

BBI JULY NEWSLETTER 2023



Thursday 29 June 2023

Kia ora

Many thanks for your support this term. We do hope everyone manages a well-deserved rest over the July holidays.

Congratulations to everyone who participated in the BBI Road Race.

REPORTING TO PARENTS

The mid-year reports will be sent out via the Parent Portal on Friday 21 July. Following this, we will invite parents / caregivers to attend student-led conferences so students can share their learning and next steps.

The student led conference date is scheduled for Thursday 27 July between 1.00 and 8.00pm. More information will be sent out next term.

CONGRATULATIONS TO STUDENTS

Congratulations to the following students who attained High Distinction in the Computational and Algorithmic Thinking exams (CAT exams): Rebecca Shao, Devarsh Singla, Jeffrey Wang, Liam Wu, Zhiyuan Yu, Kenneth Ho, Christian Lianto, Leo Xiao, and Lily Yee.

Congratulations also to the following students who were invited to take part in the second round of the Oxford University Maths: Year 8 - Zhiyuan Yu (Distinction), Isaac Chen (Distinction) and Year 7- Devarsh Singla (equal third) and Mark Zhang (Merit).

IB PYP INFORMATION

Year 7 Classroom Programme

In Week 7 Term 2, we started our fourth inquiry unit, How we express ourselves. Our provocations for this unit have engaged the students in participating and contributing to collaborative art and building their awareness of how they can express themselves. As we move through the inquiry, students will participate in a range of learning experiences that involve using their imagination, senses, and feelings to respond to questions, ideas or opinions. Our Year 7 classrooms were visited by David Charteris, who shared his expertise in the performance arts. The students enjoyed participating in and learning about the performance arts.

Year 8 Classroom Programme

Our Year 8 classrooms are currently in the beginning of their Where we are in place and time unit of inquiry. We have been lucky to have Daniel Tizzard visit for six days over Weeks 8 and 9 to share his knowledge and artefacts. During the Week 8 sessions, the students learnt about propaganda and inflation during World War II as well as the opportunity to explore the artefacts from the war. On Monday in Week 9, we experienced the final session with Daniel, who brought in a Daimler Dingo. The Dingo is part of his World War II vehicle

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collection. He explained all the different components of the Dingo, including how it had bulletproof armour covering it. The students were interested in listening to his informative talk and exploring the vehicle related to their current unit of inquiry, Where we are in place and time. On behalf of BBI, we would like to thank Daniel and his family for visiting BBI to share his wealth of knowledge and bringing in his collection of artefacts.

PARENT INFORMATION HANDBOOK

This is a reminder that the 2023 Parent Handbook is 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. <https://www.bbi.school.nz/copy-of-newsletters>

SCHOOL ROUTINE

We really try to minimise disruptions to classes during the day. Please do have a read through the Parent Handbook for more information

It is really important that students are at school on time and ready for the day to start at 8.40am.

- **Absences** – If a student is absent for the day, please phone the school office 09-5342896, 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 an emergency, please do not come to the office and ask for the student to be found to go home early.

UNIFORM - See the "Parent Handbook" or our website for details.

SECOND HAND UNIFORM SHOP

Our second hand uniform shop has very limited stock. If anyone has uniform items to donate, please drop them at the school office. All good quality uniform is much appreciated.

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

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

AFTER SCHOOL CLASS INFORMATION SEMESTER TWO 2023

Thank you to those who enrolled in the Semester Two After School Classes. The Maths and Guitar students have received letters confirming the day and time of their class.

Semester Two will run from the week of Monday 17 July until the end of the week Friday 3 November. If you have any queries, or wish to report absences, please email the After School Class coordinator, Mrs Lynette Dimond (lynette@bbi.school.nz).

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HEALTH EDUCATION

Thank you to everyone who completed our survey and / or attended our Health Community Consultation evening on 31 May, where we shared our draft statement and details regarding delivery of the health curriculum. Following consultation and opportunity for feedback, the board of trustees has confirmed the statement as follows:

Health Education at Bucklands Beach Intermediate School will be appropriate for our local community and delivered with the New Zealand Curriculum (2007) and the IB Primary Years Programme in mind. Health and wellbeing are fundamental to quality relationships and effective interactions with others. Our health education programme centres around goal-setting, changes at puberty, discrimination, bullying, mental wellness, gratitude, resilience, decision-making, social media and digital citizenship. BBI teachers use a range of teaching approaches to engage learners to develop health-enhancing life choices. Health education is both planned for, and responsive to, the needs of our students. BBI is an inclusive school, where it is essential that every student feels safe and that they belong. Teachers respect the importance of whānau and value open communication between home and school. Learning experiences are integrated with units of inquiry and mental health is taught through the Mitey framework.

In this edition of SchoolTV

A SPECIAL REPORT: Social Media Influencers

Social media influencers have become powerful individuals who often shape the opinions and beliefs of others due to strong connections with their audiences. In today's fast-paced digital world, attention has become a valuable commodity.

However, the impact of social media influencers on youth mental health is a growing concern, most recently, the controversial actions and statements of Andrew Tate. His rise to fame has made him a polarising figure, amassing a significant following of mostly young males. Educators and families have raised urgent concerns about the damaging nature of Tate's content, worried that his messages may radicalise students and create a generation of young men with regressive and harmful beliefs.

Young people often compare themselves to the idealised lives presented by influencers, leading to feelings of inadequacy, low self-worth and dissatisfaction. Social media algorithms may also expose them to inappropriate or harmful content such as explicit material, promotion of harmful behaviours, or distorted perceptions of body image or mental health.



SPECIAL REPORT

Social Media Influencers



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It is important to guide a young person's social media use and promote open communication. Be curious to comprehend why they might be drawn to radical influencers, like Andrew Tate, and actively seek understanding as part of the solution. While not all influencers have a negative impact, parents play a vital role in ensuring a balanced approach to social media. By actively modelling kindness, respect and positive values, parents can help tackle the sway of radical influencers and be part of the solution to countering unhealthy masculinity.

This Special Report provides guidance on how to respond to misinformation and disinformation, instead encouraging critical thinking and emphasising the value of real-life connections.

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

If you do 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:

https://bbi.nz.schooltv.me/wellbeing_news/special-report-social-media-influencers-nz

SPORT

Term 2 has been very busy as the Winter sports have begun, and we have had a number of teams out representing the school at different events. Students have taken part in Football, Badminton, Gymnastics, Rugby, Chess, Orienteering, Hockey, Table Tennis Hip Hop, Jazz and Futsal. Once again, we are grateful for the time and effort the staff and parents put in, to help with the organisation and transport for these events. BBI is very proud to announce the following successes:

SEZ Badminton:

2nd - Girls Doubles: Bella Lu/Angela Hsu

3rd - Boys Singles: Austin Cai

1st - Boys Doubles: Justin Lee/Andy Luo

3rd - Boys Doubles: Lucas Yao/Anson Lim

East Auckland Chess Championships

BBI entered 5 teams into our Zone competition. The results are as follows:

2nd - BBI Team A

4th - BBI Team C

6th - BBI Team B

8th - BBI Team E

11th - BBI Team D

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In October, BBI Team A will be competing at the National Interschool Finals. The team is: Kenneth Liu Rm 6, Allan Pan Rm 17, Oliver Zhao Rm 20 and Leo Xiao Rm 25

South Eastern Zone Gymnastics

2nd: Boys Teams Event

1st: Year 7 Girls

Year 7 Overall Individual: 1st: Tamsyn McCamish

3rd: Diane Gerber

1st: Year 8 Girls

Year 8 Overall Individual: 1st: Milana Dean

1st: Madeleine du Toit - Step 4 Competitive Girls

1st: Fletcher du Toit - Open Senior Competitive Boys

South Eastern Zone Hockey

1st - BBI Girls A Team

2nd - BBI Boys Team

Both these teams will now go through to compete at the Auckland Championships next term.

Auckland Interzone Football Tournament

4th - Year 7 Boys Team

Velocity Inter School Dance Competition:

1st - BBI Jazz Team

2nd - BBI Hip Hop Team

South Eastern Zone Table Tennis

1st - Girls Singles: Jessica Huang

3rd - Girls Singles: Michaela Yu

South Eastern Zone Futsal:

3rd - Girls Futsal Team

2nd - Boys Futsal Team

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AIMS GAMES

Our preparation for AIMS games has also begun, and most teams and individual sports have been named and registered. Notices and emails have gone out to the different sports outlining costs, dates and other information. We will be sending out more information throughout Term 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.

SPORTS HOODIES

A letter has been emailed to all parents regarding the next Sports Hoodie order. If you would like to order one, please place your order at John Russell Schoolwear, 9 Moore Street, Howick. The closing date is 4.00pm on Saturday 8 July.

COLLEGE ENROLMENTS FOR 2024

This is the time of year that our Year 8 students will need to enrol in College for 2024. We will circulate any information received to our Year 8 students. Please use your December 2022 school report for enrolment if you wish to enrol earlier than the date that our midyear reports are circulated (Friday 21 July).

In short:

- Most College enrolments are now open (please check the website for information).
- Please check the College websites about out of zone enrolments – some local colleges will be taking students from the ballot and some will not.
- Closing date for out of zone students is Wednesday 30 August 2023
- Ballot date for out of zone places is Wednesday 6 September 2023

Information evenings:

MACLEANS COLLEGE

Wednesday 19 July – 7.00pm in Mansfield House

Saturday 5 August – 9.00am – 12 noon

Parent ONLY information evening

Parent and Student Open Morning

PAKURANGA COLLEGE

Saturday 29 July from 9.00am to 12 noon

Parent and Student Open Morning

HOWICK COLLEGE

Tuesday 1 August (please check their website for times and venue) Parent and Student information evening

Diane Parkinson

Principal

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TERM 2 and 3 DATES TO NOTE (Subject to change)

Wednesday 28 June

Thursday 29 June

Friday 30 June

Monday 17 July

Friday 21 July

Friday 21 July

Tuesday 25 July

Tuesday 25 July

Thursday 27 July

Thursday 27 July

Thursday 27 July

Thursday 27 July

Friday 28 July

Tuesday 1 August

Wednesday 2 August

Thursday 3 August

Monday 7 to Friday 11 August

Thursday 10 August

Thursday 10 August

Friday 11 August

Monday 14 to Friday 18 August

Monday 21 to Friday 25 August

Monday 21 August

Tuesday 22 August

Thursday 24 August

Monday 28 Aug. to Friday 1 September

Saturday 2 to Friday 8 September

Thursday 14 September

Monday 18 September

Tuesday 19 September

Wednesday 20 August

Thursday 21 August

Thursday 21 September

Friday 22 September

Afternoon – School Road Race (note change of date)

Wearable Arts evening at Aotea Centre

3.00pm – End of Term 2

Start of Term 3

BBI Cross Country Road Race 1.30 - 3.00pm @ Macleans Reserve

Middle of year reports “go live” on the Parent Portal

Year 7 Boostrix Vaccinations

5.30pm Board meeting

12.10pm - School closes early for student led conferences

Student Led Conferences - 1.00 – 8.00pm – School closes at 12.10pm

4.00 - 4.30pm Parent Workshop - Introduction to Coaching

6.00 - 6.30pm PYP Parent Workshop - An Introduction to Approaches to Learning

SEZ Netball

SEZ Rugby League

AAIMS Boys Hockey

AAIMS Girls Hockey

ICAS Writing and Digital Technologies week

SEZ Cross Country

Rehu Tai School Final (11.00am to 3.00pm)

Ch of Champs Gymnastics

ICAS English week

ICAS Science week

Rehu Tai SEZ Cluster Final

5.30pm Board meeting

6.00 - 9.30pm Y7 and Y8 Mathex Competition at Barfoot and Thompson Stadium

ICAS Maths week

AIMS Games Week

12.45 onwards - BBI Play Technical Rehearsal

3.00 - 5.00pm - School Play Dress Rehearsal

5.30pm Board meeting

6.30 - 8.00pm - School Play Performance in the hall

1.30pm School Play Matinee performance

6.30 - 8.00pm - School Play Performance in the hall

3.00pm End of Term

TERM DATES FOR 2023

Wednesday 26 April

to Friday 30 June

Monday 17 July

to Friday 22 September

Monday 9 October

to Friday 15 December

Teacher Only dates for 2023

Friday 24 November, 2023

- Senior Staff and Teacher Professional Development Day

2024 PROPOSED TERM DATES

Wednesday 31 January

to

Friday 12 April

(Start date to be confirmed)

Monday 29 April

to

Friday 5 July

Monday 22 July

to

Friday 27 September

Monday 14 October

to

Tuesday 17 December

(End of term date to be confirmed)

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PUBLIC HOLIDAYS IN 2024

Monday 29 January 2024

Waitangi Day

Easter (during school term)

King's Birthday

Matariki Day

Labour Day

Auckland Anniversary Day

Tuesday 6 February

Friday 29 March to Tuesday 2 April (Return to School on Wednesday 3 April)

Monday 3 June

Friday 28 June

Monday 28 October