

# Bucklands Beach Intermediate

## JUNE Newsletter 2024



**Tuesday 4 June 2024**

Kia ora

I hope that everyone had a good King's Birthday holiday break.

### **JON TOOGOOD VISIT**

Recently, we were lucky to have the NZ Rock legend and frontman of Shihad, Jon Toogood, visit BBI for NZ Music Month. Jon spent the two days working with two groups of songwriters, our School of Rock band, and our school Choir and then each year group enjoyed an assembly with a Q&A session. On behalf of the BBI staff and students, we would like to thank the New Zealand Music Commission for their support and Jon for his time, energy, and inspiration. By the end of his time at BBI, Jon thoroughly enjoyed his time with our students and we hope he comes and visits again soon.

### **JAPAN TRIP**

The students and teachers had a wonderful EOTC trip in Japan. It was a valuable learning experience for all.

### **BUILDING WORKS AT BBI**

We are currently working on two new classrooms being installed in Team Rimu, plus a new meeting room beside the staffroom.

### **MATARIKI FESTIVAL CELEBRATIONS AT O WAIROA MARAE**

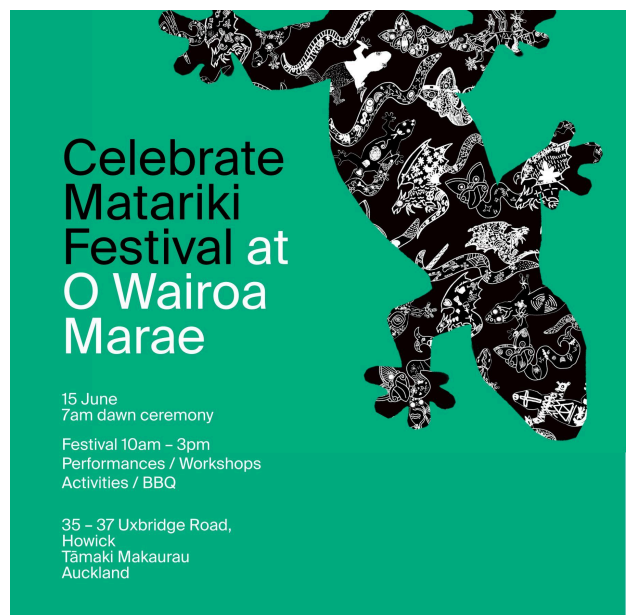
We enclose an invitation to all our community to celebrate Matariki Festival in Howick.

Date: Saturday 15 June

Time: 7.00am Dawn Ceremony  
10am to 3pm Performances and Workshops,  
Activities and BBQ

Place: O Wairoa Marae, 35 - 37 Uxbridge Road, Howick

- Facebook - [@OWairoa](#)  
[Marae-TeWhareWānangaOWairoa](#)  
[@uxbridgearts&Culture](#), [@TeTuhi](#), [@artsouteast](#),  
[@HowickLocalBoard](#), [@Howickhistoricalvillage](#)  
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### 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 worn with the formal school uniform when indoors.**

### SCHOOL ROUTINE

**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.
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### 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.**

### CANS WEEK

To help support the All Saints Church with their voluntary foodbank, we ask students to bring in two or more cans of food or non-perishable food items like rice or pasta by Friday 7th June. This is an opportunity to help support the people of our community who struggle and are in need of food donations. Our school is a major contributor to the Food Bank. This is especially important with winter coming up. This project will be led by our School and Class Leaders, who will collect donated items each morning before 8.40am in their classrooms. Students can wear mufti clothing on Friday 7th June, if they donate two cans or non-perishable food items.



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### **CULTURAL MARKET AND MUFTI DAY**

On Thursday 27th June, we will hold our annual Cultural Market and Mufti Day. The day is about celebrating our students and the diversity within our community. Our students are encouraged to come to school in cultural dress, or colours that represent their nations' flag. Over the last few weeks, students have volunteered to create stalls that sell cultural food and drink as well as other items to sell. On the day, students can purchase paper debit cards to be used to pay for items at the market day. Students should not need any more than \$20 as this is the maximum a debit card can hold.

### **YEAR 7 CLASSROOM PROGRAMME**

Over the last six weeks, students have learnt about migration journeys within our local areas, as well as national and global migrations that have occurred or are currently ongoing. Through the lens of causation and perspective, students have developed a shared understanding of how migration can be a benefit or impact worldwide. Year 7 classes are now taking action on how they can make a small difference in their thinking or support their local community.

Next week, our Year 7 classes move into their fourth unit of inquiry How we express ourselves - cultural traditions and celebrations unite and sustain individuals and communities. Sharing about your cultural traditions, celebrations, and events is a fantastic opportunity for our students to learn about people and the world around them. Check out Toddle to see our learning journey and current classwork as well as specialist classes in action.

### **YEAR 8 CLASSROOM PROGRAMME**

We are almost finished our Where we are in place and time unit of inquiry. Students have explored how conflict impacts local, national, regional, and international communities. We were fortunate to have Daniel Tizzard-Close spend a week with our Year 8 students and share about the global impact of World War II, the role of propaganda, and the financial implications. Daniel has visited BBI for the past 10 years and shares his wealth of knowledge and an extensive collection of artefacts.

Next week, our Year 8 classes move into their How we organise ourselves unit focusing on leaders' actions and their impact on society. This unit connects our previous two units of inquiry and building on their knowledge and connecting to decision making, managing conflict and understanding how leaders influence their immediate surroundings as well as their historical impact. This unit of inquiry runs until the end of this term and into Week 3 of Term 3.

### **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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### A SPECIAL REPORT: Respectful Language

In today's world, it is common to hear socially offensive language on the streets, on social media channels, streaming services, and in some forms of modern music. While swearing is becoming more common and less taboo, the use of derogatory language or the act of swearing at someone, or about someone, is a form of verbal violence. It transgresses the usual rules of social interaction by impinging on an individual's self-image and sense of dignity.

It is becoming apparent that some young people are being influenced by the language they hear. Proliferating the use of swear words can sometimes normalise, glamorise and desensitise their impact on kids who may misunderstand the true meaning of some derogatory terms. Whilst some students may use swearing or derogatory terms as a misguided attempt at belonging, others may use it simply because they are still learning how to moderate their language and are not accustomed to making adjustments to suit different situations.

BBI enforces a zero-tolerance approach when it comes to swearing and derogatory language. Parents and carers can be proactive in monitoring what their children are viewing or being exposed to. Discussing the use of words or the origin of some derogatory terms and gaining insight into the reason behind their child's use of such language can help prevent inappropriate or disrespectful language filtering into the classroom or the school, which in turn helps to build more tolerant, safe, and connected communities.

This Special Report offers a number of guidelines to help manage a suitable approach when discussing the importance of respectful language.

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

**If you 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: [Respectful Language](#)

### YEAR 7 BOOSTRIX VACCINATION

The Public Health Nurses from the Counties Manukau District will be on site on 30 July. Year 7 students have been provided with an information booklet to take home. Please return this to the classroom teacher by Friday 14 June in time for collection. Should you wish your child to be immunised at school, we recommend watching the [BOOSTRIX](#) video with your child, before the vaccination date.

### AFTER SCHOOL CLASS INFORMATION

The first semester of the After School Classes continue this term. They 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)).



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### ICAS INFORMATION

The entries for the ICAS Exams have now closed. Please make a note of the dates of the ICAS (in order to ensure that your child is at school on the day). The actual sitting dates will be entered in our school calendar closer to the time. <https://www.bbi.school.nz/calendar>

<b>ICAS Digital Technologies and Writing week</b>	<b>5th to 9th August</b>
<b>ICAS English week</b>	<b>12th to 16th August</b>
<b>ICAS Science week</b>	<b>19 to 23 August</b>
<b>ICAS Maths week</b>	<b>26 to 30 August</b>

### SPORT

#### **Orienteering**

Ten students gave up their time during the last school holidays to enter the North Island Secondary School Orienteering championships, all performed really well and should be proud of their achievements.

Girls Year 78 Sprint - Tamsyn McCamish 3rd

Girls Year 78 Championship Long - Tamsyn McCamish 3rd

Boys Year 78 Relay - 2nd, comprising of Emery Cai, Shaun Cai and Tamsyn McCamish

#### **Auckland Interzone Orienteering Champs:**

Seven teams of six students qualified to take part in the Inter Zone competition based on their team's result at South Eastern Zone, along with one fastest course runner. The students ran really well, with the Year 7 Girls team and the Year 8 Boys team both placing fifth out of a field of more than twenty schools across Auckland.

#### **Auckland Secondary Schools Orienteering Relays:**

A select group of students attended the Auckland Secondary School Orienteering Relay at Ambury Farm, for some extra experience, with most students hoping to represent BBI at AIMS Games for Orienteering. Fletcher du Toit, Savindu Kodippilarachchi and Austin Thorton placed sixth in the boys Year 7/8 event.

#### **East Auckland Regional Chess Competition:**

This was held at Somerville Intermediate with 12 teams competing. It was a very close score between Somerville and BBI for the top two positions. Well done to all the students who took part - these were their placings:

2nd - Team A, 3rd -Team B, 5th -Team D, 7th - Team C, 8th - Team E

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### **Football:**

Our Year 7 and Year 8 Girls Football teams competed in the SEZ Football tournaments on Tuesday 21st May and Thursday 23rd May. Both teams gave their best effort and played with great team spirit and sportsmanship.

Year 7 Girls - 2nd

Year 8 Girls - 5th

### **BBI Road Race:**

The BBI Road race will be held on Thursday 13th June from 1:30pm - 3:00pm. A notice will be going out this week with all the details and we are asking for parent helpers for this event. If you are able to help please fill in the slip on the notice and return it to the school office.

### **AIMS GAMES**

Our preparation for AIMS games has also begun and we are in the process of getting the individual and team sports registered. Notices and emails will start going out to the different sports outlining costs, dates and other information. We will be sending out more information throughout Term 2 and 3 and holding meetings with parents, students, and managers of teams. Please encourage your child/children to check the daily notices regularly so they do not miss meetings.

**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 2

Monday 3 June	King's Birthday holiday
Tuesday 4 to Friday 7 June	CANS week
Tuesday 4 June	SEZ Badminton
Thursday 6 June	SEZ Gymnastics
<b>Friday 7 June</b>	<b>CANS Mufti day</b>
Friday 7 June	SEZ Table Tennis
Wednesday 12 June	Trees for Survival
<b>Wednesday 12 June</b>	<b>6pm-7:30pm School Disco</b>
Thursday 13 June	1.30pm BBI Road Race
Friday 14 June	Trees for Survival
Friday 14 June	SEZ Rugby
Tuesday 18 June	Trees for Survival planting
Tuesday 18 June	5.30pm - Board meeting
Thursday 20 June	SEZ Hockey - Girls
Friday 21 June	SEZ Hockey - Boys
Monday 24 June	SEZ Futsal - Girls
Tuesday 25 June	1.30pm BBI Cross Country at Macleans College
Thursday 27 June	Cultural Market and Mufti Day
<b>Thursday 27 June</b>	<b>3.00pm usual closing time - Matariki Day on Friday</b>
<b>Friday 28 June</b>	<b>Matariki Holiday</b>
<b>Thursday 4 July</b>	<b>SEZ Futsal - Boys</b>
Friday 5 July	End of term 2 - school closes at 3.00pm

### **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><i>Monday 22 July</i></b>	<b><i>to</i></b>	<b><i>Thursday 26 September (Friday is a Teacher Only day)</i></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 Holidays / teacher Only Days**

<b>Thursday 27 June</b>	<b>School Closes at the usual time of 3.00pm for Matariki Holiday</b>
Friday 28 June	Matariki Holiday

#### **Term 3 Holidays / Teacher only Days**

Friday 27 September	Teacher Only Day
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#### **Term 4 Holidays / Teacher Only Days**

<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