

Bucklands Beach Intermediate

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Monday 3 March 2025

Kia ora

Thank you to parents who attended our Meet the Teacher evenings. This year, we changed the format for Year 8 and it was very successful. Many parents enjoyed making a connection with their child's friends.

YEAR 7 CAMP

The Year 7 students are preparing for camp. We do hope that the weather holds fine and wish them all the very best for their camp experience. Our camps are a tradition that BBI has had for 40 years. It is one of the most memorable experiences.

CAMP Dates for 2025

Meet at Half Moon Bay Waiheke ferry terminal at 5pm - Students are to stay at home and prepare for the camp on Monday. Please ensure your child has a snack wrapped in lunch wrap and a drink with them.

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 Sailing EOTC

This term, Year 8 students have been involved in a sailing experience at Bucklands Beach. The initiative is run by Bucklands Beach Yacht Club. The focus is around staying safe around the water and learning to sail. Thank you to the Auckland Maritime Foundation that has kindly contributed a grant towards the cost. Also, thank you to all the parent volunteers who helped make this experience possible.



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SCHOOL ROUTINE

- Students should arrive between 8.15am and 8.40am 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.
- **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.

LIBRARY

Our School Library is open at 8.00am daily. The After School Care is from 3.15 to 4.30pm Monday to Thursdays. 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](#)

BBI SPORTS HOODIE

The BBI sports hoodie is an optional part of our P.E. uniform. A notice has gone home regarding placing orders. You may place your order in person at John Russell Schoolwear in Howick from now until the closing date on Saturday 16 March.

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.

PAYMENTS THROUGH KINDO

Thank you to all parents who have taken the time to log in to the Kindo app. Your support is invaluable. We really appreciate any payment made towards the school contribution. **Thank you. The contribution allows us to meet our budget for 2025 especially with our specialist area and our playground maintenance - this can be paid each term.** 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.

We are sending permission slips and information through Kindo too, so if at all possible, please log in.

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AFTER SCHOOL CLASS INFORMATION

The After School Classes started on Monday 24 February. The first semester will end toward the end of Term 2, depending on the number of classes and holidays. Parents have been informed, so please make a note of the dates on your calendar. **If you have any queries, or wish to report absences, please email Mrs Lynette Dimond (lynette@bbi.school.nz).**

PRIMARY YEARS PROGRAMME AT BBI

As an IB World School, our focus extends beyond curriculum content knowledge to include the development of attributes and skills in our students. The PYP framework, in conjunction with the New Zealand Curriculum (NZC) framework, creates a unique learning environment that fosters critical thinking, collaboration, communication skills, conceptual understanding, and personal action.

Our 2025 Programme of Inquiry consists of six units, each centred around 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. These units are driven by key concepts, which serve as lenses to explore local, national, and global issues or challenges related to the theme. A central idea provides structure to each unit and guides the inquiry process. For more information about the Primary Years Programme framework and our Programme of Inquiry, please visit the BBI Website or refer to the Parent Handbook.

Year 7 Classroom Programme

Our Year 7 classes commenced our first unit of inquiry, Sharing the planet, which focuses on exploring the biodiversity of New Zealand. Students will investigate the various factors that impact our environment, such as pests and invasive species. A significant aspect of this unit is understanding the impact of our actions on the environment. Through our BBI Inquiry Model, students develop an awareness of their role in preserving our natural environment and take small actions to make a difference. Our students will have a memorable experience during camp as they immerse themselves in a scenic reserve in the Hauraki Gulf. Please check Toddle for updates and see what we have learned in action.

Year 8 Classroom Programme

This year, our specialist teachers are taking on Sharing the planet as a yearlong unit of inquiry. Our classroom programme started with Who we are, where students have spent time familiarising themselves with their new class and teacher. The focus of this inquiry is responsible decision-making shapes living a balanced lifestyle. In Week 6, our classes will move into the second unit of inquiry, Where we are in place and time. Stay tuned for more updates over the next four weeks, and check Toddle for photos showcasing their learning and the sailing opportunity that complements this unit of inquiry.

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PARENT HANDBOOK

We have created a [Parent Handbook](#), which is available on our website. This comprehensive guide gives parents an overview of the classroom programme and important information to support their child at home. It also offers a brief outline of our Primary Years Programme. The most frequently asked questions can be found within this handbook.

BBI SPACE CAMP TRIP 2025

We are seeking expressions of interest for a proposed trip to USSRC (United States Space & Rocket Center) Huntsville, Alabama for Space Camp and Houston, Texas to visit Rice University, Houston Museum of Natural Science and Johnson Space Centre, just to name a few. Dates for the trip are 6/7th December-20th December for \$14,000-\$16,000. Expression of Interest forms are due by Friday 6th March. Email Anita Leeuw - anita@bbi.school.nz if you have any questions.

Optional School-based Vaccination Programme

The Public Health Nurses from the Counties Manukau District have planned their 2025 School-Based Vaccination Programme as outlined below. Over the next few days, Year 8 students will bring an information booklet home. Please decline or authorise consent and return the form to the classroom teacher before Monday 17 March.

Should you wish your child to be immunised at school, we suggest you watch the information video with your child, prior to the first vaccination date. Year 7 booklets will be sent home next term.

Year 8 Gardasil Protection against Human Papillomavirus (HPV)	Year 7 Boostrix Vaccination Protection against Tetanus, Diphtheria, & Whooping Cough	Year 8 Gardasil
Dose 1 Wednesday 9 April	Thursday 17 July	Dose 2 Friday 31 October

A Special Report: Dealing with Disappointment

As young people learn to navigate through various aspects of their life, they may face disappointment due to unfulfilled expectations, shattered dreams, or unexpected setbacks. Yet, with the appropriate tools, strategies, and a positive mindset, young people can learn to cope with disappointment and use it as an opportunity for personal growth and success.

Disappointment can be a tricky emotion to deal with at any age. It is a normal part of growing up. However, children sometimes need reminding that they have a choice in how they respond to

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disappointment and their response will determine the impact it has on their future happiness. Overall, disappointment is a healthy and positive emotion and plays an integral part in a child's emotional, intellectual and social development.

Helping young people manage their disappointment is important in order to avoid stronger emotions such as anxiety and depression. Although a parent's first reaction may be to fix the problem, it is better to encourage your child to find the words to express how they feel. In this Special Report, parents and caregivers are provided with strategies on how to help their child process disappointment and look at the problem objectively.

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.

SPORT

TERM 1 SPORT

We are now halfway through Term 1, and it has been a busy few weeks with trials and South Eastern Zone competitions starting. We have held trials for Softball, TAG, Basketball, Year 7 Netball, Chess, Cheerleading, Jazz and Hip Hop. The girls and boys TAG teams have competed in the South Eastern Zone competition and all enjoyed their days out playing against other schools in our area.

It is also encouraging to see the students taking part in our Fitness programme which is on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday mornings and involves different physical activity rotations. Please ensure your child has a sunhat.

We just held our annual school Swimming Sports which was a great day out. We ran an A grade competition for the competitive swimmers, and a Year 7 and Year 8 B Grade event that catered for everyone else. Thank you to all the staff and parent helpers who made the day such an enjoyable experience for the students.

With a lot of trials and sports meetings happening, it is important that your child checks the Daily Notices each day, as these are often held at morning tea or lunch times.

Diane Parkinson
Principal

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

TERM 1 2025

Monday 3 March	SEZ Girls Softball
Tuesday 4 March	After School Orienteering @ BBI
Wednesday 5 March	SEZ Boys Softball
Tuesday 11 March	After School Orienteering @ Sancta Maria College
Tuesday 18 March	After School Orienteering @ venue to be advised
Tuesday 18 March	5.30pm - Board meeting
Wednesday 19 March	SEZ Swimming at Lloyd Elsmore
Tuesday 25 March	After School Orienteering @ Farm Cove Intermediate
Wednesday 26 to Friday 28 March	Rooms 26 and 27 at Surfcamp
Thursday 27 March	Kangourou sans Frontières (Mathex)
Wednesday 2 April	AAIMS Swimming
Wednesday 2 April	12.00 pm School closes for Three Way Conferences
Wednesday 2 April	1.00 - 5.00pm - Three Way Conferences
Thursday 3 April	Otago Problem Challenge 1 (Mathex)
Thursday 3 April	12.00 pm - School closes for Three Way Conferences
Thursday 3 April	1.00 - 8.00pm - Three Way Conferences
Friday 4 April	SEZ Tennis (Boys)
Friday 4 April	Lunch time - Pizza Lunch fundraiser
Sunday 6 April	Orienteering Sprint Finals
Tuesday 8 April	SEZ Orienteering at Lloyd Elsmore
Wednesday 9 April	SEZ Tennis
Friday 11 April	3.00pm - End of Term 1

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)