

Bucklands Beach Intermediate

October Newsletter 2025

Website: <https://bbi.school.nz/>

Kia ora koutou,

Welcome back to Term 4! We hope you and your whānau enjoyed a restful and refreshing break. Term 4 is always an exciting and busy time in the school calendar – full of learning opportunities, celebrations, and special events as we head toward the end of the year.

Our focus this term will be on supporting students to finish the year strongly, both in their learning and in their wellbeing. Together with you, we want to ensure that every child feels confident, connected, and ready for the transition into 2026.

Thank you for your continued partnership with us. We look forward to working alongside you this term and celebrating all the successes of our tamariki.

Ngā mihi nui,
Debbie Allan and Will Roper
Acting Principals

YEAR 7 ENROLMENTS FOR 2026

Our out-of-zone enrolments have now closed.

YEAR 8 COLLEGE ENROLMENTS FOR 2026

All Year 8 students should now be enrolled in a college for 2026.

Friday 10 October – As advised in previous communication, we will be finishing instruction at 12.10 pm. If your child requires supervision, we will accommodate this with limited staff. If required, please notify your child's class teacher.

Te Tai o Rēhia

Our Kāhui Ako presents - Te Tai o Rēhia. The Kapa Haka Festival will be hosted by Macleans College on Thursday 16th October in their new covered courts. The Pōwhiri will begin at 11.00am The festival will feature the Kapa Haka groups from Macleans College, Macleans Primary, Bucklands Beach Primary School, Mellons Bay Primary, Owairoa Primary School, Pigeon Mountain Primary School, and our very own BBI rōpu. This is a wonderful celebration of Māori culture, not to be missed.

Key Dates

(Please note: these dates are subject to change; please always check the BBI Calendar online for up-to-date information.)

2025 Term Dates

Term 4 - Monday 06 Oct to Friday 12 Dec

Week 1

Tuesday 7th October EPro8 heats

Wednesday 8th October 6pm Exhibition Parent Evening

Friday 10th October SEZ Volleyball

Friday 10th October Teacher PLD school closed at 12.10

Week 2

Thursday 16th October Otago Final Challenge

Te Tai o Rēhia at Macleans College

Friday 17th October Stalls Day

Week 3

Tuesday 21st October Ambury Farm Visit

Thursday 23rd October Potential Strike Day

Thursday 23rd October Kiwi Kapers APO Concert
Parent evening - Tackling Technology at 6.30pm

Week 4

Monday 27th October Labour Day - School closed

Tuesday 28th October Curriculum Day - school closed

Wednesday 29th October Year 8 formal

Thursday 30th October AAIMS Volleyball
Ambury Farm

Friday 31st October Year 7 Athletics

Y8 Gardasil Dose 2

Sunday 2nd November BBI Cheerleading Competition

Week 5

Tuesday 4th November Y8 Athletics

Wednesday 5th SEZ Boys Touch Rugby

Friday 7th November SEZ Girls Rugby

Week 6

Monday 10th November Cricket SEZ boys

Tuesday 11th November Cricket SEZ girls

Wednesday 12th November AAIMS Touch

Arataki overnight visit

Thursday 13th Stardome visit for Space Camp students

Week 7

Cans Week

Wednesday 19th November Staff V Police Football match

Saturday 22nd November Lego League

Week 8

Wednesday 26th November New Parents evening

Thursday 27th November Orientation for New students

Week 9

Y8 Exhibition week

Friday 5th December Space Camp leaves

BBI Showcase

Week 10

Wednesday 10th December Y8 Big Day Out

Y7 Big Day in

Thursday 11th November Y8 Big day out

Friday 12th December Last day of term

Curriculum Days

School is closed to students:

Tuesday 28 October (after Labour Day weekend)

PARENT & MENTOR EXHIBITION EVENING

On Wednesday, 8th October, from 6 pm-7 pm in the BBI Library, we are hosting an evening to share ways you can support your child at home with the exhibition, as well as what the role of a mentor involves.

YEAR 8 CAREERS DAY

A big thank you to all our parents, families and ex-students who volunteered their time to make the event successful. The students thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to learn about the different careers available for them to investigate further.

BRIDGES TO SCHOOLS

Thank you to Fletcher's Construction for bringing Bridges to School to BBI for two days in September. Our students were able to work collaboratively to construct a bridge in our Performing Arts Centre.

TACKLING TECHNOLOGY Parent Talk 22 October [RSVP](#)

BBI Hall 6.30 to 8.00 pm

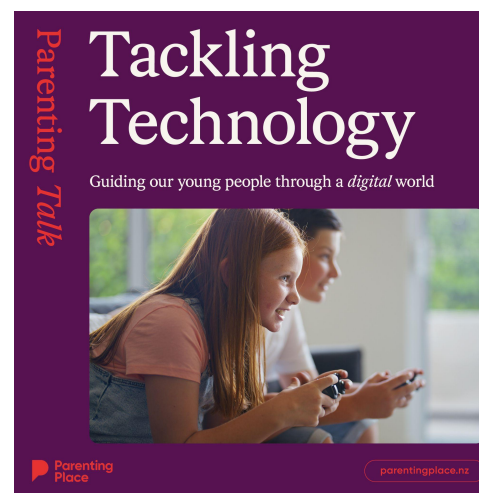
2026 Term Dates

Term 1 - 3 Feb to 2 Apr

Term 2 - 20 Apr to 3 Jul

Term 3 - 20 Jul to 25 Sep

Term 4 - 12 Oct to 16 Dec



STRIKE DAY:

You may have heard that NZEI Te Riu Roa union members recently voted to take strike action on **Thursday, October 23rd.**

Throughout our collective agreement negotiations, we have raised critical issues that would make a significant difference to our students' learning and wellbeing. We feel the Government is not genuinely listening to or understanding what our schools and students truly need.

Our key priorities are:

- **More Support for Learners:** We are asking for more resources to support all students, including the provision of a dedicated teacher aide for every classroom.
- **Valuing School Staff:** We need the Government to value all school staff fairly to help attract and retain great people in our classrooms, rather than losing them to overseas opportunities.

Taking a day of strike action means a day without pay for those involved. It is a sacrifice we are making to ensure the Government hears our concerns and provides the resources needed to support all students effectively.

What this means for our school:

The Board is required to formally notify the school community if the school is open for instruction or closed on the strike day. We will confirm the closure details and any necessary follow-up information as soon as possible.

We appreciate your understanding and support as we fight for better resources for your children.

Measles Information from the Ministry of Education

Recent measles cases linked to overseas travel have been reported in Northland & Queenstown. Measles is very contagious and can make people very sick. Please contact Healthline 0800 611 116.

YEAR 7 CLASSROOM PROGRAMME

On Friday in Week 2, we hold our Year 7 Stalls Day. Students have placed their shopping order with PAK’n’SAVE, who have kindly donated \$2000 of products for our day. Check out Toddle for an update on what is happening in your child’s classroom.

YEAR 8 CLASSROOM PROGRAMME

On Wednesday, 8th October, at 6 pm in the BBI Library, we will be hosting an information evening. This event is designed to support parents in helping with the exhibition and to welcome anyone who will be serving as a group mentor. The purpose is for us to share the exhibition journey with you and how you can support it at home.

8:15am - Classrooms open
8:40am - Assembly/Fitness/Roll/Admin
9:10am - Y7 Maths/
 - Y8 Literacy/Specialist

10:30am - Morning Tea

10:50am - Y8 Maths
 - Y7 Literacy/Specialist
12:10pm - Inspire45

12:45pm - Lunch Eating
12:55pm - Lunch

1:40pm - Inquiry/Specialist/PE

3:00pm - Hometime

Key Information

Second Hand Uniform

Fundraising

The second-hand uniform shop is open on **Thursdays from 3.00 pm until 3.30 pm.**

Entertainment Book - [Click here](#)
BBI Beanie - Available on Kindo Shop

School TV

Kindo

In this edition of SchoolTV - [World Mental Health Day](#)

Part Payment - You can make a part payment by clicking in the white box and typing the preferred amount.
Click here to go to [myKindo](#)

BBI NTB Cafe

Menu - [Click here](#)
Order hot food by 8:40am.
Please be aware that while all care is taken, we can not guarantee food is allergen-free.

Sport Report

AIMS GAMES

We had a great week away with all our AIMS teams, and had 157 students competing over 18 different sports. They all did so well committing to training sessions, and practice matches in preparation for AIMS. Our BBI school spirit shone through down there over the week, with the students all supporting each other. Thank you to all the teachers and parents who helped with coaching and managing the teams, and for committing their time and effort. And a big thank you to all the families for their support in the build up to AIMS - it was an amazing experience for all the students involved..

South Eastern Zone Basketball

On Friday 12th September our boys and girls Basketball teams competed in the SEZ Basketball competition. Both teams had good wins in their round robin matches, winning their pools. The teams lost in the semi finals with the boys team then beating Elim Christian School to come third, and the girls beating Farm Cove Intermediate to also finish third. Well done to both teams - you have an amazing team spirit, work well together as a team and always give your best out on the court. Thank you to George from Hi5 Basketball and Katie and Molly Buckley for helping coach the teams, Mrs Te Young and to the parents who came along and supported on the sidelines.

In the After School Basketball competition special mention to the BBI Tigers team who won their grade, and to the BBI Dynamites girls team who came second in their grade.

Cheerleading

On Sunday 14th September the BBI Cheerleading team competed in their second competition of the year, the Spring Carnival Schools Spectacular. They placed second in the Intermediate division, and they were third overall in the Grand Champs division. Well done to all the girls for their commitment to training in preparation for this competition, and for their amazing team effort on the day.

NZ Interschool Chess Finals

We are pleased to share that Bucklands Beach Intermediate School placed 8th in the recent NZ Interschool Chess Finals, which were held on 21st and 22nd September in Christchurch. The team was - Matt Wang (Rm 1), Dian Guan (Rm 21), Jonathan Xia (Rm 15) and Roger Zhao (Rm 22). Our boys performed very well, and displayed calmness, patience, and resilient attitudes throughout the competition. Thank you for the dedication and encouragement from all our supportive parents who also made a meaningful impact on the team's success - it was a great experience for both students and parents.