

Bucklands Beach Intermediate

DECEMBER Newsletter 2024



MONDAY 2 DECEMBER 2025

Kia ora

YEAR 8 EXHIBITION

Wednesday, 4th December and Thursday, 5th December, we will see our Year 8 cohort present their learning from the last 10 weeks.

Wednesday 4th December for Pōhutukawa (Rooms 15, 16, 17, & 18) and Tōtara (Rooms 23, 24, 25, & 26)

Thursday 5th December for Rimu (Rooms 19, 20, 21, & 22) and Harakeke (Rooms 27, 28, 29, & 30)

Viewing times are as follows between 12:10-12:45pm, 1:45pm -2:45pm and 4pm-6pm.

We encourage all parents, whānau, and the wider community to come along and hear about the local action students have taken to make a small difference in our world. Each group collated their learning by creating a website or producing a scrapbook and crafted a visual and oral presentation documenting their learning journey.

For those visiting, some key questions you can ask the groups are:

- What was the one key takeaway from the exhibition?
- What part of the learning journey did you enjoy most? What challenged you?
- Looking back, what have you learnt along the way?
- What skills have you gained from this process?
- What action did you take, and how did you know you were successful?

On behalf of the Year 8 students, we would like to thank the Year 8 Teachers, the adults who mentored groups, and everyone who supported our students through their learning journey over the last 10 weeks. It has been a community effort, and we appreciate your time and effort in helping our students shine and grow as young citizens and future leaders. We hope parents take the time to visit this important event for our Year 8 Culmination of their learning at BBI.

BBI COMMUNITY SHOWCASE

Our Annual Community Showcase was held in November. The community and residents from the local retirement villages really appreciated this time with our students and the showcase. Thank you to everyone who was involved.

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PAYMENTS THROUGH KINDO

Thank you to all parents who have taken the time to log in to the Kindo app. Many of you will already be familiar with Kindo from your child's primary school. Please take time to check and make payment for any outstanding amounts. We hope that the help with Kindo set up at the new parent evening was a help to you.

We really appreciate any payment made towards the school contribution. 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.

END OF TERM 2024

Do keep the "dates to note" handy in your household. Thursday 12 December is our Big Day Out for Year 8 students at Rainbows End, and the Big Day In at BBI for Year 7. We hope that students make lasting happy memories in this final get together with their Whānau and classmates.

Friday 13 December - Students are again in mufti for the day. The school closes at 12 noon. There is no after school care and all students are expected to leave the school grounds as soon after 12 noon as possible. **This is an optional day for ALL students.** Some students may be asked by their teacher to help with moving, or setting up and clearing the class ready for the new year.

START OF TERM 1 2025

See under "Dates to Note" for the start times for Year 7 and Year 8 students. Stationery lists will be handed out on the first day of school if students wish to purchase a stationery pack. The stationery charge will be added to the student's Kindo account.

YEAR 7 CLASSROOM PROGRAMME

The Year 7 classes are almost finished with their final unit of inquiry, How the world works. Students are learning about innovation, technology, and advancements within our community in a hands-on way. Every class will have a 3-hour-long EPro8 session, which connects their understanding of how machines work with the collaboration and teamwork involved in making a working structure from a model.

TODDLE PORTFOLIO

As the year comes to an end, it is an excellent opportunity for parents and whānau to download a copy of your child's portfolio from Toddle. You can now download these precious examples of learning from the 2024 academic year on your device by going to Toddle. At this stage, it is only possible to download from the student profile section through the web platform. Simply select the academic year(s) you're interested in, and an email with a downloadable link will be sent to you. Even more exciting is that teachers, students, and families can all use this feature! Link:

https://vimeo.com/865450579/65229ac50c?share=copy&utm_medium=email&_hsmi=280904395&utm_content=280904395&utm_source=hs_email

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JAPAN 2025

Thank you to all those who applied for our Japan 2025 trip. We had so many applications and regret that we could not take everyone.

A Special Report: Transition to High School

All transitions are important, but the transition into high school is unique. Successful transitions rely on a number of social, emotion and practical factors. Being well prepared is key to an easier transition that should be viewed as a process over time, rather than a one-off event.

Starting high school can feel exciting and challenging, all at the same time. However, it would not be uncommon for this to heighten any pre-existing mental health conditions or concerns your teen may have. Parents and carers will need to remain vigilant in monitoring their teenager's mood and behaviour as they settle into their new "normal".

This Special Report offers strategies to help support students and their families as they navigate the challenges of high school.

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.**

Here is the link to your special report: [Transition to High School](#)

BBI UNIFORM

Prize Giving in on Wednesday 11 December. We expect all students to be in formal school uniform for this special occasion.

After that, on Thursday and Friday students will wear mufti. We no longer purchase uniforms from parents. However, if anyone has any good quality clean uniforms that they may wish to donate to the school, these are very much appreciated. The school will sell these uniforms as a fundraiser for our school.

Donated uniforms can be dropped at the office at any time on Thursday or Friday.

BBI SECOND HAND UNIFORM SALE

At this stage we do not have sufficient stock to hold a second hand uniform sale. We will advertise a date and time as soon as we have some good quality stock.

END OF YEAR REPORTS

Reports will go live from 3.00pm on Wednesday 11 December. If your report is not available when you log in, please try again later as it takes time to upload.

Your report can be viewed and downloaded via your Parent Portal on the Results tab.

If you are unable to log in, please contact office@bbi.school.nz

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STUDENTS LEAVING BEFORE THE END OF YEAR OR RETURNING AFTER START OF TERM ONE

Please notify us if your child is leaving before the end of the year and / or returning after the first day of school - Wednesday 29 January, 2025

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT HOMESTAYS REQUIRED

We are receiving enquiries from parents who are wanting their International students homestay as local as possible. If anyone would like to homestay International Students, please contact Student Care. Next year we will be seeking both short term (3 - 4 weeks) and long term international homestay parents.

Contact: Debbie Daniel

Email: debbie@nzstudentcare.com

Student Care

www.nzstudentcare.com



SPORT

Six teams progressed from the Auckland heats of EPro8 Challenge through to the semi finals, which are currently being held at various venues around Auckland. One team, Da Bois comprising Kayden Wood, Cayden Yang, Seneca Chandrasiri and Lucas Wong have qualified for the Auckland final on Thursday 5th December at Auckland Normal Intermediate. Two teams are yet to compete in their semi final event. The EPro8 Challenge is a maths, science, engineering and problem solving competition which around twenty five thousand students in New Zealand take part in every year.

CHEERLEADING

Our awesome Cheerleading team finished off the year with their final competition, the NZ Nationals. The girls performed an amazing routine and came away with 1st in their division and 1st Grand Champions in the whole school division. Then recently, for the second year in a row, they have been crowned Super Grand Champions across all of the NZ, Queensland, NSW and Victoria schools. Congratulations to all the girls for your hard work this year, and a big thank you to the coaches, Traci Burke and Charlotte, and to all the parents for your support and to Carrie Barnett.

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TOUCH RUGBY

We had 3 teams entered in the SEZ Touch Rugby tournament on Wednesday 6th and Thursday 7th November. Well done to all the students who competed on the day and thank you to Mr Neal, Miss Gmuer and Mr Rhodes.

Girls team - 11th,

Boys team - 3rd

Mixed team - 2nd

CRICKET

Unfortunately the boys Cricket tournament was cancelled due to bad weather, however our girls team played in the SEZ Cricket tournament on Tuesday 12th November at Lloyd Elsmore Park. After a great effort from all the girls they finished 4th overall.

VOLLEYBALL

Our boys Volleyball made it through to the Auckland Champs tournament after winning the SEZ Volleyball competition. After some tough matches during the day, the team won their final match and were 1st overall. Congratulations to all the boys in the team and thank you to Mr Nugent for all your time and effort coaching the team - an amazing team effort!

TRAMPOLINING

We took 27 students out to ICON Trampolining Club in Mangere on Tuesday 26th November. They all had an enjoyable and fun experience, and got to display their routines that they had worked so hard on. We came away with a good haul of medals - congratulations to all the students who competed.

ATHLETICS

We held the Year 7 Athletics Day on Friday 1st November and the Year 8 Athletics Day on Thursday 7th November. Both days all ran smoothly, the weather was good and all the students enjoyed their day at the Pakuranga Athletics Club. A big thank you to our parent helpers who gave up their time to support us on both of these days.

From our Athletics Days, we had 57 students who made it through to the SEZ Athletics Championships which were held at Go Media Stadium on Thursday 21st November. All the had a great day competing against other schools in our zone.

After the SEZ day, we then had 19 students qualify for the Auckland Champs Athletics Day. This was held at Go Media Stadium and our students were up against students from all over the Auckland area. All the students gave their best effort and special mention to the following students:

Pedro Stefanello - 1st 400m

Mathew Bailey - 1st Long Jump

Kayden Wood - 2nd High Jump

Diane Parkinson
Principal

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DATES TO NOTE 2024 (Please note: these dates are subject to change, please always check the BBI Calendar online for up-to-date information.)

Term 4 2024

Wednesday 4 December

Thursday 5 December

Monday 9 December

Wednesday 11 December

Thursday 12 December

Friday 13 December

Exhibition (Tōtara and Pōhutukawa)

Exhibition (Rimu and Harakeke)

5.30 pm - Board meeting

Prize giving - 11.00 am - Year 7, 1.30 pm - Year 8's

Year 7 Day In and Year 8 Day Out

12.00 noon - School closes for the year - OPTIONAL DAY FOR ALL STUDENTS

START OF 2025 DATES AND TIMES

Wednesday 29 January

- 8.40am Year 7 students start. Please meet in the BBI sports Cloud at this time to be called into classes. Parents are welcome to stay, but are expected to leave when students move into their class for the day. The end of the day is at 3.00pm.

Thursday 30 January

- 8.40am - Year 8 students start. Please meet in the BBI sports Cloud at this time to be called into classes.

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)