

BBI JANUARY NEWSLETTER 2024



Friday 26 January 2024

Kia ora to our Bucklands Beach Intermediate School community.

I would like to extend a very warm welcome to all our new students for 2024 and welcome back returning students.

Our school mission statement says that it is our intention to ensure quality learning outcomes for each student.

To develop inquiring, knowledgeable and caring young people who help to create a better and more peaceful world through intercultural understanding and respect.

“Whaia te Tikitiki – Reach for the Heights”

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL IN THE SPORTS CLOUD

Year 7 students will meet in the BBI Sports Cloud at 8.40am to be called into classes. Parents are welcome to stay and listen, but are then expected to leave the school site.

Year 8 Students will meet to be allocated classrooms at around 9.15am.

Please can your child bring their pencil case and something to write on. For example, a partly used exercise book or some lined refil.

There will be a Powhiri to welcome all new students and teachers to our school at 11.00am on Wednesday 31 January in the Cloud.

A SPECIAL REPORT: Moving to a New School

Moving to a new school is a big deal! Your child is going to meet new people. That’s bound to be different emotions. They may feel worried and anxious, but also excited and happy – all at the same time!

It is considered to be one of the most important transition periods of a student’s life and can present some significant psychological challenges for both students and parents.

Making new friends, learning new routines, discovering new environments, accepting new cultures and adjusting to new learning practices is all part of the process. Some children will sail through this period of change, whilst others may need a bit more guidance. It is important to give your child the chance to feel comfortable in their new space. This may take a few months, but ensure you keep the lines of communication open and check in regularly with your child to see how they are settling in.

In the attached link is a Special Report. Parents and caregivers are presented with a number of strategies that can be deployed to help ensure a smooth transition.



SPECIAL REPORT

**Moving
to a new
school**



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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: https://bbi.nz.schooltv.me/wellbeing_news/moving-new-school

STATIONERY

Students will bring stationery lists home on the first day of school. Please take time to go through all of this with them. We endeavour to keep our stationery at a reasonable level and price. Stationery packs are able to be purchased and distributed from school on the 1st and 2nd February. This can be paid through the Parent Portal, either by Credit or Debit card. We would greatly appreciate all students having their stationery by the start of the second week. There are text books and homework Mangahigh online included within the stationery list.

PARENT PORTAL

It is important that parents can access the Parent Portal via our website. Currently, the portal is used for communication, making payments, and accessing school reports. You will have received a reminder by email of your Portal log in and your password. Please keep this in a safe place. Charges for stationery, Camp etc will be loaded on to the Parent portal by Friday 26 January. For your convenience and sustainability, we are now including online permissions. Should you be unable to log in, please email office@bbi.school.nz with your child's details so we can reset your password.

SCHOOL ROUTINE

- Students should arrive between 8.10am and 8.30am daily. All teachers will meet students in the classroom by 8.20am.
- **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. 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** – Our students are encouraged to take responsibility for themselves. We also endeavour to keep classroom disruption to a minimum. 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 at the arranged time. Except for emergencies, please do not come to the office and ask for the student to be found to go home early etc.

COMMUNICATING WITH PARENTS

Our monthly newsletter is available via our website on the 1st of each month; you will also receive a reminder email. Please let us know if your email details change as this is our main method of communication. The BBI

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website is a good place for information about our school, including our calendar. We also recommend following us on Facebook for regular updates regarding events and photos.

All visitors to the school must sign in at reception. No one, other than students, is permitted on our school grounds.

CAMP Dates for 2024 – information will be sent to Year 7 parents during the first week of school.

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| Whānau Miro (Room 6, 7, 8, & 9) | - departs Monday 4 March – returns Friday 8 March |
| Whānau Nikau (Room 10, 11, 12, 13 & 14) | - departs Monday 11 March – returns Friday 15 March |
| Whānau Kowhai (Rooms 1, 2, 3, 4 & 5) | - departs Monday 18 March – returns Friday 22 March |

MEET THE TEACHER EVENING AND CAMP INFORMATION EVENING

This will take place on **Tuesday 13 February** .

6.30pm - Year 8

7.00pm - Year 7

Please keep this date free. All parents will initially meet in the hall and then go on to class meetings. This is a really important meeting, especially for our Year 7 parents and a first opportunity to meet your child's teacher and hear about class policy and major events.

UNIFORM

Commencing **Week Two** and for the duration of **Term One only**, students may travel to and from school wearing their P.E. uniform. If students choose this option, sports shoes must also be worn. Students may change into their formal uniform during the day. Formal uniform should be worn to and from school on Mondays and Fridays, unless a student has P.E. as their final lesson of the day. School uniform should be clean, tidy, and worn with pride . **Please ensure that all uniform items and hats are clearly named.** Any uniform items left around the school will be placed in the lost property box located outside Room 2. Please be aware that we expect all students to be sun safe by wearing their hat at P.E. and during break times.

SUN SAFETY FUNDRAISER

This year, BBI is running two fundraisers to help promote sun safety at school. We will sell whānau coloured bucket hats and polarised sunglasses. The bucket hats can be purchased as part of the stationery packs at the beginning of the year, which can be purchased on the Parent Portal. Meanwhile, the sunglasses will be sold at school once they arrive; more information to follow shortly. These polarised sunglasses are priced at \$10.00 each. The sunglasses come in black frames with a limited number of yellow and white frames. It is a timely reminder that hats should be worn at morning tea, and lunchtime, as well as during PE and fitness sessions. We strongly encourage students to apply sunscreen each day before they leave home in the morning and then reapply at our sunscreen station at school later in the day.

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**

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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.

PROPERTY

Thank you to the School Board and all the Property people for making our school look fantastic. A number of building works have been taking place during the school holidays. The Board is funding the build of two new classrooms, plus a new cultural and meeting room. There has also been remedial work on weathertightness to the Performing Arts Centre and Music Room. The exterior of the school has been painted, which occurs every 10 years or so. Although some of the work is yet to be completed, we have good systems in place to ensure that there is as little disruption as possible. We hope our students are proud of their school.

TERM 1 SPORT

In the next few weeks, many exciting sporting opportunities will be available to students. This year, Fitness will be on a Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday morning. Students will need to be in their fitness gear for the 8.40am bell, and please make sure your child has a sunhat. Some of the sports on offer this Term are: Orienteering, Softball, Cricket, Tennis, Swimming, Tag, Cheerleading, Hip Hop and Aerobics. Please make sure your child checks the Daily Notices each day for more information about trials.

Diane Parkinson
Principal

DATES TO NOTE 2024

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| Tuesday 30 January | - 10.30 - 11.30am Second Hand Uniform sale in the hall |
| Wednesday 31 January | - 8.40am - Year 7 students meet in The BBI Sports Cloud - 9.15am - Year 8 students meet in the BBI Sports Cloud |
| Tuesday 6 February | - Waitangi Day holiday school is closed |
| Tuesday 13 February | - Meet the Teacher Evening. Please keep the date free 6.30pm - Year 8 7.00pm - Year 7 |
| Thursday 28 March | - School Closes at 2.15pm for Easter weekend |
| Tuesday 2 April | - School Closed for Easter Tuesday Education holiday |
| Tuesday 9 April | - Student Led Conferences 1.00 - 5.00pm |
| Wednesday 10 April | - Student Led Conferences - 1.00 - 8.00pm |
| Friday 12 April | - School closes at 3pm - End of Term 1 |

2024 TERM DATES

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| <i>Wednesday 31 January</i> | <i>to</i> | <i>Friday 12 April</i> |
| <i>Monday 29 April</i> | <i>to</i> | <i>Friday 5 July</i> |
| <i>Monday 22 July</i> | <i>to</i> | <i>Friday 27 September</i> |
| <i>Monday 14 October</i> | <i>to</i> | <i>Friday 15 December 2024</i> |