

Wednesday 25 September 2025

Kia ora

AIMS GAMES

Congratulations to all students who participated in the AIMS Games 2024. You were a credit to our school. Thank you to the staff and parents who gave up their time to support our large team.

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 3.00 pm. 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.

START OF TERM 4

The first day of Term 4 is Monday 14th October. As we head into the summer and warmer weather, please ensure that all students have a NAMED hat or cap. There are Whānau coloured bucket hats available from the office (8.00 to 8.40 am) \$10.00 each. Hats will become compulsory after labour weekend.

REHU TAI ORAL LANGUAGE COMPETITION

On Wednesday 21 August, four students represented BBI at the South Eastern Zone Rehu Tai Speech Final. Congratulations to the following students who won their categories; Tamsyn McCamish, Ann Deng and Livia Martinhao Ramos.

They will now compete at the Auckland final on Wednesday 25 September. We wish them all the best.

BBI Māori Knowledge-a-thon 2024

Over the last five weeks, students have been learning the answers to 100 questions. On Tuesday 24th and Wednesday 25th September students will complete the test. Answers will be released back to students at 3 pm on Wednesday. Students who get 95% or higher will be entered into a draw at Monday's assembly on the first day back to win prizes. Thank you to all students and teachers who have gone above and beyond to practise the questions and participate in our Māori Knowledge-a-thon during Māori Language week.

YEAR 7 CLASSROOM PROGRAMME

Our Year 7 classrooms are working towards their Stalls Day, which will take place on Friday, October 25th. Students are working in groups to create, plan, and produce a stall for Stalls Day. Each classroom is on its own journey, and selecting the best idea varies between classes. The focus of our How we organise ourselves unit of inquiry is providing hands-on opportunities for students to work in groups to be successful. Ask your child about their learning, discuss ways you have worked through challenges and set the next steps to help them be successful in collaborating on this journey.

YEAR 8 CLASSROOM PROGRAMME

In Weeks 9 and 10, every student will go on one of two trips to the Waitakere Refuse Centre or the Botanical Gardens. Our Harakeke trip has been rescheduled due to the extreme weather on their date. Thank you to the adult helpers who assisted with the trips. We are very fortunate to have your support to allow our students to

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experience these learning opportunities outside the classroom. Next term, our Year 8 classes launch into the exhibition. You can help at home by asking questions about what they are currently doing and providing strategies for working effectively in a group. Providing a sounding board at home allows learners the chance to understand what they have achieved and what their next steps are. Students have access to a booklet that will be shared with them digitally on Toddle or as a hard copy.

In this edition of SchoolTV - Mindfulness

Over the last decade, mindfulness has been slowly rising in popularity with many individuals practising it on a regular basis. Evidence based research has found that there are many benefits to mindfulness which has prompted schools across the nation to implement this practice into their daily routines.

Mindfulness can be described as attention training for your brain, enabling you to focus on something without judgement and to stimulate curiosity. Mindfulness can be practised in a number of ways and is something that can be done by everyone - no matter what your age! It has been practised by many cultures around the world, but it is not exclusively affiliated to any particular philosophy or religion.

Mindfulness helps improve memory, engagement and performance. Its positive effect on the brain can improve immunity, mental wellbeing, learning ability, emotional health and even, time management. It is especially important in this era of information overload as our attention is constantly being pulled in many directions making us more distracted.

In this edition of SchoolTV, parents can learn the best way to introduce this mindfulness to their children, implementing into their daily lives to have an overall positive impact on family relationships.

We hope you take time to reflect on the information offered in this edition of SchoolTV and we always welcome your feedback. If you have any concerns about your child, please contact the school for further information or seek medical or professional help.

Here is the link to the Mindfulness edition of SchoolTV https://bbi.nz.schooltv.me/newsletter/mindfulness

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 now available from the second hand uniform shop on a Tuesday from 3.00 - 3.30pm. Cost is \$50.00

SPORT

AIMS GAMES

AIMS Games is always one of the highlights of the year for those students who get the opportunity to represent BBI at this national sporting event. This year we took 162 students and were entered in 23 of the sports available. We had many gold, silver and bronze medals won and good placings across all the different codes.

The students gave their best efforts in their chosen sport, showed amazing team spirit and sportsmanship, represented BBI with pride but most of all enjoyed the whole AIMS experience and have made some special memories for life.

A big thank you to all the teachers and parents who took on coaching and managers roles or helped with transport and cooking duties. Your time and effort was greatly appreciated - we were so grateful for all your help, especially as most of you took time off from work and family commitments.

CHEERLEADING

The BBI Cheerleading team competed in their second competition of the year on Sunday 15th August. They came second in the Intermediate division and they were fifth overall in the Grand Champs. Well done to all the girls, to Traci Burke for coaching and organising the team and to all the parents for their support.

Diane Parkinson Principal



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

<u>Term 3</u> Thursday 26 September Friday 27 September

Term 4 2024

Monday 14 October Thursday 17 October Thursday 17 October Friday 18 October Friday 18 October Saturday 19 October Monday 21 October Tuesday 22 October **Tuesday 22 October** Tuesday 22 October Friday 25 October Friday 25 October Monday 28 October Wednesday 30 October Friday 1 November Mon day 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 Wednesday 20 November Thursday 21 November Friday 22 November **Tuesday 26 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

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)

3.00pm - End of Term 3 Teacher Only Day

8.40am Start of Term 4

Otago Final Challenge Comp EPro8 Auckland heats (Clayton Park School) SEZ Volleyball Harakeke Exhibition Trip (rescheduled) EVolocity Auckland Regional Final (RNZAF Base Whenuapai) EPro8 Auckland heats (Remuera Intermediate) EPro8 Auckland heats (Remuera Intermediate) 12.15pm - Te tai o rēhia - Kapa haka festival 5.30pm - Board meeting Mufti Day - Gumboot Friday Year 7 Stalls Day Labour Day holiday - school closed EPro8 Auckland heats (Stanhope Road School) Year 7 Athletics Day CANS Week - (No Mufti day) SEZ Touch Rugby SEZ Mixed Touch Year 8 Athletics Day Year 8 Formal **BBI Showcase Dress Rehearsal** Goat Island Trip 5.30pm Board meeting Kapa haka at O Wairoa marae **SEZ Athletics** 1.00pm - 3.00pm Showcase - in the hall 9.00 - 10.00am - ESOL Parent meeting at BBI 7.00pm - New Parent evening in the hall **AAIMS Athletics** Year 6 Orientation morning at 9.00am and 11.00am Exhibition (Totara and Pohutukawa) Exhibition (Rimu and Harakeke) 5.30pm - Board meeting **Prize Giving Day** Year 7 Day in and Year 8 Day out 12.00 noon - School closes for the year

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