

BBI AUGUST NEWSLETTER 2023



Tuesday 1st August 2023

Kia ora

We hope that everyone had an enjoyable holiday and that students have returned refreshed and ready for the busy term 3.

Congratulations to Connor Hu-Wen who has been invited to take part in round two of the New Zealand Maths Olympiad Competition. This is a competition for college students and is used to help them to take part in the International Maths Olympiad.

STUDENT LED CONFERENCES

Thank you to all parents who attended the Student led conferences. We enjoyed sharing your child's work.

ENROLMENTS FOR 2024

We are currently enrolling Year 7 students for 2024. Colleges are enrolling current Year 8 students for next year. All enrolments close on 30 August 2023. Please ensure that if your child is in Year 8 that they have enrolled at College for next year. We encourage enrolments to be entered as soon as possible.

IB PYP INFORMATION

Year 7 Classroom Programme

This term, we will start with a week on our year-long unit, Who we are, before finishing our fourth inquiry unit, How we express ourselves. As we move through the unit of 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 before starting to begin a student-led inquiry into an area of personal choice and take action. Our Year 7 and Year 8 classes are in the process of presenting their oral language presentations, so ask your child about this to learn more.

Year 8 Classroom Programme

Our Year 8 classrooms are halfway through their Where we are in place and time unit of inquiry. They will begin personal inquiries into wonderings or questions they developed from our provocations and incursions. Our Year 7 and Year 8 classes are in the process of presenting their oral language presentations, so ask your child about this to learn more. In Week 4, we move into our final unit of inquiry, How we express ourselves before the exhibition begins in Week 10. More information about both units will be shared in the next newsletter.

CULTURAL MARKET DAY AND MUFTI DAY

On Friday 18th August at 12:45pm, we will be running a Cultural Market Day. Students have applied to have stalls and sell items like food and drink of different cultures. We will also have a mufti day for students to wear cultural clothing to promote awareness of the many cultures we have at BBI.

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MAORI KNOWLEDGE-A-THON 2023

As part of our New Zealand Curriculum, we are required to learn languages. One of the languages we are learning at BBI is Te Reo, as it is one of the 3 Official Languages of New Zealand. To connect with Aotearoa's Māori culture, we are also running our annual Māori Knowledge-a-thon. The students will learn the Knowledge-a-thon answers, and then in Week 5, on Friday 18th August, we will have a school-wide test. We will have a prize draw for those students who score 98% or more. Hopefully, this will encourage our students and their whānau to learn some keywords and phrases in Te Reo and about Māori culture. Please help support the students by finding time to practice the questions and answers.

WEARABLE ARTS

Over 70 BBI students participated in Toi - a wearable art competition for student designers run in collaboration with WOW (World of Wearable Art). Towards the end of Term 2 students were able to exhibit their larger than life creations at a live Showquest event at the Aotea Centre. It was a long day but a wonderful opportunity for the students - countless hours creating and designing ahead of the big day, getting to model their outfits, discuss their design process with the judges, and then finally getting to showcase their wearable arts creations on stage! Definitely an experience to remember! A special congratulations to many of our students who were awarded prizes. A special mention must go to Eunice Suba who was awarded the Regional star of the night for her garment 'Red Phoenix.'



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SCHOOL ROUTINE

We really try to minimise disruptions to classes during the day. 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. 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

Semester2 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).

Environmental Education

Congratulations to Jessie Lin on winning the BBI Honey Label Competition. Jessie's design was chosen for our first harvest of BBI Honey. We had many beautiful entries from our students and all must be credited for their creativity.

Our first batch of Honey is available for purchase from the front office. A jar of BBI Honey is \$15 and proceeds go back into this initiative with the hope of having more hives at BBI. Our first harvest produced only 16 jars so get in quick!



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In this edition of SchoolTV - DIET & NUTRITION

We all know that diet and nutrition is vital to your child's development and growth, but are you aware of the effects it has on your child's brain development and how it can impact their academic achievement?

In this era of convenience, it is easy to reach for pre-packaged and processed foods to cope with busy schedules. However, these foods are usually packed full of sugar and salt which can have adverse health effects. Making a habit of reading food labels can help reduce the risks. It can also help to stabilise your child's energy, improve their mood, maintain a healthy weight and improve their general wellbeing.

In this edition of SchoolTV, parents will discover practical advice for teaching your kids about the benefits of incorporating a healthy diet and good nutrition.

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 **Diet & Nutrition** edition of SchoolTV
<https://bbi.nz.schooltv.me/newsletter/diet-nutrition>



SPORT

We are looking forward to seeing more of our students taking part in sporting opportunities in Term 3, and representing the school in a number of Winter sports codes. At the end of last Term, four students took part in the Auckland Girls Chess Championships and all received participation certificates. They were: Tamsyn McCamish - Rm Tahī, Lily Keenan - Rm Tahī, Ellie Wang - Rm 7 and Brooke Phillips - Rm 14.

Coming up this Term we have South Eastern Zone competitions for Netball and Cross Country. We also have our Boys and Girls Hockey teams competing in the Auckland Inter Zone tournaments, where they will play against the top teams in each Auckland Zone. Our top gymnasts who did well in the South Eastern Zone competition will be taking part in the Champion of Champion competition coming up as well. The school Cheerleading team have been practicing hard on their routines, and are performing at the end of August.

We would like to acknowledge Curtis Campbell and Kayden Wood, who have been selected to represent New Zealand at the Baseball Under- 12 World Cup being held in Tainan, Taiwan from Tuesday 25th July to Wednesday 9th August 2023. This tournament will feature representative teams from 12 Nations. The New Zealand Under-12 Team are proudly representing both New Zealand and the Oceanic Region. This will be the

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first time a New Zealand team has earned a berth at this tournament which will be both a great player development and life experience. An amazing opportunity for them both and we wish them all the best for the competition.

Also, a group of BBI students were nominated to trial for the Under 13 Counties Manukau Basketball team. After three trials, four BBI students were selected for the team which will compete in the Nationals later in the year. Congratulations and good luck to the following students: Matthew Wang - Rm 24, Jasper Qiao - Rm 20, Justin Zhang - Rm 17, Dylan Wan - Rm 19.

AIMS GAMES

Our preparation for AIMS games is going well and all the teams and individual sports have now been registered and confirmed. 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.

COLLEGE ENROLMENTS FOR 2024

This is the time of year that our Year 8 students will need to enrol in College for 2024.

Please will all parents of Year 8 students ensure that their child is enrolled in College by their closing dates.

In short:

- 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

Saturday 5 August – 9.00am – 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 3 DATES TO NOTE *(Subject to change)*

Wednesday 2 August	AAIMS Boys Hockey
Thursday 3 August	AAIMS Girls Hockey
Monday 7 to Friday 11 August	ICAS Writing and Digital Technologies week
Thursday 10 August	SEZ Cross Country
Thursday 10 August	Rehu Tai School Final (11.00am to 3.00pm)
Friday 11 August	Ch of Champs Gymnastics
Monday 14 to Friday 18 August	ICAS English week
Monday 21 to Friday 25 August	ICAS Science week
Monday 21 August	Rehu Tai SEZ Cluster Final
Tuesday 22 August	5.30pm Board meeting
Thursday 24 August	6.00 - 9.30pm Y7 and Y8 Mathex Competition at Barfoot and
Thompson Stadium	
Monday 28 Aug. to Friday 1 September	ICAS Maths week
Saturday 2 to Friday 8 September	AIMS Games Week
Thursday 14 September	12.45 onwards - BBI Play Technical Rehearsal
Monday 18 September	3.00 - 5.00pm - School Play Dress Rehearsal
Tuesday 19 September	5.30pm Board meeting
Wednesday 20 August	6.30 - 8.00pm - School Play Performance in the hall
Thursday 21 August	1.30pm School Play Matinee performance
Thursday 21 September	6.30 - 8.00pm - School Play Performance in the hall
Friday 22 September	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	Thursday 14 December at 12.00 noon

Teacher Only dates for 2023

Friday 24 November, 2023

- School closes at 12.10pm for Staff Development afternoon

2024 PROPOSED TERM DATES

Wednesday 31 January	to	Friday 12 April
Monday 29 April	to	Friday 5 July
Monday 22 July	to	Friday 27 September
Monday 14 October	to	Tuesday 17 December <i>(End of term date to be confirmed)</i>