

Bucklands Beach Intermediate

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THURSDAY 1 MAY 2025

Kia ora

Welcome back to a busy Term 2. We hope that you had a restful and recharging holiday.

ANZAC Day Dawn Service

We would like to congratulate Kaesar Wu on the fantastic reading of his essay during the Stockade Hill Dawn Service. Kaesar entered and won the local RSA Essay writing competition - open to all local intermediate students - whereby he was invited to read his essay at this year's dawn service. He did an excellent job at sharing about the importance of the ANZAC spirit. Of the event, Kaesar said "I feel very proud and honoured as I'm given this opportunity to pay my respect to all veterans and their families. As the experiences on the battlefield don't just stay there. The Anzac spirit isn't just confined to the battlefield. It's in everyone who perseveres and never gives up."

Te Manawa (LIBRARY)

Thank you to everyone who supported our Book Fair. 17 books were donated and we have a credit of \$316.41 to spend on new books. Our Library is open at 8.00 am daily and our homework club is available free of charge from 3.15 to 4.30 pm Monday to Thursday. Students can sign themselves in and out.

BBI Cafe

'Near The Beach Cafe' is open. Students should order hot food for lunch from the Food Technology room between 8.15 am and 8.40 am. Small items are available directly from the cafe during morning tea and after lunch-eating. The lunch menu is on display outside the cafe and inside the student entrance. Cash and cards are accepted.

We are also looking for volunteers to help in the school cafe, ideally between 12.30 and 1.40pm.

Volunteers will mostly be needed to help supervise cafe sales by our well-trained students. If you think you can help please contact dianep@bbi.school.nz

Students can order food at 8.15am from the Foodtech room. Hot chocolates are also available at this time for \$2.00

PARENT HELP VOLUNTEER REQUEST

Mrs Stanisich is looking for a volunteer parent to help with some jobs around the art room. If you have an eye for design, enjoy framing and preparing resources, you would be very much appreciated! This role would be for a couple of hours, once a week. Please email ange@bbi.school.nz

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SCHOOL UNIFORM

As the weather cools, we are receiving a number of enquiries about our school uniform. The full uniform policy is available on our website:

https://www.bbi.school.nz/_files/ugd/2fda2f_921acd8eca16479f834ddc9bc15af97b.pdf

Due to positive feedback, we have decided to continue with the choice to wear formal or P.E. uniform on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. Formal uniform must be worn on Mondays and Fridays.

BBI Trackpants are available for purchase from John Russell Schoolwear in Howick. Track Pants may only be worn with the PE Uniform. The P.E. Hoodie is an optional uniform item which can be ordered a few times a year through John Russell Schoolwear. The school jumper may be worn with the P.E. uniform. Of course, during actual physical activity in P.E. or Sport, no jumpers or jackets should be worn; these are to keep warm after sport is ended.

Jackets may not be worn inside classrooms, so for warmth, the school jumper is worn with the formal school uniform when indoors.

SECOND HAND UNIFORMS

The second hand uniform shop is open on Tuesdays from 3.00pm until about 3.30pm. There is currently a lot of stock of jerseys, and most items including PE gear. Do email the office if you have any queries : office@bbi.school.nz. We would appreciate any good quality donated uniforms at any time. These can be dropped at the office.

SCHOOL ROUTINE

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. Except for emergencies, please do not come to the office and ask for the student to go home early, as we endeavour to minimise class disruptions.

- Students should arrive between 8.10am and 8.30am 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.

AT HOP CARD - STUDENTS USING THE BUS

Please remind your children to always tag on and off the school bus with their AT HOP card. This means Auckland Transport can accurately track the numbers of students on buses and adjust services where

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necessary. Another tip is to enable the auto-top up feature on your child's AT HOP card. This means the balance will automatically top up once it falls below a figure you set.

CONSULTATION ON [Draft Relationships & Sexuality Education Guidelines](#)

Relationships and sexuality education (RSE) is part of the health and physical education learning area in The New Zealand Curriculum (2007). It aims to give children and young people the information they need to feel positive about themselves and equip them with the knowledge and confidence to make good choices. RSE includes learning about consent, puberty, healthy relationships and staying safe online. This part of the curriculum also supports mental, physical and emotional development. This updated framework sets out the proposed teaching to be covered each year and is open for consultation until 9th May. We encourage you to read the revised document and provide your [FEEDBACK](#) directly to the Ministry of Education.

In this edition of SchoolTV - Cyber Safety

Young people today are growing up in an increasingly connected world where technology is part of their everyday lives — for learning, socialising, and entertainment. While the digital world offers enormous benefits, it also comes with serious risks. From cyberbullying and online predators to inappropriate content and screen time concerns, navigating the online environment can be challenging for young people and their families.

Cybersafety is not just about blocking access — it's about empowering young people with the knowledge and skills they need to use technology responsibly and safely. This includes understanding privacy settings, recognising scams, and developing healthy digital habits. At the same time, it's important for parents and caregivers to stay informed, have open and judgement-free conversations with their children, and lead by example through positive online behaviour.

In today's digital age, safeguarding a child's wellbeing must also include protecting their online life. This edition of SchoolTV will help you better understand the digital landscape your child is navigating and offer practical strategies to help them stay safe, confident and in control online.

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 [Cyber Safety](#) edition of SchoolTV

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YEAR 7 CLASSROOM PROGRAMME

This term, we move into our third unit of inquiry, Where we are in place and time. The central idea, human migration is a response to challenges and opportunities, has our Year 7 classes learning about the local, national and global migrations that have shaped our world whilst also learning about their personal history and where their families have journeyed. If you are willing to share your migration experience with our students, please email your child's class teacher, as we are always looking to connect with our community.

YEAR 8 CLASSROOM PROGRAMME

Over the next two weeks, Year 8's finish their Where we are in place and time unit of inquiry, where they have learnt about conflict shaping the past and its impact on society today. Understanding how historical events, like war and conflict, drive society to change and adapt. Students are making connections to ANZAC day and reflecting on the local, national and global events that have shaped our country and many more around the world.

FUNDRAISER - ENTERTAINMENT BOOK

Purchase a digital version of the Entertainment Book, and 20% of every membership will support our BBI fundraiser. The Entertainment Book offers deals on food, drink and entertainment all around Auckland, NZ and Australia, depending on the membership. Single city or multi-city memberships are available. Order now: <https://subscribe.entertainmentnz.com/fundraiser/993j57>

SPORT

SEZ Tennis:

GIRLS

1st: Gloria Young - Girls Singles

3rd: Phoebe Ba - Girls Singles

1st: Avery Hu & Selina Liu - Girls Doubles

3rd: Kate Ding & Ashlee Peng - Girls Doubles

The Boys tournament was postponed and will now be played on Tuesday 29th April.

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SEZ Orienteering

We took 69 students to the SEZ competition at Lloyd Elsmore Park on Tuesday 9th April. From the results we now have 38 students who have qualified for the Auckland Interzone competition in Week 3 of this term. The Year 7 Girls teams placed first and second, the year 7 boys placed second and third, whilst the year 8 girls placed first and the year 8 boys second to qualify for interzone; in addition two students outside these teams achieved the fastest time in their grade on their course and qualified.

North Island Secondary School Orienteering Championships

Three students took the opportunity to take part in this event which was held during the last few days of the school holidays. Kasear Wu, Nick Yu and Tristran McCamish all competed extremely well and placed seventh in the relay competition in the extremely challenging conditions on the final day of the school holidays.

Upcoming orienteering events

There are a few upcoming orienteering events, which students need to see Mrs Attard about when information appears on the Daily Notices, in addition to Inter Zone, these include the Auckland Secondary Schools Rogaine on Sunday 8th June and the New Zealand Secondary Schools Championships which are being held in the greater Auckland region on the last few days of the next school holiday.

AIMS GAMES

This term we will start the build up for AIMS Games which will be held from the 30th August - 5th September. There will be opportunities for students to be part of a team sport and to also register for an individual sport. More information will be coming out - it is really important that students check the daily notices each day as there will be meetings and trials that will be held during morning tea and lunch breaks.

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 2 2025

Monday 28 April	Start of Term 2
Tuesday 29 April	SEZ Boys tennis
Tuesday 29 April	5.30pm - Board meeting
Tuesday 6 May	Auckland SS Orienteering Regional
Wednesday 7 May	APSMO 1 (Mathex students)
Thursday 8 May	Otago Problem Challenge 2 (Mathex students)
Tuesday 13 May	Auckland Writers Festival
Tuesday 13 and Wednesday 14 May	World Scholars Competition
Tuesday 13 May	HPPA Choir Rehearsals - all schools
Wednesday 14 May	AAIMS Orienteering
Tuesday 20 and Wednesday 21 May	AMT CAT Exams (Mathex students)
Tuesday 20 May	SEZ Y7 Girls football
Tuesday 20 May	5.30pm Board meeting
Wednesday 20 May	Y8 Ugly Shakespeare
Thursday 22 May	SEZ Y8 Girls football
Thursday 22 May	Auckland SS Individual Orienteering
Tuesday 27 May	SEZ Y7 Boys football
Tuesday 27 May	Year 7 Whanau - 11 th 3G4G Festival of Cultural Sharing (Kowhai)
Wednesday 28 May	Year 7 Whanau - 11 th 3G4G Festival of Cultural Sharing (Miro)
Thursday 29 May	SEZ Year 8 Boys football
Thursday 29 May	3.00pm - School closes
Friday 30 May	School Closed for Teacher Only Day
Friday 30 May to Wednesday 11 June	Japan Trip away
Monday 2 June	School closed for Kings Birthday weekend
Tuesday 3 to Friday 27 June	Welcome to Nguyen Vietnam Students
Tuesday 3 June	SEZ Badminton
Tuesday 3 to Friday 6 June	CANS Week
Friday 6 June	CANS Mufti Day
Friday 6 June	Wearable Arts Show in the hall
Tuesday 10 June	Trees for Survival Planting day
Wednesday 11 June	APSMO 2 Maths (Mathex students)
Thursday 12 June	Otago Problem Challenge 3 (Mathex)
Thursday 12 June	1.00pm - BBI Road Race
Friday 13 June	SEZ Rugby
Monday 16 June	SEZ Girls Hockey
Tuesday 16 June	5.30pm - Board meeting
Thursday 19 June	SEZ Boys Hockey
Thursday 19 June	Wearable Arts @ Aotea Centre
Thursday 19 June	3.00pm School closes at 3.00pm as usual
Friday 20 June	Matariki Holiday - School closed
Tuesday 24 June	SEZ Futsal
Tuesday 24 June	HPPA Choir and orchestra Rehearsals - all schools
Wednesday 25 June	Trees for Survival Planting day
Thursday 24 June	SEZ Futsal - Boys
Friday 27 June	3.00pm - School closes at 3.0pm for the term

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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)