

BBI DECEMBER NEWSLETTER 2023



FRIDAY 1 DECEMBER 2023

Kia ora

PYP / IB EXHIBITION DAY

Visitors are welcome from 4.00pm to 5.50pm on Monday 4 December.

BBI COMMUNITY SHOWCASE

On Friday 17 November we hosted our first ever Community Showcase. Residents from ten local retirement villages were invited to attend alongside BBI friends and family members. It was a successful event with an audience of approximately 90 people.

The concert opened with a strong set from our very impressive Kapa haka group. This was followed by the BBI orchestra who dazzled us with the 1st movement from Mozart's Symphony No. 25. The Korean Fan Dance was mesmerising. Student-led Pasifika items completed the first half. The Chamber Orchestra provided ambient music through the intermission while guests enjoyed afternoon tea, created and served by some of our very capable food extension students.

The second half included several superb dance items from the Hip Hop, Jazz, and Aerobics crews. We were privileged to view the Cheerleading squad's award winning performance. Visually striking Wearable Art creations were modelled in a brief runway show, and the choir entertained with 'Pie Jesu' and 'Time After Time.' As you can well imagine, this fabulous lineup was well received by our guests.

Thank you to all the performers and staff who made the Community Showcase a very special event for our local community.

PROPERTY

We are excited to have a number of building works happening during the December school holidays. The Board is funding the build of two new classrooms, plus a new cultural and meeting room. There will also be remedial work on weathertightness issues in the Performing Arts Centre and Music Room. We are working hard to ensure that this work will be completed by the start of school 2024.

END OF YEAR REPORTS

Reports will go live between **8th, 9th and 10th December 2023**. 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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PARENT PORTAL

It is really important that all parents can access the Parent Portal via our website. Currently, the portal is used for communication, making payments, and accessing school reports. For your convenience and sustainability, we are now including online permissions. Please keep your log in and password in a safe place. Should you be unable to log in, please email office@bbi.school.nz with your child's details so we can reset your password.

JAPAN 2024.

It is with great excitement that Bucklands Beach Intermediate School, along with Farm Cove Intermediate and Pigeon Mountain Primary School, is offering an opportunity to travel to Japan in May 2024. An expression of interest form will be available to all students.

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 31 January, 2024.

IB PYP INFORMATION

Year 7 Classroom Programme

The Year 7 classes are almost finished with their final unit of inquiry, How we organise ourselves. Students have inquired into the central idea of 'Individuals influence group outcomes'. Throughout this unit, students have worked in groups to create a small business plan before working as a class to produce two stalls, for our Year 7 Stalls Day on Friday 1st December. We are looking forward to the Stalls Day and wish all classes success at Friday's event. The students should be able to see their efforts flourish and understand the roles within small businesses. Thank you to the teachers and parents who supported this learning experience.

Each whānau also ran their version of a student-led sports rotation where students took on different roles within a team and competed in a fun tournament. We would like to say a big thank you to both Touch NZ and Howick & Pakuranga Netball for supporting our student-led sports rotation and providing coaching to our students. Each whānau is in the final stages of the competition and will hold their final day over the next week or so. Good luck to all teams.

Year 8 Classroom Programme

Monday 4th December, we will see our Year 8 cohort present their learning from the last 10 weeks. 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 has collated their learning by either creating a website or producing a scrapbook and has crafted a visual and oral presentation that documents their learning journey.

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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 advice would you give to the Year 7 students for 2024?
- 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 has supported our students through their learning journey over the last 10 weeks. It has been a community effort, and we appreciate the time and effort you have put into helping our students shine and grow as young citizens and future leaders.

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 2023 academic year on your personal device by going to the Toddle. At this stage, it is only possible to download through the web platform from the student profile section. 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

E-WASTE COLLECTION

Electronic waste is the fastest growing waste stream in the world today, with about 85% of the population owning devices. It is estimated that this e-waste is set to double by 2050. As part of our Year 8 exhibition, students are taking meaningful local action to raise awareness and make a difference to our community around their selected issue. As our students are passionate about this issue, we are running a joint collection for e-waste items listed below from Monday 27th November - Tuesday 5th December. Items can be dropped off to the BBI school office during the day, or students can deliver them to Room 27 before school. Please only donate items that can be collected as part of the collection.

- Laptops, mobile phones, desktop computers, cables, modems
- Flat Screens TV's Computer Monitors
- Hard Drives
- Scanners, shredders

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LEGO COLLECTION

We are also looking at ways students can be hands-on during morning tea and lunchtime. During the summer holidays, our school library is having an upgrade, and we would like to add a maker-space section to it. We are looking for genuine LEGO parts you are no longer need. Any donations will be gratefully received the BBI Office.

UNIFORM

As the year comes to and end, it is important our uniform is still worn with pride and correctly. Please see the [Parent Handbook](#) on our website.

SECOND HAND UNIFORM SHOP

Our second hand uniform shop has very limited stock so we would really appreciate any donated clean uniforms. Please drop items off at the office at any time between Monday 11 and Thursday 14 December. The second hand uniform shop will open for sales only, on Tuesday afternoons from 3.00pm to 3.30pm. Depending on availability, we will let you know if there will be an end of term second hand sale. Please email Traci traci@bbi.school.nz, our school secretary, if you have any questions.

In this edition of SchoolTV - SCHOOL TRANSITIONS

Whether it is starting school for the first time, moving up to a higher grade or embarking on a journey through secondary school, there is no doubt that any school transition is a very exciting time for children and parents. It means your children are growing up!

However, transitioning is an ongoing process. It can continue long after students have entered their new environment and may encounter difficulties at a number of different stages. These stressors may appear as anxiety and frustration and result in negative or disruptive behaviours. Such behaviours can become problematic making the transitioning process even more difficult for children and parents.

In this edition of SchoolTV, parents will learn practical strategies to assist your child during the transition process and reduce stress and anxiety levels.

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 School Transitions edition of SchoolTV
<https://bbi.nz.schooltv.me/newsletter/school-transitions>



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SPORT

CHEERLEADING

On Sunday 5th November our cheerleading team competed in the last competition of the season, the NZ Nationals. We competed in the Intermediate schools division and came 1st. As winners, we were then in contention for the overall Grand Champs out of all the school teams, Primary, Intermediate and High schools. WE WON! Due to our win, we were then eligible for Super Grand Champs against the Australian school teams at their competition held on the 12th November in Sydney and Brisbane. WE WON! This is an amazing achievement for the team and the 1st time the BBI has been crowned Super Grand Champs. We are very proud of the team.

TOUCH RUGBY

We entered three teams in the South Eastern Zone Touch Rugby tournament which was held on Thursday 2nd November. Well done to all our teams who displayed great team spirit and enjoyed their day out. These were the results:

Girls team - 2nd

Boys team - 3rd

Mixed team - 3rd

BBI ATHLETICS

This year we decided to hold two Athletics Days - on the 1st November we held the Year 8 day and on the 8th November we held the Year 7 day. We were lucky to have good weather for both of these events, and all the students had a fun day. 58 students qualified for the South Eastern Zone Athletics Championships which was held at Mt Smart stadium. Well done to all the students who gave their best effort. We will have 24 students representing BBI at the Auckland Interzone Championships.

THANK YOU

A special thank you to all the staff and parents who have helped with our sports teams this year. We really appreciate your time and effort with coaching, managing, transporting students, score keeping, and cheering from the sidelines. With this support we are able to offer our students a wide range of sporting opportunities, and are very grateful to everyone for their help .

Diane Parkinson
Principal

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TERM 4 DATES TO NOTE *(Subject to change)*

Friday 1 December	12.10 - 1.40pm Year 7 Stalls day
Monday 4 December	11am-12pm and 1:45pm-2:45pm Year 8 Exhibition Day Presentations
Monday 4 December	4.00 - 5.50pm - Year 8 Exhibition Presentations - in the hall
Thursday 7 December	Last day for After School Care in the Library
Friday 8 December	Prize giving - 11.00am - Year 7, 1.30pm - Year 8's
Sunday 10 December	NASA Trip Departs
Monday 11 to Thursday 14 December	Mufti days - If you wish to donate uniforms - please wash and drop off at the office
Tuesday 12 December	5.30pm Board meeting
Tuesday 12 December	Year 8 Formal - 6.30 - 8.30pm
Wednesday 13 December	Year 7 Big Day In, and Year 8 Big Day out
Thursday 14 December	12.00pm - The school closes at 12 noon for the holidays

2024 PROPOSED TERM DATES

Wednesday 31 January	to	Friday 12 April
Monday 29 April	to	Friday 5 July
Monday 22 July	to	Friday 27 September
Monday 14 October	to	Tuesday 17 December <i>(End of term date to be confirmed)</i>