

# Bucklands Beach Intermediate

## April Newsletter 2024



### Wednesday 3rd April

Kia ora

#### YEAR 7 CAMP

Thank you to all the staff and volunteers who attended the Year 7 Camps. This is an important tradition at our school. We do hope your child had an opportunity to bond with their whānau.

#### BUILDING WORKS AT BBI

**From this week the office will be under construction and students & parents will be only be able to access the office from the student entrance.**

Please, it is really important that if parents are collecting students during school hours, prior arrangements must be made, and students informed and ready and waiting for their parent at the office. It is exciting to at last have these issues addressed at our school. The Performing Arts Centre and Music rooms are now ready for use for the school.

#### SCHOOL UNIFORM

As the weather cools, we do receive enquiries about our school uniform. The full uniform policy is available on our website:

[https://www.bbi.school.nz/files/ugd/2fda2f\\_921acd8eca16479f834ddc9bc15af97b.pdf](https://www.bbi.school.nz/files/ugd/2fda2f_921acd8eca16479f834ddc9bc15af97b.pdf)

Due to positive feedback, we have decided to continue with the choice to wear formal or P.E. uniform on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. Formal uniform must be worn on Mondays and Fridays. The P.E. Hoodie is an optional uniform item and is only available a few times a year through John Russell Schoolwear. Notices are sent to parents advising of the next lot of orders.

The school jumper may be worn with the P.E. uniform. Of course, during actual physical activity in P.E. or sport, no jumpers or jackets would be worn, these are to keep warm after sport is ended.

Jackets may not be worn inside classrooms, so for warmth, the school jumper is required for wearing with the usual school uniform when indoors.

#### BBI HOODIE

We have been advised by John Russell Schoolwear that the hoodies have been delayed and are now due at the end of the May. We are sorry for any inconvenience.

#### THREE WAY CONFERENCES

Booking information has been sent out to all parents for the upcoming Three Way Conferences.

These will be held on

**Tuesday 9 April between 1.00pm and 5.00pm**

**and Wednesday 10 April between 1.00pm and 8.00pm**

Please note that the school will close at 12.10pm on these two days. Supervision until 3.00pm will be available. Information will be sent out in the separate letter.

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### END OF TERM ONE

The last day for Term 1, is on Friday 12 April. School will close as usual at 3.00pm.

### FUNDRAISER - ENTERTAINMENT BOOK OFFER

With the school holidays fast approaching, The Entertainment App is launching a thrilling campaign: Free Membership Upgrade! This promotion will run until the end of April; receive a FREE upgrade to Multi-City when you purchase a Single City Membership to The Entertainment App. Every purchase made using the link below helps benefit the school. For more information or to purchase, please use this link -

<https://subscribe.entertainmentnz.com/fundraiser/993j57>

### PRIMARY YEARS PROGRAMME PARENT WORKSHOP

An introduction to the Primary Years Programme workshop will unpack how we construct our Programme of Inquiry and integrate it within the classroom programme. This workshop will be held at 4 p.m. on Tuesday, April 9th, in the Performing Arts Centre. Please indicate your attendance [using the link](#) or by emailing Anita Leeuw at [anita@bbi.school.nz](mailto:anita@bbi.school.nz)

### YEAR 7 CLASSROOM PROGRAMME

Our Year 7 students have completed their first six-week Unit of Inquiry, Sharing the Planet. In Week 10, they will transition into a week of Who we are as they prepare for their 3-Way Conferences the following week. In the final week of Term 1, we will begin our first week of Where we are in place and time, with a focus on migration. Students will learn about migration journeys within our local areas, as well as national and global migrations that have occurred or are currently ongoing. One way you can help at home is to have a discussion about your family's migrations.

### YEAR 8 CLASSROOM PROGRAMME

We are in the final week of How the world works, and over the past six weeks, students have been creating models, explaining various scientific principles, and designing experiments to support their ideas. Discussions surrounding ethics within science, from different perspectives, have challenged students to consider alternative viewpoints. Year 8 will transition into a week of Who we are during our 3-Way Conferences before moving on to our Where we are in place and time unit of inquiry, which expands on our focus on decision-making in Who we are. Students will explore how conflict impacts local, national, regional, and international communities. One way you can support your child at home is by visiting the Auckland Museum during the holidays. Auckland residents can enter for free with proof of address, and you can explore the galleries on the top floor.

### COACHING AT BBI

Over the last five years, BBI has developed and implemented a coaching programme. In 2023, we implemented our Whānau Coaching programme, where students coach each other to co-construct iSMART goals using the GROWTH Framework. This year, each whānau has conducted training for new coaches and a refresher for previously trained coaches. Within the whānau, there are approximately 32 trained coaches, who rotate around the classes to have a coaching conversation and construct a goal for each student. Each whānau has its own approach to running Students Coaching Students that will run for the entire year. Our goal is to support every student at BBI to construct a specific, measurable, achievable, relevant and time bound goal. Well done to all the students who have taken on this role within our school.



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### COACHING PARENT WORKSHOP

An introduction to coaching: The BBI website provides a brief overview of coaching and the framework we use to help students create I-SMART goals. The workshop will explain and model the coaching framework and will run from 4 pm to 5 pm on Wednesday, April 10th, in the Performing Arts Centre. Please indicate your attendance [using the link](#) or by emailing Anita Leeuw at [anita@bbi.school.nz](mailto:anita@bbi.school.nz)

### In this edition of SchoolTV - CULTURAL DIVERSITY - NZ

Cultural diversity encompasses the variety of cultures, beliefs, and traditions present globally, contributing to a rich tapestry of human experiences and perspectives. By valuing every child's cultural background, we enable them to excel in all facets of life. Nurturing an environment of curiosity, open-mindedness, and respect for all cultures, will not only promote unity but a deeper appreciation of the nuances that distinguish us.



Inclusion is about more than just words; it's about fostering a sense of belonging and acceptance for every child, regardless of their cultural background. When children and adolescents feel seen and valued for who they are, they can thrive academically, socially, and emotionally. Valuing and understanding cultural diversity, helps our communities benefit from a wealth of perspectives and experiences, enhancing our collective capacity for empathy and innovation.

As parents and adult carers, instilling an appreciation for cultural diversity is vital to equip young people with the tools they need to navigate an increasingly interconnected world. Through leading by example and showing that kindness and understanding knows no boundaries, we can encourage them to embrace multiculturalism. This will not only prepare young people for personal success, but also for contributing to a world that views diversity as a strength. Through collective efforts, we can help pave the way for a more accepting and vibrant future.

In this edition of SchoolTV, learn how best to embrace and celebrate cultural diversity with your children.

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 **Cultural Diversity - NZ** edition of SchoolTV [Cultural Diversity](#)

### SCHOOL-BASED VACCINATION PROGRAMME (OPTIONAL)

The Public Health Nurses from the Counties Manukau District will be on site on 29 April. Year 8 students have been provided with an information booklet to take home. Please return this to the classroom teacher by 5th April. Should you wish your child to be immunised at school, we recommend watching the information video with your child, prior to the vaccination date. Year 7 booklets will be distributed later in the year.

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	<a href="#">Year 8 Gardasil</a> Dose 1	<a href="#">Year 7 Boostrix</a>	Year 8 Gardasil 9 Dose 2
Scheduled Date	29 April	30 July	31 October

### **VOLUNTEER HELP REQUIRED PLEASE - YEAR 7 PARENT**

Is anyone free to help volunteer in the School Resource room please. We require a Year 7 parent any time from Monday - Friday between : 8.30-10.30am

If you are able to help, please reply to Changa Kodi - [changa@bbi.school.nz](mailto:changa@bbi.school.nz)

Thank you very much

### **SCHOOL ROUTINE**

**Should students need to leave school during school time, please arrange this in advance, and remind your child to be waiting at the office by a pre-arranged time.**

**Students leaving school during school hours** – Our students are encouraged to take responsibility for themselves. Please send a note with details to the classroom teacher with the student. At the arranged time, the student will leave class, sign themselves out at the office, and wait to be collected. **Except for emergencies, please do not come to the office and ask for the student to go home early, as we endeavour to minimise class disruptions.**

- Students should arrive between 8.10am and 8.30am daily.
- **Cafe** - The Cafe accepts EFTPOS and cash.
- **Absences** – If a student is absent for the day, please phone the school office 095342896, before 8.40am and leave a message on the absence line. All unaccounted absences are followed up first thing in the morning.

### **COMMUNICATING WITH PARENTS**

Our monthly newsletter is available via our website on the 1<sup>st</sup> of each month; you will also receive a reminder email. Please let us know if your email details change as this is our main method of communication. The BBI website is a good place for information about our school, including our calendar and parent handbook. We also recommend following us on Facebook for regular updates regarding events and photos.

**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 will open for sales only, on a Tuesday afternoon from 3.00pm to 3.30pm.



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### **AFTER SCHOOL CLASS INFORMATION**

The After School Classes started on 26 February. The first semester will end toward the end of Term 2, depending on the number of classes and holidays. If you have any queries, or wish to report absences, please email Mrs Lynette Dimond ([lynette@bbi.school.nz](mailto:lynette@bbi.school.nz)).

**This is a reminder that there are no After School classes scheduled on Thursday 28 March (early close for Easter) and Tuesday 9th and Wednesday 10th April (Student Led Conferences).**

### **TERM 1 SPORT**

March has been a busy month with teams competing in local South Eastern Zone competitions and some qualifying for the Auckland Interzone champs. Most mornings and lunchtimes, there are teams preparing for upcoming events or trials being held. The Hockey Academy is underway with morning training sessions three mornings a week, along with our Friday After School Basketball training sessions. The Hall has been booked out the last few weeks with auditions being held for Jazz, Aerobics, Hip Hop and Cheerleading and these groups have now all been named. Trials have also been taking place for Tennis, Tag, Netball and Football. With a lot of trials and sports meetings happening, it is important that your child checks the Daily Notices each day, as these are often held at morning tea or lunch times.

Some results from this month:

#### **Swimming:**

From our A Grade swimming competition we had 17 swimmers compete in the SEZ champs at Lloyd Elsmore Pool on Wednesday 13th March. At this event 16 swimmers qualified for the Auckland Interzone Champs out in Henderson, which were held on Wednesday 20th March. We had a number of students make the finals and place in the top three - a special mention to the following swimmers:

2nd - Open Girls 4x50m Medley Relay (Soyo Yamagami, Jasmine Laban, Faith Hazel and Indie Herbert)

3rd - Soyo Yamagami (50m Freestyle, 50m Breaststroke, 100m Freestyle)

3rd - Year 7 Boys 4x50m Freestyle Relay (Evan Fang, Daniel Andrew, Christopher De Bruin and Eric Jia)

2nd - Year 8 Boys 4x50m Freestyle Relay (Lucas Wong, Jonathan Bao, Aaron Qiao and Lorin Chang)

We would also like to acknowledge Indie Herbert, who broke 3 records at the BBI School Swimming sports A Grade competition in the following events - Year 7 Girls: 50m Freestyle, 50m Butterfly and 100m Freestyle. And Lucas Wong broke the Year 8 Boys 100m Freestyle record.

#### **Softball:**

We had 4 teams entered in the SEZ Softball tournament hosted by Howick Softball Club. The Year 7 and Year 8 Girls teams competed on Wednesday 28th February and both finished 4th. The Year 7 and Year 8 Boys teams took part on Thursday 29th February, with the Year 7 team coming 4th and the Year 8 team winning the tournament. All teams gave their best effort, played in a good spirit and were supported by Mrs Cleary, Mr Aukett, Mr Chamberlain and Mr Hirschfeld.

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The Year 8 Boys team qualified for the Auckland Interzone tournament which was held at Rosedale Park in Albany on Wednesday 13th March. The team had some hard fought matches against other top Intermediate teams in Auckland, and finished 4th overall.

A big thank you to all the staff and parents who have helped with organising, transport, trials, training sessions and support on the competition days.

### **AT TRANSPORT - FARES FROM 1ST MAY 2024**

**We have been sent the following information to share with parents of students who use public transport.**

Fares for travel on AT buses, trains and ferries are changing for under 25 year olds from Wednesday 01 May 2024. As this is a change which will affect your students, we encourage you to share the below message on your own communication channels. Please feel free to include the attached web tile/s in your messaging to students, parents and caregivers.

Free travel for 5 to 12 year olds and half-price travel for 13 to 24 year olds on AT bus, train and ferry services will end on 30 April 2024, in line with the government's decision to withdraw funding for these concessions.

This means that from Wednesday 1 May:

**5 to 12 year olds** will no longer travel for free on weekdays and will instead pay a child concession (at least 40% off adult fares). They will continue to travel for free on weekends. The child concession will apply to anyone aged 5 to 15, who has a registered AT HOP card with their correct date of birth.

**13 to 15 year olds** will stop receiving the half-price child fares discount and instead switch to paying full child fares (at least 40% off an adult fare during weekdays, and free travel on weekends) from 1 May. The child concession will apply to anyone aged 5 to 15, who has a registered AT HOP card with their correct date of birth.

**16 to 19 year olds** with a secondary student concession will stop receiving the half-price secondary fares discount and instead switch to paying full secondary fares (at least 40% off an adult fare). Students aged 16-19 should apply for the secondary student concession to ensure they are paying the cheapest fare possible.

More information about the discounts and what you may need to do next can be found at [AT.govt.nz/farechanges](https://at.govt.nz/farechanges)

**Diane Parkinson**  
**Principal**

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### DATES TO NOTE 2024

#### Term 1

Tuesday 9 April	- Three Way Conferences 1.00 - 5.00pm
Wednesday 10 April	- Three Way Conferences - 1.00 - 8.00pm
Friday 12 April	- School closes at 3pm - End of Term 1

### 2024 TERM DATES

<i>Wednesday 31 January</i>	<i>to</i>	<i>Friday 12 April</i>
<i>Monday 29 April</i>	<i>to</i>	<i>Friday 5 July</i>
<b>Monday 22 July</b>	<b>to</b>	<b>Thursday 26 September (Friday is a Teacher Only day)</b>
<i>Monday 14 October</i>	<i>to</i>	<i>Friday 13 December 2024 - 12 noon</i>

### TEACHER ONLY DAYS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS DURING SCHOOL TIME

#### Term 2

Friday 31 May	Teacher Only Day
Monday 3 June	King's Birthday holiday
<b>Thursday 27 June</b>	<b>School Closes at 2.15pm for Matariki Holiday</b>
Friday 28 June	Matariki Holiday

#### Term 3

Friday 27 September	Teacher Only Day
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#### Term 4

<b>Thursday 25 October</b>	<b>School Closes at 2.15pm for Labour Weekend</b>
Monday 28 October	Labour Day
<b>Friday 13 December</b>	<b>School closes at 12 noon for End of Term 4</b>
Monday 16 December	Teacher Only Day