

# BBI APRIL NEWSLETTER 2022



Friday 1 April 2022

Dear Parents and Caregivers.

This is the final newsletter for this term. I would like to thank EVERYONE for their support during this difficult time. I do hope we will return next term refreshed and moving back to a more “normal” way of life.

## **CONGRATULATIONS TO DEPUTY PRINCIPAL, Robbie Perreau**

It is with both regret and pride that I announce that our Deputy Principal, Mr Robbie Perreau, has won a Principal position at Glenbrae School in Glen Innes. I congratulate and wish him all the very best for the future. He will be leaving at the beginning of Term 2 this year.

## **3-WAY CONFERENCES**

You will all have received the letter advising of our 3-way conferences. These are on Wednesday 6 April and Thursday 7 April. School will close early at 12.10pm these days. Please ensure that you have completed the notice and that your child has handed it to their class teacher.

## **END OF TERM – EARLY CLOSE AT 2.15PM**

The school will close early at 2.15pm for the Easter Holidays **on Thursday 14 April**. This enables those who may be leaving Auckland time to get away early. If on this day you need to collect your child earlier, please ensure that this is organised in advance with the teacher and that the student is aware, and signed out, and ready at the office. **The library will not be open for After School Care on this day.**

## **BLANKETS FOR KIDS INITIATIVE**

The Blanket for Kids appeal was organised to provide winter warmth for children in needy families. Last year Howick Rotary helped to support the appeal, receiving more than 350 blankets to donate to local charities, All Saints Anglican Church and Stand Children’s Services. Around 20-30 of the blankets were hand-woven from groups within the local area. The hand-woven blankets and teddy bears were given to Little More - the Middlemore Infant Birth Department.

This year, to support this initiative, the BBI School Leaders have decided to create a knitting group where students will knit squares which will then be made into blankets to donate. In addition to the knitting group, we are collecting blanket donations from our community. Donated blankets can be dropped in at the BBI Office between 8am-3:30pm during school days. All blankets will then be donated to the Blanket for Kids Appeal to the children in need of a blanket this winter.

## **Cafe / TUCKSHOP**

This will be open. Students are asked to pre order their lunches between 8.15am and 8.40am from the tuckshop. Menus are available in the classroom from the office.

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## CAMP 2022

We have bookings held with Motutapu as follows:

Miro 26 to 29 July

Kowhai 29 July to 2 August

Nikau 2 August to 5 August

Before we are able to confirm departure and arrival times, we are waiting on Sealink to confirm their winter timetable with us. We will then be in a position to confirm details with you by the beginning of next term.

## THANK YOU TO FO GUANG SHAN BUDDHIST TEMPLE

Thank you so much to our friends at Fo Guang Shan Buddhist Temple for your generous donation of 300 RATs. We greatly appreciate your kindness. With 65 staff at BBI, the 40 received from the Ministry of Education did not go far!

## SECOND HAND UNIFORM SALES

**At this stage there are no second hand uniform sales.** Should you need a second hand uniform urgently, please email the office with your requirements – including size, [office@bbi.school.nz](mailto:office@bbi.school.nz) and we will endeavour to organise this, provided items are in stock.

## DONATION FROM ATHLETES FOOT

Thank you to our friends from The Athlete's Foot in Botany, who delivered boxes of sports equipment as a result of their School Rewards Program. We would like to thank our local community who nominated BBI when purchasing shoes from their store, and of course, thank you to The Athlete's Foot for supporting local schools.

## PARKING AND COLLECTING STUDENTS FROM SCHOOL

We have been requested by our neighbours to remind parents please not to park over driveways on Bucklands Beach Road. There is a school "drop off" area, but if at all possible please organise to meet students well away from the BBI road area.

## AFTER SCHOOL CLASSES

The after school classes have been well supported and attended. There will be no After School Classes on the afternoons of the 3-Way Conferences (Wednesday 6 April and Thursday 7 April), and on the last day of term – Thursday 14 April when school closes at 2.15pm)

If you have any queries, please email Mrs Lynette Dimond [lynette@bbi.school.nz](mailto:lynette@bbi.school.nz). Please ensure that students are collected or walk home immediately after the After School Classes finish.



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## SPORT REPORT

Despite South Eastern Zone sport being cancelled in Term 1, BBI has continued to trial and train several teams. Every morning & lunchtime, most areas of the school are busy with teams preparing for upcoming events. The Hockey Academy is training several times a week, so are the after school basketball teams. Auditions are well underway for the Jazz dance, Aerobics and Cheerleading groups. The AIMS Hip Hop team meets twice a week at 7am in preparation for a competition in Tauranga in June. Trials are well underway for football and netball. These teams will be confirmed before the end of the term. A very popular skateboarding programme also commenced this month.

In March, the A Grade Swimming Competition took place. Congratulations to the following students:

### Year 7 Girls

1st - Gariad Chan  
2nd - Rebecca Wang  
3rd - Bianca Chow

### Year 7 Boys

1st - Cody Tang  
2nd - Li-En Downs  
3rd - Blake Wang

### Year 8 Girls

1st - Kiri Yamagami  
2nd - Kymond Chan  
3rd - Dhruva Sisodia

### Year 8 Boys

1st - Morgan Reynolds  
2nd - Peter Lu  
3rd - Aidan Taylor

Recently, our Year 8 classes participated in sailing lessons organised by the Bucklands Beach Yacht Club. Students were taught the fundamentals of how to sail. Back in the classroom, students learned about the importance of water safety.

Due to Covid restrictions easing, we are hopeful that sporting competitions will proceed at some stage in the near future. Term 2 will be very busy with many sports on offer. These include; tennis, indoor cricket, netball, football, badminton, rugby, table tennis, hockey, gymnastics, dance, basketball and futsal.

## SPORTS HOODIES

Sports hoodies will arrive in early May for those families who placed an order this term. There will be another opportunity to purchase a hoodie in June.

## SPOTLIGHT ON WELLBEING

### SPECIAL REPORT: The Conflict in Ukraine

Around the world, people are saddened and devastated by the events unfolding in Ukraine. Both adults and young people alike are feeling the stresses of war from afar as they experience fear, frustration and helplessness. The 24-hour news cycle has shown us upsetting images raising many questions, especially for our young people, about what is happening.



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Parents and caregivers need to be guided by their child's curiosity. There is strong evidence to suggest that having a supportive discussion about a stressful event in a developmentally appropriate way, can actually decrease distress. It's best to "name it, to tame it." This will also combat any misinformation to which they have most likely already been exposed to through social media, pictures or video clips.

Children need to know that they are being taken seriously. So it is recommended that you don't avoid the difficult questions. Ensure you address their questions honestly and sensitively. With less life experience than adults, young people may need help navigating news about this crisis. Use this as an opportunity to model and encourage compassionate views towards fellow humans, regardless of distance or circumstance.

This Special Report offers guidance on how best to discuss the conflict in Ukraine. We hope you take a moment to reflect on the information offered, and as always, we welcome your feedback. If this raises any concerns for you, a loved one or the wellbeing of your child, please seek medical or professional help.

Here is the link to your special report [https://bbi.nz.schooltv.me/wellbeing\\_news/special-report-conflict-ukraine-nz](https://bbi.nz.schooltv.me/wellbeing_news/special-report-conflict-ukraine-nz)

We would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank Michael and Victoria Ellse of Ray White Real Estate for their ongoing sponsorship of this wellbeing platform. Their generous support enables us to continue to share invaluable information with you, friends and Whānau. To contact Michael, please phone mob. 021 978 344.

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 this month's edition:

<https://bbi.nz.schooltv.me/newsletter/understanding-adolescence>

Resources we have shared in the past can also be accessed via our BBI website. Simply click on 'our community' then the drop-down box 'wellbeing'.

Diane Parkinson  
**Principal**

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**No Sport or SEZ dates are entered at this stage**

## Term 1 Dates to note:

<b>Wednesday 6 April</b>	<b>12.10pm – School closes for Student led Conferences</b>
Wednesday 6 April	1.00pm – 5.00pm Student Led Conferences
<b>Thursday 7 April</b>	<b>12.10pm – School closes for Student led Conferences</b>
Thursday 7 April	1.00 – 8.00pm Student Led Conferences
<b>Thursday 14 April</b>	<b>2.15pm – Early Close due to Easter holidays</b>
<b>Thursday 14 April</b>	<b>End of Term 1</b>

## Term Dates for 2022

Wednesday 2 February	to	Thursday 14 April – closing at 2.15pm due to Easter Holidays
Monday 2 May	to	Friday 8 July
Monday 25 July	to	Friday 30 September
Monday 17 October	to	Friday 14 December at 12.15pm

## TEACHER ONLY DAYS 2022

Friday 3 June  
Friday 25 November

Some people are already enquiring about 2023 Term dates. The start date and last day of the year are not yet confirmed. These are the dates currently set by the Ministry of Education.

## 2023 Term Dates

Term 1	(Monday 30 Jan - Tuesday 7 Feb - TBC)	to	Thursday 6 April (Friday is Easter)
Term 2	Monday 24 April	to	Friday 30 June
Term 3	Monday 17 July	to	Friday 22 September
Term 4	Monday 9 October	to	Wednesday 20 December (latest)



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