

Monday 3 April 2023

Kia ora

#### 3-WAY CONFERENCES

Thank you to all parents who took part in the 3-way conferences. We hope you found this a valuable experience.

### STUDENT LEADERS

Congratulations to the following students Andro Aneru (Rm15), Emma Lang (Rm19), Christian Lianto (Rm18), Fatema Munji (Rm 25) and Samantha Souphanthayong (Rm14), and who have been selected as our School Leaders for 2023.

### 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. The students had a wonderful time.

## **EARLY CLOSING ON THURSDAY 6 APRIL**

This is a reminder that the school will close early at 2.15pm for the Easter Holidays. Some students who catch buses, will need to remain at school until 3.00pm. **There will be no After School Care in the library on Thursday 6 April.** 

# **START OF TERM 2**

This is a reminder that there is a Teacher Only Day on Monday 24 April, teachers will be at school participating in professional development, followed by ANZAC day holiday on Tuesday 25 April. The first day of Term 2 will be Wednesday 26 April, 2023.

### PARENT INFORMATION HANDBOOK

We have just launched our Parent Handbook, which is now available on our website. This handbook provides parents with an overview of the classroom programme and key information to support their child at home as well as giving parents a brief outline of our Primary Years Programme.

# PYP at BBI

Each year group has a Programme of Inquiry consisting of six units of inquiry. Each unit of inquiry focuses on a different transdisciplinary theme; Who we are, Sharing the planet, Where we are in place and time, How the world works, How we organise ourselves and How we express ourselves. Our inquiry units are driven by concepts, each unit has 2-3 concepts that act as a lens to look through the local, national and global issues or challenges connected to the theme that is stated in the central idea which overarches the unit.



The central idea provides a starting point for each unit of inquiry as we follow our BBI Inquiry Model to build and develop our understanding of the world around us. The lines of inquiry help guide the inquiry which is directly linked to the Key Concepts of change, causation, connection, form, function, responsibility and perspective.

When learning, students use the Learner Profile attributes: Caring, Balanced, Thinkers, Communicators, Risk-takers, Open-minded, Principled, Knowledgeable, Inquirer and Reflective. Students use these attributes to develop their approach to learning (skills) and apply them within all facets of their lives. Self-management, social, communication, thinking and research skills are the five areas we explicitly teach to develop the whole student.

# IB / PYP

### Year 7 Classroom Programme

In our Year 7 classrooms, we are in the final stages of our Sharing the planet unit of inquiry, after returning from camp earlier in March. Students have made connections between Motutapu Island and Riley Hathaway from Young Ocean Explorers' presentation about the Hauraki Gulf and the animals that live within it. From learning about these marine reserves, students were encouraged to take small actions to help our planet. An example of this was packing their bags to ensure Motutapu Island stays a pest-free environment and ensuring when we visited camp, we left the island in the same condition.

Next term, we move into a new unit of inquiry that investigates both the personal migrations of our history and also of the local, national and global communities around us. We strongly encourage parents and whānau to check out Toddle to see updates on our learning journey. Feel free to like and comment on the work so the students can see the positive comments from their families.

# **Year 8 Classroom Programme**

Our Year 8 classrooms have been running experiments and inquiring into a variety of laws and principles. Students have been learning about the scientific method, making predictions and observations as well as fair testing. This unit of inquiry has been hands-on where students experimented with materials and tested their theories before adapting and modifying their models to build on their understanding.

Next term our Year 8's move into their third unit of inquiry, How we organise ourselves. This unit of inquiry unpacks the importance of systems with a focus on the governing systems both within New Zealand and across the world. Toddle is being updated frequently, so check out our online portfolios for in-the-moment teaching and learning to see what your child is learning.

## **SCHOOL ROUTINE**

It is really important that students are at school on time and ready for the day to start at 8.40am. Ideally, all students should be here by 8.30am in order to be changed for fitness on fitness days, and be organised for the school day. If you live further away, please ensure that you leave home in time for students to be at school on time.



- Students should arrive between 8.10am and 8.30am daily. All teachers will meet students in the classroom by 8.20am.
- Cafe- The Cafe accepts EFTPOS and cash.
- Bring P.E. gear every day
- 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. Please do not email, as emails are not always cleared, and staff may be absent on the day. All unaccounted absences are followed up first thing in the morning.
- Students leaving school during school hours —At Intermediate School, students are encouraged to take responsibility for themselves. We also endeavour to keep classroom disruption to a minimum. Please send a note to the classroom teacher with the student. 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 in an emergency, please do not come to the office and ask for the student to be found to go home early.

## SECOND HAND UNIFORM SHOP

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

**UNIFORM** Please ensure the school uniform is worn in the correct manner and is clean and tidy at all times. Any uniforms left around the school will be placed in the lost property box outside Room 1. **Please ensure that all uniforms items are named.** Students are to arrive at school in the proper school uniform each morning. They will then change for fitness on fitness days. **Students may leave school in their PE Uniform if their last lesson has been PE, this must be worn correctly and include sports shoes.** 

### SCHOOL SHOES

Please ensure that students are wearing the correct school footwear.

We take a great deal of pride in wearing our uniform well.

**PARKING / STOPPING** Bucklands Beach Road is a busy road. If possible, please encourage your child to walk to and from school. Alternatively, your child could be dropped off and picked up at a point close to school. **Please note that St John's Church next door to us also runs a kindergarten and is <b>NOT** to be used as a pick up or drop off point.

We share the parking in the top half of the driveway to St Johns Church. Please do not park at any time (even for evening events) in the church car park. The church has meetings in the evenings, and their people do need to have access to their parking, as many are elderly. Thank you for your co-operation.

## AFTER SCHOOL CLASS INFORMATION

There are no After School Classes on the last day of term due to early closing. The first semester will end at the end of Term 2, (20 June 2023) as per the schedule. If you have any queries, or wish to report absences, please email to Mrs Lynette Dimond (lynette@bbi.school.nz).



#### In this edition of SchoolTV - SLEEP

Students today have extremely busy schedules, with everincreasing responsibilities at school and at home. Many kids, especially adolescents, are going to bed later and later and are at risk of sleep deprivation. This affects three areas of a child's development: psychological, physiological, and psychosocial. All three are essential to a child's growth, learning ability, and overall wellbeing. Sleep is vital to a child's overall development and is as important as diet and exercise.



Sleep also strengthens a child's immune system and supports their ability to function properly on a daily basis. Children who do not get enough sleep show increased levels of aggressive behaviour, are less attentive, and are much less active. Trying to catch up on sleep on weekends is not the answer and can still lead to severe sleep deprivation.

In this edition of SchoolTV, parents will learn about the importance of sleep and how sleep deprivation can have adverse effects on a child's health and wellbeing.

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 Sleep edition of SchoolTV

https://bbi.nz.schooltv.me/newsletter/sleep

# **TERM 1 SPORT**

March has been a busy month with teams competing in local South Eastern Zone (SEZ) 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 training several times a week, so are the after school Basketball teams. For the last two weeks, auditions have also been taking place for the Jazz dance, Aerobics, Hip Hop and Cheerleading groups. Trials are underway for our Football and Badminton teams and our Netball and Table Tennis teams have just been named.

Some results from this month:

# Swimming:

We had 22 swimmers compete in the SEZ champs at Lloyd Elsmore and from that event 11 swimmers qualified for the Auckland Interzone Champs in Henderson. They all competed well - we made 7 finals and our Girls Year 7 and Girls Year 8 Freestyle Relays and Girls Medley Relay all finished third.

## Softball:

A great effort from all our Softball teams saw our Year 7 Girls and Year 7 Boys teams winning the SEZ champs and qualifying for the Auckland Interzone champs which were held at Rosedale Park in Albany. Both teams enjoyed their day out and gave their best with our Year 7 Boys team coming second overall.



Tag Rugby:

Our Girls and Boys Tag rugby teams recently competed in the SEZ tournament. There was great teamwork on display and both teams finished in third place.

Before the end of this term, we have teams competing in the SEZ champs for Girls and Boys Cricket and Orienteering.

Term 2 will be another very busy time with many sports entered in SEZ tournaments. These include: Tennis, Netball, Football, Badminton, Rugby, Table Tennis, Hockey, Gymnastics, Dance, Basketball and Futsal.

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.

Diane Parkinson

Principal



#### Term 1 Dates to note:

Tuesday 4 April
Thursday 6th April

SEZ Orienteering at Lloyd Elsmore Park

2.15pm - Early Close due to Easter holidays and end of term

## TERM 2 DATES TO NOTE (Subject to change)

Wednesday 26 April Start of Term 2
Wednesday 26 April SEZ Girls Tennis
Thursday 27 April SEZ Boys Tennis
Tuesday 2 May CAT Exams

Tuesday 2 May

Wednesday 10 May

Friday 12 May

Tuesday 16 May

CAT Exams

AAIMS Orienteering

BBI Talent Show (in school)

Y7 SEZ Girls Football

Tuesday 16 May

APO Violin Workshop (in school)

Tuesday 16 May

Auckland SS Orienteering – Rogaine

Tuesday 16 May

5.30pm – Board meeting

Tuesday 16 May 5.30pm – Board meet
Thursday 18 May Y7 SEZ Boys Football

Friday 19 May MUFTI DAY – Wacky Hair Day Friday 19 May Shave for a Cure

Monday 22 – Friday 26 May

CANS Week
Tuesday 23 May

SEZ Y8 Girls Football

Friday 26 May
Wednesday 31 May
SEZ Gymnastics
Thursday 1 June
SEZ Badminton

Thursday 1 June 2.15pm – School Closes early for long weekend

Friday 1 June School Closed for Teacher Only Day
Monday 5 June School Closed for King's Birthday holiday

Friday 9 June SEZ Rugby
Tuesday 13 June SEZ Girls Hockey
Thursday 15 June SEZ Boys Hockey

Thursday 15 June Afternoon – School Road Race Friday 16 June SEZ Table Tennis

Friday 16 June SEZ Table Tennis
Tuesday 20 June 5.30pm Board meeting
Wednesday and Thursday 21 & 22 June EPRO8 Inter School Heats

Friday 23 June SEZ Boys Futsal
Tuesday 27 June Trees for Survival

Friday 30 June 3.00pm – End of Term 2

## Monday 17 July Start of Term 3

### **TERM DATES FOR 2023**

Wednesday 7 February to Thursday 6 April (closing at 2.15pm due to Easter)

Wednesday 26 April (note after ANZAC day)toFriday 30 JuneMonday 17 JulytoFriday 22 SeptemberMonday 9 OctobertoFriday 15 December

An update of teacher only days for 2023 will be advised a later date. These are the known dates at this stage:

Monday 24 April - followed by Anzac Day so Term 2 will begin on Wednesday 26 April

Friday 2 June - Teacher Only Day (before Kings' birthday holiday)
- Senior Staff and Teacher Professional Development Day