

# Bucklands Beach Intermediate

## FEBRUARY Newsletter 2025



**Friday 31 January 2025**

Kia ora to our Bucklands Beach Intermediate School community.

I would like to extend a very warm welcome to all our new students for 2025 and welcome back returning students.

Our school mission statement says that it is our intention to ensure quality learning outcomes for each student.

**To develop inquiring, knowledgeable and caring young people who help to create a better and more peaceful world through intercultural understanding and respect.**

***“Whāia te Tikitiki – Reach for the Heights”***

### SCHOOL ROUTINE

- 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.
- 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 absences are followed up first thing in the morning.
- Students leaving school during school hours – Our students are encouraged to take responsibility for themselves. We endeavour to keep classroom disruption to a minimum. 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 at the arranged time. Except for emergencies, please do not come to the office and ask for the student to be found to go home early etc.

<b>8.40am</b>	- School starts
<b>10.30am</b>	- Morning tea
<b>12.10pm</b>	- Start of Inspire 45 (breakout options)
<b>12.45pm</b>	- Lunch
<b>3.00pm</b>	- End of the day (every day unless advised otherwise e.g. for Student Conferences)

### WAITANGI DAY THURSDAY 6 FEBRUARY

The School will be closed for Waitangi Day. Friday 7th February is a normal school day.

### LIBRARY

Our School Library is open at 8.00am and closes at 4.30pm. Permission slips are required for After School Care in the Library. This is the link to download the permission form for the library:

[Click here](#)

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### COMMUNICATING WITH PARENTS

Our monthly newsletter is available via our website on the 1st 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. We also recommend following us on Facebook for regular updates regarding events and photos.

All visitors to the school must sign in at reception.

### YEAR 7 MEET THE TEACHER EVENING AND CAMP INFORMATION EVENING

This will take place on Wednesday 12 February .

#### 7.00pm - Year 7

Please keep this date free. All parents will initially meet in the hall and then go on to class meetings. This is an important meeting, especially for our Year 7 parents and a first opportunity to meet your child's teacher and hear about the class environment and major events. (This is an adult only evening.)

New Year 8 parents are welcome to attend the first part of this evening.

### CAMP Dates for 2025 – information will be sent to Year 7 parents during the first week of school.

Miro Whānau (Room 6, 7, 8, & 9) - departs Monday 3 March – returns Friday 7 March

Nikau Whānau(Room 10, 11, 12, 13 & 14) - departs Monday 10 March – returns Friday 14 March

Kowhai Whānau(Rooms 1, 2, 3, 4 & 5) - departs Monday 17 March – returns Friday 21 March

### YEAR 8 MEET THE TEACHER EVENT

This year, parents and students are invited to a BBQ and social event evening to meet their child's teacher. A flyer will come home with further information shortly. Come along for some food and games in a fun, social setting at BBI. Both evenings will take place in the whānau classes area between 5-7pm. A flyer will be sent out to all Year 8 parents shortly.

Pōhutukawa and Rimu whānau - Tuesday 11th February

Tōtara and Harakeke whānau - Thursday 13th February

### UNIFORM

Commencing Week Two students may travel to and from school wearing their P.E. uniform, on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursdays. If students choose this option, sports shoes must also be worn. Students may change into their formal uniform during the day.

Formal uniform should be worn to and from school on Monday and Friday. Totara students may wear P.E. uniform home on Friday afternoons. School uniforms should be clean, tidy, and worn with pride . Please ensure that all uniform items and hats are clearly named. Any uniform items left around the school will be placed in the lost property box located outside Room 2.



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### **BBI SPORTS HOODIE**

The BBI sports hoodie is an optional part of our P.E. uniform. A notice will go home in the next few weeks regarding hoodie orders.

### **SECOND HAND UNIFORM SHOP**

The second-hand uniform shop will open for sales only, on a Tuesday afternoon from 3.00pm to 3.30pm. We would love any donations of good quality used uniforms.

### **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 NOT to be used as a pick-up or drop-off point. Please keep safe travelling to and from school.

### **STUDENT CAFE / TUCKSHOP**

The tuckshop menu will be shared once it is finalised. There are currently hot lunches, sushi, sandwiches, and rolls etc available. Most lunch items cost between \$3.50 to \$6.00 each. Students need to order their lunches at the tuckshop before the 8.40am bell goes in the morning. Payment is by both cash or EFTPOS at the tuckshop. There are drinks and other items that are available at morning tea, before school and at lunchtime. The tuckshop opens at 8.00am.

### **PAYMENTS THROUGH KINDO**

Thank you to all parents who have taken the time to log in to the Kindo app. Your support is invaluable. Many of you will already be familiar with Kindo from your child's primary school. Please take time to check and make payment for any outstanding amounts. We really appreciate any payment made towards the school contribution. The Ministry of Education provides a basic education, but here at BBI we like to go the extra mile and offer a breadth of curriculum. We would be unable to deliver the quality of education and resources without this support from our parents.

Please take time to explore the different payment options that are available through Kindo. You are able to use direct deposit payment through your bank, set up an automatic payment to pay items off, set up a credit to use, pay by debit card, as well as paying by credit card. See the information at the end of the newsletter for further help.

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### In this edition of SchoolTV - Friendship & Belonging

Learning how to make new friends and keep them involves a number of skills every young person needs to understand and develop. For some, these skills will come very naturally allowing them to easily move between different friendship groups, sharing their experiences and opening up to new people. For others, this can be much harder to navigate. Belonging to a group that is like-minded with similar interests is highly beneficial to a young person's wellbeing. It gives them a sense of security helping them feel valued which, in turn, builds their confidence.

Positive friendships are an important part of the journey to adulthood. Adult carers can support their child or teenager by providing guidance in the many social and emotional skills required for a healthy relationship. This will help them to obtain, retain, and maintain friendships. However, not all friendships are regarded as positive. Sometimes young people develop negative or toxic friendships. Therefore, it is also important for them to learn how to identify, avoid or deal with such a friendship.

In this edition of SchoolTV, adult carers can learn how to support their young person's friendship so that they experience a sense of belonging.

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 [Friendship & Belonging](#) edition of SchoolTV

### SUNGLASSES & SUN SAFETY

BBI will continue our Sunglasses Fundraiser this year. Sunglasses for \$10 each and can be purchased through the BBI PTA tab on Kindo. The sunglasses come in black or white frames with a limited number of yellow frames. It is a timely reminder that hats should be worn during morning tea, lunchtime, PE, and fitness sessions. We strongly encourage students to apply sunscreen each day before they leave home in the morning and then reapply at our sunscreen station at school later in the day.

### BBI SPACE CAMP TRIP 2025

This year, we are looking to run our very own BBI Space Camp in December 2025, taking a group of students and staff to Huntsville, Alabama and Houston, Texas. The trip will include a week-long Space Camp in Huntsville before moving to Houston for museum visits and workshops, and Johnson Space Center are just some of the highlights. We aim to hold an information evening on Thursday, 27th February, at 5 pm in the PAC to share the trip overview and gather interested numbers.



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### INTERNATIONAL STUDENT HOMESTAYS REQUIRED

We are receiving enquiries from parents who are wanting their International students homestay as local as possible. If anyone would like to homestay International Students, please contact Student Care.

Contact: **Debbie Daniel**

Email: [debbie@nzstudentcare.com](mailto:debbie@nzstudentcare.com)

Student Care

[www.nzstudentcare.com](http://www.nzstudentcare.com)



### SPORT

#### TERM 1 SPORT

At BBI we provide a huge amount of sporting opportunities, and over Term 1 all students will have the chance to trial and compete in some of our Summer sporting events. The sports on offer this Term are: Orienteering, Softball, Tennis, Swimming, Tag, After School Basketball and we will be holding trials for Cheerleading, Hip Hop and Aerobics. Please make sure your child checks the Daily Notices each day for more information. All students will also take part in weekly fitness rotations on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings. Students will need to be in their fitness gear for the 8.40am bell, and please make sure your child has a sunhat.

Orienteering runs after school for six Tuesdays in Term 1 starting around 4pm at a variety of local school locations, students can commit to any number of the scheduled events by completing the permission slip and returning it to the school at least one week prior to the event they wish to take part in. The first event is at Botany Downs Secondary College on Tuesday 18 February. No experience is necessary, this is a great opportunity to try a new sport and be one of the first students to represent BBI in 2025.

**Diane Parkinson**  
Principal

**DATES TO NOTE 2025** (Please note: these dates are subject to change, please always check the BBI Calendar online for up-to-date information.)

#### 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 Friday 12 December 2025

#### **CURRICULUM DAYS 2025 School is closed to students:**

Friday 30 May (before King's Birthday weekend)

Friday 24 October (before Labour Day weekend)

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### Important Information About Kindo

1. Kindo and our school Student Management System talk to each other, so it's important that you check your child(ren) are linked. This means details like classroom changes will flow through automatically as well as any payment information. If you see a pop-up message 'We have detected one or more students that are not linked' you will need to follow the prompts to link your child(ren). Please ensure you use the same email address that we have on our system.

### Complete Setup in your myKindo account

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If you see a message like this, you will need to follow the prompts to link your child(ren).

Please ensure you use the same email address that we have on our system.

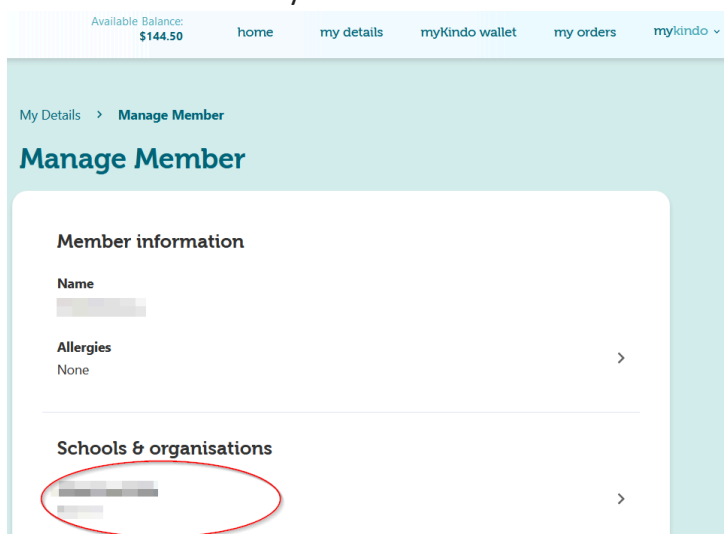
**ⓘ** We have detected one or more students that are not linked to school records. Completing setup will ensure you have visibility of all school payment requests.

- Olivia Smith

[Complete Setup](#)

2. Check your details are correct for 2025.

Please go to my details in Kindo. Please check your child's is in the correct room for BBI.



If parents are having any problems, please get in touch with Kindo directly.