media and visual arts. Other teachers available are maths extension specialist, ESOL, literacy support, Principal and Deputy Principals. It is preferable to book with a specialist teacher that has already taught your child this year. The purpose of this is for you child to share their learning in this area.

*If you are unable to access the internet to make your own booking, please phone the school office **after 10am from Thursday 3 August** and we will assist you with your booking.*

All conference times can be booked online from Wednesday 2 August @ 10am

Go to <http://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz>

• Enter the school code **8qj3a** to book a half hour Student Led Conference (1.30 – 8.30pm).

• Enter the school code **car5w** to book a meeting with a Specialist teacher or Principal/ D.P.

Follow the instructions to enter your name, your child's name and your email address. Then choose from the list of teachers to find your child's teacher. When you are done, your conference details will be emailed to you. You can log back on and change your conference(s) at any time.

Should the 12.10pm closure time cause considerable inconvenience for you, please complete the slip below and return it to the class teacher and your son/daughter will be supervised through to the normal 3pm dismissal time. We ask that students acknowledge early closing to their teacher by **Friday 4 August**, by returning the slip below.

During the week of interviews, we are hosting, in the library, our **annual book fair**. Please feel free to come and view the wonderful selection of books available for purchase (cheque/cash/EFTPOS). The library will be open for book purchases after school until 4.30pm and during the parent interview times.

In addition, Mr Stuart Read is offering two science workshops for parents and their child. Parents will receive the opportunity to experience science lesson as a student would. You will be able to choose from one of these workshops. The first session will be 4pm-5pm and the second will be 6pm-7pm. The spaces are limited but Mr Read will get back to you to confirm your placing. Please indicate the time preference below.

Yours sincerely

Diane Parkinson

Principal

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Please complete and return to your class teacher by Friday 4 August. (Every student must return this slip.)

(Roll checks are taken so please ensure the school is advised if you change your plans)

Note: Student-Led Conferences are planned in groups of 3. All students are to go straight home at 12.10pm or to pre arranged supervision.

I have received the notice and acknowledge the school will close at 12.10pm for Student Led Conferences on Thursday 10 August, 2017.

He/she will be leaving to go home at 12.10pm unless indicated for supervision (below)

Childs Name _____

Room no. _____

Parent signature _____

Parent's Ph no. _____

(Please tick only if the student will be staying at school for supervision)

My child will need to remain at school between 12.10pm-3pm for supervision on: Thursday 10 August 2017

Science Workshop

I would like to attend the science workshop 4pm – 5pm

I would like to attend the science workshop 6pm – 7pm