

# Bucklands Beach Intermediate

## SEPTEMBER Newsletter 2024



**Monday 2 September 2024**

Kia ora

We welcome everyone to the first day of spring.

### **AIMS GAMES**

On Saturday 7th September, AIMS Games will begin in Tauranga. We have students competing in 18 different sports over the whole week. They have all been working hard and committing to training sessions and practice matches in preparation for AIMS. We wish all the students the best of luck and hope they enjoy their AIMS experience. Thank you to all the teachers and parents helping with Coach and Manager roles, for committing their time and effort. And a big thank you to all the families for their support in the AIMS build-up - it will be an amazing experience for your child.

Meanwhile, back at school, we have organised an arts/ sport/ recreation week for the remaining students. We do hope that this will be a week of fun-filled learning! Personally, I am looking forward to attending some of the events.

### **TEACHER ONLY DAY - FRIDAY 27 SEPTEMBER**

**A reminder school will be closed on Friday 27th September for a Teacher Only Day.**

The last day of this term will be Thursday 26 September, closing at 3.00pm. The Library will be open as usual for After School Care on Thursday 26 September, and the After School Classes for Thursday will still go ahead - Japanese, Guitar, School of Rock and Public Speaking.

### **MATHEX COMPETITION**

Thursday 22nd August saw the four BBI Mathex teams compete at the Auckland Mathex Competition. There were over 120 Year 7 teams competing in the Year 7 competition and a similar number in the Year 8 competition. The Year 7 A team started strongly and led for much of the competition. The final results for the Year 7s were Year 7 A team second place and Year 7 B team third place, after the minor drama of their final answer in the dying seconds of the competition initially being marked incorrect, but being accepted after a recheck. The Year 8 teams led from the beginning, with the competition being dominated by the two BBI teams who were in



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front of everyone else and basically competing against each other. The Year 8 B team led for the majority of the competition but were overtaken by the A team as they reached the final few normally more challenging questions. The Year 8 A team finished first in under fifteen minutes, with the Year 8 B team finishing second a few minutes later and still minutes clear of the remaining teams. A great result and we believe the first time a school has finished with all four teams in a podium position. Congratulations to all the team members and a big thanks to all those who trialled for the teams in 2024.



### WORLD SCHOLAR'S CUP

On Tuesday 12th and Wednesday 13th August, 36 students competed at the Auckland Regional round of World Scholar's Cup. The students' results were impressive, with countless medals and even some trophies brought home. Congratulations to all of the students that took part in this competition.

### TOURNAMENT OF MINDS

On Saturday 31st August, six teams participated in the Auckland Regional Tournament of Minds competition. The students had been working on their long term challenges over the six weeks prior to the competition, and also presented their spontaneous challenge on the day. The participating students had a wonderful time at the competition and can be very proud of their efforts.

### REHU TAI ORAL LANGUAGE COMPETITION

For all students, preparing and presenting a speech is a great opportunity to develop communication skills and confidence in public speaking. For the fifth year, students were taught the Rehu Tai Festival of Oral Language streams of Rap, Spoken Word, Flash Talk, and Prepared Speeches. Teachers spent several lessons teaching and explaining the different strands. Students were given a choice and prepared an oral language presentation around the topic of 'Unity'.

Winners from each whanau competed in the BBI School Speech Competition. Congratulations to Ann Deng, Faith Hazel, Livia Martinhao Ramos and Tamsyn McCamish who represented BBI at the Southern Eastern Zone Rehu Tai Speech final. They did incredibly well. Tamsyn, Ann, and Livia won their respective categories. They will now compete in the Auckland final in September. We wish them all the very best!



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### HPPA DANCE FESTIVAL

This month BBI's jazz and hip hop teams danced at the Howick Primary Principals Association (HPPA) Dance Festival. After many weeks of rehearsing, the teams did a fantastic job performing their routines in front of a packed crowd. Many thanks to their choreographers Jasmine Jones, Mischa Inglis and Nichola Niemack.

### ICAS RESULTS

ICAS results for Digital Technologies and English are now out. Students who sat ICAS at BBI in 2023 can use the TAP-ID and PIN from last year to login and see the result. The TAP-ID can be found on the ICAS certificate. If your child did not sit ICAS at BBI last year, parents can request a student's TAP-ID and PIN using this URL:

<https://www.icasassessments.com/icas-student-tap-id-pin/>

Unfortunately, if your parents are unable to get your TAP-ID and PIN, you will need to wait until the certificates arrive.

### BBI Māori Knowledge-a-thon 2024

Last week, we launched our annual knowledge-a-thon. Students will learn the answers to 100 questions, and those who score 95-99% will go into the draw once, while those who score 100% will be entered three times. There are iTunes, movie, and Botany Vouchers for those pulled out of the draw. Here is the document with all the information, questions, and ways students can learn the answers.

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1SmYqleVblgvNTKYPoRFpgbH6d3ePgQ5D/view?usp=sharing>

### AMT Oxford Computing Challenge Round 2

Congratulations to the two students who qualified for the second round and achieved stunning results.

Devarsh Single - 1st Place

Deven Wei - 3rd Place

### YEAR 7 ENROLMENTS FOR 2025

All enrolments for 2025 should have been completed online.

Note: Applications close on Wednesday 4 September 2024.

### EVelocity

Three BBI teams are entered into next term's EVelocity Challenge where the electric vehicle they have designed and constructed will undergo further innovation before being tested in a range of events.

While we are currently assembling the vehicles, we are desperate to borrow a pipe bender capable of bending 32.8mm steel, and a notching tool for cutting curved angles into the tube - if you know of anyone who could help, please email [nick@bbi.school.nz](mailto:nick@bbi.school.nz)

We would also like to take this opportunity to thank Michelle Kingham and her team at Steel and Tube NZ for their generous supply of the steel tubing for our projects - we really appreciate the support of our community.

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### IB PYP INFORMATION

#### YEAR 7 CLASSROOM PROGRAMME

Our Year 7 classes are now into their second week of How we organise ourselves which focuses on working together in a team to be successful. Our end goal is for each class to create stalls for our Year 7 Stalls day in Term 4. Throughout the process, students will learn about the different roles within a team and small business as well as skills like communication, collaboration, and cooperation. In the next few weeks, students can share more about their ideas and where their group is headed.

#### YEAR 8 CLASSROOM PROGRAMME

Our Year 8 Exhibition is the culmination of two years at BBI. It is an opportunity for students to showcase their growth over the two years by leading a group inquiry into an issue and taking action. In Weeks 9 and 10, every student will go on one of two trips to the Waitakere Refuse Centre or the Botanical Gardens. Each trip has an instructor-led session, which connects to our Sharing the planet unit of inquiry. We need two adult helpers per class, so if you can help, please let your child's teacher know.

Below is some information and ways parents and whānau can help support student learning for the exhibition. More information will come out next term, as students are only beginning the unit of inquiry in Week 10, Term 3.

What is the exhibition? The exhibition is a student-driven inquiry that culminates in a collaborative experience that sees students voyage on a journey to explore, document, share their understanding, and take action on an issue. The exhibition enables students to include all of the elements of the PYP programme and is shared with the broader school community. This year, the students will explore the transdisciplinary theme of Sharing the planet.

How can you help at home? A way to help at home could be asking your child where they are, what their next steps are, and how they are considering taking action. It could also be to check in and help navigate those dynamic group challenges and offer advice when collaborating with others. Allowing students to articulate their thinking and understanding is a fantastic way to practise speaking and sharing their learning. The more times they do this, the more confident they will be in understanding the new knowledge they have gained and be able to present their ideas concisely.

#### SPECIAL REPORT - SCHOOLTV - [Healthy Study Habits](#)

Although we all want our children to succeed academically, the foundation for that success lies not just in intelligence or motivation, but in the study habits they develop. Healthy study habits are essential for children to learn effectively, manage stress, and ultimately achieve their academic potential. Yet, in an age where distractions are plentiful and the pressure to perform is immense, it's more important than ever for us, as parents and caregivers, to guide our children in cultivating these habits.

First and foremost, it's crucial to understand that good study habits aren't just about spending more time hitting the books. It's about quality over quantity. Encouraging your child to have a dedicated study space, free from distractions is the first step. Instilling the importance of a routine cannot be overstated. Regular study times help

**Raising confident and resilient kids**

Wednesday 4 September, 5pm  
Bowersock Oaks school hall  
Bowersock Road, Flat Bush  
Coffee van will be available to purchase hot beverages  
 RSVP email: [office@bowersock.school.nz](mailto:office@bowersock.school.nz)

**We can't control life, but we can control the way we respond to it.**  
Life's not always a walk in the park, but with support, challenges can become opportunities for our children to develop resilience. This talk sheds light on the struggles that can hold our kids back while offering powerful tools to make the most of character growth moments.

**Sherry Wells** is a Parent Coach and mother of three who has been part of the Parenting Place team for the last decade. She is a former primary teacher and has a passion for helping parents navigate the challenges of raising resilient kids. Her latest book, *Raising Resilient Kids*, is available on Amazon and through the independent parenting bookstore, Flat Bush, Otago.

Parenting Talk by Parenting Place

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create a sense of normalcy and discipline, making studying a part of their daily life rather than a chore.

Additionally, the way students approach their study sessions is just as important. Periodic breaks are vital in this process. Encourage your child to review their notes regularly rather than cramming before exams - this reinforces learning and reduces last-minute stress.

Finally, balance is key. While academics are important, so too is maintaining a healthy lifestyle. Adequate sleep, a nutritious diet, and regular physical activity are non-negotiable aspects of a student's life that directly influence their ability to study effectively. Fostering these healthy study habits is one of the greatest gifts we can give children, setting them up for a lifetime of learning and success.

### SCHOOL ROUTINE

We really try to minimise disruptions to classes during the day. It is really important that students are at school on time and ready for the day to start at 8.40am.

- Absences –Please phone the school office 09-5342896, before 8.40am and leave a message on the absence line. Please do not email. All unaccounted absences are followed up in the morning.

- Students leaving school during school hours – At Intermediate School, students are encouraged to take responsibility for themselves. Please

email or send a note to the classroom teacher in advance. The student is to leave the class and wait at the office at the arranged time to be collected. Students will sign themselves out. Except for an emergency, please do not come to the office and ask for the student to be found to go home early.

**All visitors to the school must sign in at reception. No one, other than students, is permitted on our school grounds.**

### SECOND-HAND UNIFORM SHOP

The second-hand uniform shop is open for sales only, on Tuesday afternoons from 3.00pm to 3.30pm.

### BBI TRACK PANTS

There are still some BBI track pants for sale. These are available from the school office before 8.40am in the mornings. Students are able to try them on at the office. Cost is \$50.00

### SPORT

#### NETBALL

On Friday 2nd August, six BBI teams competed at the SEZ Netball tournament at Auckland Netball Centre. It was a good day out with some amazing Netball matches and great results. A big thank you to all the coaches of the teams and to the parents who came out and supported our teams.

#### Final placings:

##### Year 8

1st: Year 8 Gold  
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5th: Year 8 Boys

##### Year 7

1st: Year 7 Gold  
2nd: Year 7 Navy  
3rd: Year 7 Boys

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By winning their grade, the Year 7 Gold and Year 8 Gold teams qualified for the Auckland Interzone Champs on Thursday 22nd August. Both teams were up against the other top schools in each of the Auckland zones, which provided some highly competitive matches and tough opposition. The Year 7 girls finished up 13th and the Year 8 Girls were 9th overall.

### **HOCKEY**

On Wednesday 7th August and Thursday 8th August, our boys and girls Hockey teams headed out to Albany to compete in the Auckland Hockey tournament. The teams finished top in their SEZ competition and took on the other top schools in Auckland. They got to play some good matches, played with great team spirit and came away with some more match play experience. The boys team came 7th and the girls team came 14th.

### **CHEERLEADING**

The BBI Cheerleading team competed in their first competition of the year on Saturday 17th August. They maintained their unbeaten record winning the Intermediate division and they were also crowned Grand Champions scoring the highest score over all the other school teams competing in the event. They beat several high schools and one university. Congratulations to all the girls, to Traci Burke for coaching and organising the team, Carrie Barnett for all her time and effort and to all the parents for their support.

### **CROSS COUNTRY**

On Thursday 15th August we took 40 students to Barry Curtis Park for the SEZ Cross Country competition. It was a challenging 3km course, testing our runners' endurance. They all did so well and special mention to the following students:

#### **Year 8**

2nd: Year 8 Girls - Soyo Yamagami

2nd: Year 8 Girls team

3rd: Year 8 Boys team

#### **Year 7**

2nd: Year 7 Girls - Ruby Prebisalic

3rd: Year 7 Boys - Riley Liang

2nd: Year 7 Girls team

2nd: Year 7 Boys team

**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 3

Tuesday 3 September

Saturday 7 to Friday 13 September

Monday 9 to Friday 13 September

Tuesday 17 September

Thursday 19 September

Friday 20 September

Monday 23 September

Tuesday 24 September

Wednesday 25 September

Wednesday 25 September

Wednesday 25 September

**Thursday 26 September**

**Friday 27 September**

### **Term 4 2024**

**Monday 14 October**

Thursday 17 October

Monday 21 October

Tuesday 22 October

Tuesday 22 October

Tuesday 22 October

Friday 25 October

**Monday 28 October**

Wednesday 30 October

Friday 1 November

Thursday 7 November

Wednesday 13 November

Wednesday 11 December

Thursday 12 December

**Friday 13 December**

AAIMS Cross Country

AIMS Games

AIMS Week - within school there will be various trips

5.30 - Board meeting

Rimu Exhibition Trip

Harakeke Exhibition Trip

Pohutukawa Exhibition Trip

Māori Knowledge-a-thon

SEZ Basketball

EPro8 Auckland heats (Farm Cove Intermediate)

Totara Exhibition Trip

**3.00pm - End of Term 3**

**Teacher Only Day**

### **8.40am Start of Term 4**

EPro8 Auckland heats (Clayton Park School)

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12.15pm - Te tai o rēhia - Kapa haka festival

5.30pm - Board meeting

Mufti Day - Gumboot Friday

**Labour Day holiday - school closed**

EPro8 Auckland heats (Stanhope Road School)

Year 7 Athletics Day

Year 8 Athletics Day

Year 8 Formal

Prize Giving Day

Year 7 Day in and Year 8 Day out

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

### **2024 TERM DATES**

Wednesday 31 January

to

Friday 12 April

Monday 29 April

to

Friday 5 July

**Monday 22 July**

to

**Thursday 26 September (Friday is a Teacher Only day)**

Monday 14 October

to

Friday 13 December 2024 - 12 noon

### **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 Tuesday 16 December (*last day to be confirmed*)

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