

# Bucklands Beach Intermediate

## NOVEMBER Newsletter 2024



**Friday 1 November 2025**

Kia ora

### **TE TAI O RĒHIA - KAPA HAKA FESTIVAL**

Thank you to everyone involved in our Festival. Special thanks to all the tutors and school coordinators. This event was a celebration of manaakitanga.

### **BBI COMMUNITY SHOWCASE**

**Friday 22 November 2 to 4 pm in the BBI school hall.**

We warmly invite you to our Community Showcase. Please join us for an afternoon of music, dance, and cultural performances by our incredibly talented students. This invitation has been extended to our local retirement villages. It would be a wonderful opportunity for grandparents and family members to attend as well. Please RSVP to assist us with catering to [office@bbi.school.nz](mailto:office@bbi.school.nz) by Monday, 18 November.

### **PAYMENT THROUGH THE PARENT PORTAL CHANGING TO KINDO**

We are changing our provider for parent payments to the school. With effect from Tuesday 5 November the current "Parent Portal" will close and payments will change to Kindo.

A lot of our parents are familiar with Kindo already, through After School Classes and through their previous primary school. We believe that this will make it easier for you to pay and manage school contributions, activity trip payments, Camp etc. A separate notice will be shared with you providing detailed information and how to access the Kindo App etc.

We believe this changeover will be seamless and both Kindo and our office staff will be available to help, if required.

### **Japan 2025.**

It is with great excitement that Bucklands Beach Intermediate School is offering an opportunity to travel to Japan in June 2025 (outside of the school holidays).

An expression of interest form is available to all students, and can be collected from the office. We anticipate the 12-day trip (including airfares) will cost approximately \$5,000.00.

### **BBI UNIFORM**

Please see the "Parent Handbook" or our website for details.

On **Mondays and Fridays** - all students should arrive wearing their formal uniform, and bringing their P.E. uniform to school in their bag to change for P.E. if required.

Track pants are for Terms 2 and 3 (during the colder months only) and are not to be worn at school this term.

**From now on, hats** are required to be worn when outside at morning tea, lunch, and during fitness and P.E.

**Please ensure all hats are clearly named including room number.**

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### **AFTER SCHOOL CLASSES**

The After School Classes are coming to an end. Thank you to everyone who attended these classes. The last days are:

**Tuesday 5 November - Chess and Chinese**

**Wednesday 6 November - Guitar, Ballroom & Latin Dance, and Japanese**

**Monday 11 November - Chinese**

**Tuesday 12 November - Japanese**

**Wednesday 13 November - Guitar**

**Thursday 14 November - Public Speaking and Guitar**

**Monday 18 November - Table Tennis**

**Tuesday 19 November - Table Tennis**

### **BBI TEACHERS VS NZ POLICE FOOTBALL FIXTURE**

On Wednesday, 13 November BBI will host the BBI Teachers VS NZ Police football fixture, a battle for the Golden Boot Trophy. We encourage all BBI students to come down to the sports field during lunchtime and support our BBI Teachers Team as they take on the New Zealand Police. The trophy is on the line for the first time in over a decade, so your support will be greatly appreciated.

### **CLOTHING SWAP**

On Friday, 29 November, BBI is hosting a clothes swap. Students are encouraged to bring clothes, in good condition, from home they do not like or have grown out of. Each item will then be exchanged for a ticket, which can be swapped for clothes other people donated during the event. One of the many benefits of a clothes swap is that it will be an excellent opportunity to remind BBI students about the environmental consequences of fast fashion and how to shop more sustainably. In addition, it will give students a fun chance to refresh their wardrobe free of cost.

### **CANS WEEK**

To help support the All Saints Church with their voluntary foodbank, we are asking students to bring in two or more cans of food by Friday 8 November. This is an opportunity to help support the people of our community who struggle and need food donations. Our school is a major contributor to the Food Bank. This is especially important with Christmas coming up. This project will be led by our School and Class Leaders, who will collect them each morning before 8.40am in their classrooms.

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### YEAR 7 CLASSROOM PROGRAMME

On Friday, 25 October, we hosted our Year 7 Stalls Day, which concluded our How we organise ourselves unit of inquiry. It was a great success with a huge variety of stalls selling food items to game-based stalls where students won prizes. We raised \$5000 towards [SchoolTV](#) and our School Council.

The Year 7 classes have now moved into our final unit of inquiry, How the world works. The focus for the next six weeks is the advancement of technology and how it has influenced society. In Week 4, students will visit Ambury Farm. If you are able to assist us as an adult helper, please contact your child's teacher.

Monday 4 November 2024 - Rooms 9, 10, & 11

Wednesday 6 November 2024 - Rooms 1, 2, & 4

Thursday 7 November 2024 - Rooms 3 & 5

Friday 8 November 2024 - Rooms 6, 7, & 8

Monday 11 November 2024 - Rooms 12, 13, & 14

### YEAR 8 CLASSROOM PROGRAMME

Our Year 8 students are almost at the halfway point of their Sharing the planet exhibition, where they are working in small groups to plan, research, and take action on an issue. During Weeks 2 and 3, students created their central idea and lines of inquiry from the key concept questions they had crafted. The students will move on to finding out about their issue and researching using a wide range of primary and secondary resources. This is a crucial time for students as they often only rely on the first website or book they find; we encourage students to find multiple sources to support their understanding and prove their information is accurate and reliable.

How can you help at home?

- to ask your child where they are at, their next steps, and how they are considering taking action,
- to provide support to help navigate those dynamic group challenges and offer advice when collaborating with others,
- to allow students to articulate their thinking and understanding.

Our Year 8 Exhibition will be hosted over two days. Viewing times for the community will be between 1:45 pm-2:45 pm and 4:00 pm-5:45 pm.

Pōhutukawa (Rooms 15-18) & Tōtara (Rooms 23-26) - Wednesday 3rd December

Rimu (Rooms 19-22) & Harakeke (Rooms 27-30) - Thursday 4th December

### SECOND HAND UNIFORM SHOP

**Our second hand uniform shop has very limited stock. If anyone has uniform items to donate, please drop them at the school office. All good quality uniform is much appreciated.**

The second hand uniform shop will open for sales only, on Tuesday afternoons from 3.00pm to 3.30pm. **We take a great deal of pride in wearing our uniform well.**

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### In this edition of SchoolTV - A Special Report: Navigating AI Relationships

Despite governments globally moving towards raising the minimum age for social media access due to mounting concerns about the negative effects on youth mental health and wellbeing, there's now an even newer challenge on the horizon - the rise of romantic and companion AI bots. These virtual companions are becoming increasingly popular with young people, raising serious questions about privacy, ethics, and the future of relationships in the digital age.

The rise of AI-powered relationships is offering a new frontier in human interaction. Initially emerging in the gaming world, AI companionship has evolved into mainstream culture, with apps providing personalised experiences that range from platonic friendships to romantic encounters. These interactions can blur the boundaries between real and virtual relationships, creating confusion and potential psychological harm.

Criminologists warn that children as young as 12 are accessing dating apps, often bypassing age restrictions, exposing them to sexual content and predatory behaviour. Researchers have also found that many adolescents are turning to virtual partners for validation, risking unhealthy emotional attachments that can affect real-life relationships.

As AI reshapes social dynamics, it's crucial to stay informed and engaged. While AI can enhance education and creativity, it also presents challenges around privacy, mental health, and misinformation. This Special Report will help you foster an open dialogue and balanced approach to help young people navigate this evolving digital landscape.

We hope you take time to reflect on the information offered in this Special Report, and as always, we welcome your feedback.

**If you do have any concerns about the wellbeing of your child, please contact the school for further information or seek medical or professional help.**

Here is the link to your special report: [Navigating AI relationships](#)

### SPORT

#### BASKETBALL

On Tuesday 24th September our boys Basketball team competed in the SEZ Basketball competition. They had good wins in their round robin matches, winning their pool. After losing a close match to Sancta Maria in the semi final, they then ended up coming third beating Farm Cove Intermediate in the third/fourth play off. Well done to all the boys - you have an amazing team spirit, work well together as a team and always give your best out on the court. Thank you to George and Alex from Hi5 Basketball for helping coach the team, and also to the parents who come along and support on the sidelines.

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### **VOLLEYBALL**

Our boys and girls Volleyball teams took part in the SEZ Volleyball tournament, on Friday 18th October at the Bruce Pulman Centre in Takanini. The girls team had some tough matches but showed great improvement through each of their matches. They finished up 11th overall. The boys team had a successful day winning the competition - they beat Sir Edmund Hillary Intermediate in the semi finals, followed by a great win in the final against Ferguson Intermediate. The boys team has now qualified to play in the Auckland Champs on Wednesday 13th November. A big thank you to Mr Rhodes, Ms White and Mr Nugent for coaching and supporting these teams.

We still have a busy few weeks ahead, with our Year 7 and 8 Athletics days, SEZ Touch Rugby tournaments, SEZ Cricket and SEZ Athletics days all coming up. Good luck to all the teams involved in these competitions.

**Diane Parkinson**  
**Principal**

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**DATES TO NOTE 2024** (Please note: these dates are subject to change, please always check the BBI Calendar online for up-to-date information.)

### Term 4 2024

#### Friday 1 November

Monday 4 - Friday 8 November

Wednesday 6 November

Thursday 7 November

#### Thursday 7 November

#### Wednesday 13 November

Friday 15 November

Monday 18 November

Tuesday 19 November

#### Thursday 21 November

#### Friday 22 November

#### Tuesday 26 November

Wednesday 27 November

Wednesday 27 November

Thursday 28 November

Thursday 19 November

Wednesday 4 December

Thursday 5 December

Monday 9 December

#### Wednesday 11 December

#### Thursday 12 December

#### Friday 13 December

#### Year 7 Athletics Day

CANS Week - (No Mufti day)

SEZ Touch Rugby

SEZ Mixed Touch

#### Year 8 Athletics Day

#### Year 8 Formal 6 pm-8 pm

BBI Showcase Dress Rehearsal

Goat Island Trip

5.30 pm Board meeting

#### SEZ Athletics

**1.00 pm - 3.00 pm Showcase - in the hall**

**9.00 - 10.00 am - ESOL Parent meeting at BBI**

Kapa haka at O Wairoa marae

7.00 pm - New Parent evening in the hall

AAIMS Athletics

Year 6 Orientation morning at 9.00 am and 11.00 am

Exhibition (Tōtara and Pōhutukawa)

Exhibition (Rimu and Harakeke)

5.30 pm - Board meeting

**Prize giving - 11.00 am - Year 7, 1.30 pm - Year 8's**

**Year 7 Day In and Year 8 Day out**

**12.00 noon - School closes for the year**

### 2025 TERM DATES

**Wednesday 29 January to Friday 11 April**

Monday 28 April to Friday 27 June

Monday 14 July to Friday 19 September

Monday 6 October to Friday 12 December 2025

### **CURRICULUM DAYS 2025 School is closed to students:**

Friday 30 May (before King's Birthday weekend)

Friday 24 October (before Labour Day weekend)