

BBI APRIL NEWSLETTER 2022



Tuesday 3 May 2022

Dear Parents and Caregivers

Welcome back to Term 2. I do hope that everyone had a restful holiday. We are excited to be able to start back at school relatively “normal” and are pleased that Inter School sport is starting up again.

Thank you to all the parents who attended the 3-Way Conferences at the end of last term. I hope that you found it worthwhile and informative. If you missed the conferences, please do not hesitate to email the teacher should you require a meeting.

MASK WEARING AND COVID-19 INFORMATION

At Orange, face masks are no longer required at school. However public health advice is that masks continue to be strongly encouraged when indoors. Wearing a mask is a key health measure that slows the spread of COVID-19 in indoor settings. For that reason, we ask that visitors to the school, including parents and whānau, wear a mask whenever they are indoors on school grounds.

We also ask that your child continue to bring a mask to school every day as there may be times that we'll ask them to wear a mask. If there are a high number of cases at school or in the community, we may ask that masks are worn in classrooms for a time.

At Orange, students aged 12 and above are still required to wear a face mask on school or public transport.

We will continue to keep all the other health measures in place at school that we know slow the spread of COVID-19. These include ensuring our indoor spaces are well-ventilated, maintaining good hand hygiene and cough and sneeze etiquette, appropriate physical distancing whenever we can and, most importantly, staying home if we are sick.

We are looking forward to a few less restrictions and returning to school life that is a bit closer to normal.

MUFTI DAY – FRIDAY 6 MAY

At BBI, we think inclusion is vitally important to our school, wider and world community.

We are an anti-bullying school and promote this understanding amongst our students at all times.

We have all been very saddened by recent and ongoing world events.

We would like to support Ukraine by having a yellow and blue themed mufti day on Friday May 6th. All donations will go towards the effort in assisting families affected by the situation.

**Can all students please come dressed in the national colours of Ukraine.
Donations can be given to the classroom teacher.**



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TODDLE

Parents and caregivers are encouraged to make sure they have access to Toddle Family App or the access to the Toddle Family website to view our online Student Portfolios. Parents and whānau are able to view the online portfolio and are able to like or comment on the students learning and reflections. Our aim for using Toddle is to connect families and whānau with student learning more regularly throughout the year using these online portfolios.

UNIFORM

As we start to move into the winter months it is a timely reminder regarding uniform. Please take time to read through the uniform policy if you are unsure.

The full uniform policy is available on our website:

https://www.bbi.school.nz/files/ugd/6dc53a_9de0bfea421645de9dd59b54056597cb.pdf?index=true

In short:

- **Students are required to present themselves in a clean and tidy manner at all times.**
- The school uniform should be worn correctly at all times.
- Footwear with the formal school uniform must be “school type” of shoes and not black trainers
 - **Girls** - Black leather lace up or closed “T-bar strap” leather “school” shoes (low heels) with short white socks, or navy blue tights
 - **Boys** - Black leather lace up “school” shoes with knee length black socks and garters at knee height
 - **All** – Plain Black Roman type sandals
- P.E. gear should be worn for the time block when appropriate. Students should not be in P.E. gear all day. P.E. gear must be worn when playing on the fields, turf and playground during lunchtimes unless a complete change of clothes is required (e.g. Rugby).
- Students should change for P.E. and sports during interval periods and not during class time.
- Covered footwear is to be worn to Specialist programmes when required.
- P.E. Tee shirts are not to be worn under the school uniform.
- Students are to wear either school or sports uniform – not a combination of both.
- Students are required to have a note from home should they not be in correct uniform.
- All students must arrive at the school in full school uniform, unless competing in Sport before 8.40am.
- Safety approved helmets must be worn at all times when riding to and from school or on any school related business.
- Students who were involved in sport / PE for the final session of the day may leave in PE Gear. Sports shoes must be worn.

SECOND HAND UNIFORM SALES

At this stage there are no second hand uniform sales. Should you need a second hand uniform urgently, please email the office with your requirements – including size, office@bbi.school.nz and we will endeavour to organise this, provided items are in stock.

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SPORT

Moving into the Orange Traffic light setting is excellent news for sport in Term 2! Over the last couple of weeks, teachers have been very busy trialling for school teams in football, netball and tennis. The after school basketball and table tennis competitions commence in early May. Also in the first few weeks of the term, netball, football, futsal, basketball and indoor cricket will hold trials for AIMS Games.

The following sports will compete at South Eastern Zone level in Term 2:

Football - End of May / Early June

Gymnastics - June

Badminton - June

Rugby - June

Table Tennis - June

Hockey - June

Squash - June

Futsal - July

SPORTS HOODIES

Sports hoodies will arrive in early May for those families who placed an order last term. There will be another opportunity to purchase a hoodie in June.

AFTER SCHOOL CLASSES – SEMESTER ONE

After School classes for Semester 1 will continue this term. Most classes will finish at the end of June. Students are reminded through the daily notices and there is a timetable on the Student noticeboard. If you have any queries please email Mrs Lynette Dimond – lynette@bbi.school.nz

LIBRARY / AFTER SCHOOL CARE

This is a reminder that there is After School Care daily from 3.15 – 4.30pm. If you are collecting your child after about 3.30pm – then they should go to the library and wait to be collected by 4.30pm.

Please ensure that students are collected promptly from After School Care or the After School classes. This is especially important as it begins to get dark earlier in the day.

Students may do homework, work on the computer, or just meet with their friends. A permission notice is required. You are welcome to email the Library Manager, Serena Griffiths if you have any queries

serena@bbi.school.nz

TEACHER ONLY DAYS AND HOLIDAYS THIS TERM

Thursday 2 June - School will close early at 2.15pm for the long weekend

Friday 3 June - Teacher Only Day – the school is closed on this day

Monday 6 June - Queen's Birthday holiday

Thursday 23 June - school will close early at 2.15pm for the long weekend

Friday 24 June - Matariki day holiday

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SPOTLIGHT ON WELLBEING

In this edition of SchoolTV - SOCIAL MEDIA & DIGITAL REPUTATION

Social media has become such an integral part of a teenager's life. However, many miss out on some critical social skills with most communicating whilst looking at a screen instead of another person! Statistics show that 60 per cent of 10 to 11-year-olds are using at least one social media site, with the majority using age-restricted platforms. What kids do, post and say online is permanent and most are not mature enough to manage their own digital footprint. Friendships, relationships and even future job prospects are all put at risk.

Parents need to be aware of what picture their children are painting of themselves online. Unfortunately, many parents do not see the inherent dangers of these sites, as they form opinions based on their own experience. But predators are usually not interested in grooming adults. Over the years there has been a dramatic increase in the number of primary schoolers owning mobile phones, highlighting the importance to teach kids about the dangers of social media and the implications it can have.

In this edition of SchoolTV, parents will learn how to talk to their children about the inherent dangers of social media and how to educate their kids to be responsible users in the online world we live in. This aligns with lessons we teach around digital citizenship.

We hope you take time to reflect on the information offered in this edition of SchoolTV and we always welcome your feedback. Please feel free to share with friends and whānau.

Here is the link to the **Social Media & Digital Reputation** edition of SchoolTV
<https://bbi.nz.schooltv.me/newsletter/social-media-and-digital-reputation>



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Triple P - Positive Parenting Programme

Free workshops facilitated by an accredited practitioner are being held in Term Two during the evenings at **Pakuranga College**. You can attend any number of the topics offered.

Topics for students in Years 1 to 8:

- Dealing with disobedience - Thursday 19 May
- Good bedtime routines - Thursday 2 June
- Hassle-free outings - Thursday 16 June
- Fighting and aggression - Thursday 30 June

Topics for students in Years 7 to 13:

- Getting teenagers to cooperate - Thursday 12 May
- Coping with teenage emotions - Thursday 26 May
- Building survival skills (planning for risky situations) - Thursday 9 June
- Reducing family conflict - Thursday 23 June

If you wish to attend any of these workshops, or would like some further information, please email parentingsupport@pakuranga.school.nz with your name and which groups you're interested in.

FUNDRAISING

MIGHTY KIND packs products by people with disabilities: the profits from your purchase will go back into making their lives better. Details explaining how to support our school with this partnership will be sent home in a separate e-flyer to follow.

Diane Parkinson
Principal

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DATES TO NOTE:

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| Monday 2 May | - 8.40am – Full school assembly (in ‘formal’ school uniform) |
| Week 1 | - year 8 students workshops on “Where We Are In Place And Time” |
| Sunday 15 May | - Auckland Orienteering sprint Championships |
| Wednesday 18 May | - SEZ Orienteering |
| Thursday 19 May | - 5.30pm – Board meeting |
| Tuesday 24 May | - SEZ Y7 Girls Football |
| Wednesday 25 May | - Trees for Survival planting day |
| Thursday 26 May | - SEZ Y7 Boys Football |
| Tuesday 31 May | - SEZ Y8 Girls Football |
| Wednesday 1 June | - Orchestra APO Ensemble |
| Thursday 2 June | - SEZ Y8 Boys Football |
| Thursday 2 June | - School will close early at 2.15pm for the long weekend |
| Friday 3 June | - Teacher Only Day – the school is closed on this day |
| Friday 3 June | - SEZ Gymnastics |
| Monday 6 June | - Queen’s Birthday holiday |
| Thursday 9 June | - SEZ Rugby |
| Monday 13 June | - Second Hoodie Order at John Russell Schoolwear |
| Thursday 16 June | - 5.30pm Board meeting |
| Friday 17 June | - 1.00pm – BBI Road Race |
| Tuesday 21 June | - SEZ Girls Hockey |
| Thursday 23 June | - SEZ Boys Hockey |
| Thursday 23 June | - school will close early at 2.15pm for the long weekend |
| Friday 24 June | - Matariki day holiday |
| Thursday 7 July | - SEZ Futsal |
| Friday 8 July | - last day of term – school closes at 3.00pm |

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Term Dates for 2022

Wednesday 2 February to Thursday 14 April – closing at 2.15pm due to Easter Holidays
Monday 2 May to Friday 8 July
Monday 25 July to Friday 30 September
Monday 17 October to Friday 14 December at 12.15pm

TEACHER ONLY DAYS 2022

Friday 3 June
Friday 25 November

Some people are already enquiring about 2023 Term dates. The start date and last day of the year are not yet confirmed. These are the dates currently set by the Ministry of Education.

2023 Term Dates

Term 1 (Monday 30 Jan - Tuesday 7 Feb - TBC) to Thursday 6 April (Friday is Easter)
Term 2 Monday 24 April to Friday 30 June
Term 3 Monday 17 July to Friday 22 September
Term 4 Monday 9 October to Wednesday 20 December (latest)



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