

# BBI MAY NEWSLETTER 2023



Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2023

Kia ora

Welcome back to Term Two of school. We hope that you had an enjoyable break.

## **YEAR 8 UNIT OF INQUIRY**

On Friday 5th May, our Year 8 students will experience a unique learning provocation focused on aspects of World War I and II. The passionate facilitator holds a Bachelor of Arts majoring in Defence studies, specialising in Military History and Counter-terrorism. This exhibition of artefacts will be set up at school and is directly related to the unit of inquiry which will commence later this term. Groups of two classes will participate in a 40-minute session where the history and knowledge of the collection will be shared. Former students have found this opportunity highly engaging.

The one-day programme is an extension of the well-established charitable interactive history programme run for the past nine years. Having gone through a rigorous evaluation process, the Evolution of Firearms programme has been vetted and approved by New Zealand Police.

## **WEAR WHAT YOU WANT WEDNESDAY**

Wear What You Want Wednesday was a School Leader initiative introduced in 2022. This means, on a Wednesday, students can either wear their formal uniform or their sports uniform to and from school, (not a mixture of both). BBI still has fitness on a Wednesday and depending on the timetable one whānau will have PE so if students choose to come to school in formal uniform, they must bring their PE uniform with them. We are very lucky to have this initiative continuing and we need your support to keep it in place. So starting on Wednesday 3rd May, Wear what you want Wednesday will be in place and we encourage the students to make the most of this on a Wednesday only.

## **PARENT / CAREGIVER DISCUSSIONS**

We welcome discussions from parents. If you wish to make a time with a Deputy Principal or the Principal, then please email [mailbox@bbi.school.nz](mailto:mailbox@bbi.school.nz) and briefly specify the subject of the discussion.

## **PARENT INFORMATION HANDBOOK**

This is a reminder that Parent Handbook is now 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>

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## SCHOOL ROUTINE

It is really important that students are at school on time and ready for the day to start at 8.40am. Ideally, all students should be here by 8.30am in order to be changed for fitness on fitness days, and be organised for the school day. If you live further away, please ensure that you leave home in time for students to be at school on time.

- Students should arrive between 8.10am and 8.30am daily. All teachers will meet students in the classroom by 8.20am.
- **Students arriving late** – Please ensure that students sign in at the office if they arrive at school late. Parents do not need to come to the office with the student.
- **Cafe**– The Cafe accepts EFTPOS and cash.
- Bring P.E. gear every day
- **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 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 in 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. Currently John Russell Schoolwear is short on some uniform stock, especially school jerseys. There are a number of jerseys for sale in our second hand uniform shop.

**If anyone has uniform items to donate, please drop them at the school office. All good quality uniform is much appreciated.**

## SECOND HAND UNIFORM SHOP

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

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

**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.**

## AFTER SCHOOL CLASS INFORMATION

The first semester will end at the end of Term 2, (30 June 2023) as per the schedule. If you have any queries, or wish to report absences, please email to Mrs Lynette Dimond ([lynette@bbi.school.nz](mailto:lynette@bbi.school.nz)).



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## In this edition of SchoolTV - ONLINE PORNOGRAPHY

Experts say that the internet is sexualising kids too soon. It is making it easier for children to engage with pornography, both by choice and inadvertently. Regrettably, this is forcing parents to have the 'birds and bees' chat with their children at a very young age.

With the rise of social media and online porn, many parents are alarmed about protecting the innocence of their children. Unfortunately, what kids are seeing is distorting their idea of sexuality and intimacy. Parents are encouraged to educate their kids on sex and sexuality with age-appropriate information.

However, when it comes to having conversations with their kids around pornography, many parents feel ill-equipped. A young person's brain is highly impressionable and vulnerable to forming addictive patterns of behaviour which can affect their development and even impact their academic performance.

In this edition of SchoolTV, parents will learn strategies on how to have those difficult conversations and what they can do to minimise the negative effects of online pornography.



What is the best way to tackle this conversation with your child?



We hope you take time to reflect on the information offered in this edition of SchoolTV and we always welcome your feedback.

Here is the link to the Online Pornography edition of SchoolTV

<https://bbi.nz.schooltv.me/newsletter/pornography>

## SPORT

After a break for the school holidays we are looking forward to a busy Term 2! The after school Basketball and Table Tennis competitions will commence in early May and we will start to get our teams selected for AIMS games in Term 3.

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

Tennis - End of April

Rugby - June

Football - May

Table Tennis - June

Gymnastics - May

Hockey - June

Badminton - June

Futsal - July

## SCHOOL HOODIES

The first batch of BBI school hoodies will arrive in May. There will be another opportunity to order a hoodie later this term.

Diane Parkinson  
Principal

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## TERM 2 DATES TO NOTE *(Subject to change)*

Wednesday 26 April  
 Wednesday 26 April  
 Thursday 27 April  
 Tuesday 2 May  
 Wednesday 10 May  
 Friday 12 May  
 Tuesday 16 May  
 Tuesday 16 May  
 Tuesday 16 May  
 Tuesday 16 May  
 Wednesday 17 May  
 Thursday 18 May  
 Friday 19 May  
 Friday 19 May  
 Monday 22– Friday 26 May  
 Tuesday 23 May  
 Friday 26 May  
 Wednesday 31 May  
 Thursday 1 June  
 Thursday 1 June  
 Friday 1 June  
 Monday 5 June  
 Friday 9 June  
 Tuesday 13 June  
 Thursday 15 June  
 Thursday 15 June  
 Friday 16 June  
 Tuesday 20 June  
 Wednesday and Thursday 21 & 22 June  
 Friday 23 June  
 Tuesday 27 June  
**Friday 30 June**

Start of Term 2  
 SEZ Girls Tennis  
 SEZ Boys Tennis  
 CAT Exams  
 AAIMS Orienteering  
 BBI Talent Show (in school)  
 Y7 SEZ Girls Football  
 APO Violin Workshop (in school)  
 Auckland SS Orienteering – Rogaine  
 5.30pm – Board meeting  
 Health Community Consultation evening  
 Y7 SEZ Boys Football  
 MUFTI DAY – Wacky Hair Day  
 Shave for a Cure  
 CANS Week  
 SEZ Y8 Girls Football  
 Mufti Day for CANS week  
 SEZ Gymnastics  
 SEZ Badminton  
 2.15pm – School Closes early for long weekend  
 School Closed for Teacher Only Day  
 School Closed for King's Birthday holiday  
 SEZ Rugby  
 SEZ Girls Hockey  
 SEZ Boys Hockey  
 Afternoon – School Road Race  
 SEZ Table Tennis  
 5.30pm Board meeting  
 EPRO8 Inter School Heats  
 SEZ Boys Futsal  
 Trees for Survival  
**3.00pm – End of Term 2**

**Monday 17 July**

**Start of Term 3**

## TERM DATES FOR 2023

Wednesday 7 February  
**Wednesday 26 April (note after ANZAC day)**  
 Monday 17 July  
 Monday 9 October

to Thursday 6 April (closing at 2.15pm due to Easter)  
 to Friday 30 June  
 to Friday 22 September  
 to Friday 15 December

*An update of teacher only days for 2023 will be advised a later date. These are the known dates at this stage:*

**Friday 2 June** - Teacher Only Day (before Kings' birthday holiday)  
**Friday 24 November** - Senior Staff and Teacher Professional Development Day