

Bucklands Beach Intermediate

September Newsletter 2025

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

Kia ora

A Fond Farewell: Nicky Stewart Retires After 30 Years of Dedicated Service

After three decades of keeping our school running smoothly, Nicky is retiring from her role as Executive Officer. We are incredibly grateful for her tireless dedication, organisational expertise, and warm welcome to our school community. Over the past 30 years, Nicky has been the familiar face at the front office, supporting students, parents, and staff with a smile and a solution. Nicky has had a remarkable career and we wish her a well-deserved rest.



Principal Sabbatical

Diane Parkinson is currently on a well-earned sabbatical. She will return to BBI on Monday the 13th of October. For any urgent correspondence please contact Debbie Allan or Will Roper who will be on Acting Principal duties during this time.

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.

IB PRIMARY YEARS PROGRAMME - SURVEY

Last Monday, we sent an email with a survey for parents, caregivers and whānau to complete. If you haven't yet done so, please complete it by Friday, 5th September - [Click here](#).

Aotearoa Knowledge-a-thon

Last Monday, we launched our annual knowledge-a-thon. Students are encouraged to learn and practice the questions in preparation for our school-wide test on Wednesday or Thursday in Week 9. Link to the information is [here](#).

Key Dates

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

Week 8 (AIMS Week)

Monday 1 to Friday 5 September AIMS Games

Week 9

Tuesday 9 Sept Mathex vs Primary Schools
Wednesday 10 Sept APSMO4 Mathex Competition
Friday 12 September SEZ Basketball

Week 10

Wednesday 17 Sept Year 8 Careers Event
Friday 19 September 3.00pm End of Term 3

2025 Term Dates

Term 3 - Monday 14 Jul to Friday 19 Sep
Term 4 - Monday 06 Oct to Friday 10 Dec

Curriculum Days

School is closed to students:
Tuesday 28 October (after Labour Day weekend)

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

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 12.15. 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.



Te Ara Kāhui Ako Kapa Haka Festival

Venue - Macleans College
(The Sports Dome)

2 Macleans Road, Bucklands Beach, Auckland

Date - Thursday 16 October

Time - 12.15pm - 3.00pm

Schools performing - Macleans College, Bucklands Beach Intermediate,
Bucklands Beach Primary, Macleans Primary, Mellons Bay Primary,
Owairoa Primary School, Pigeon Mountain Primary



BBI Travelling Play

The talented cast of our school play 'Twice Upon a Time' toured the primary schools of the Bucklands Beach Kāhui Ako between the 25th and 28th August. Despite some winter illness, they did a marvellous job supporting one another with last minute changes and the performances were well received by the four schools and Metlifecare retirement village.

There will be an evening performance for the BBI community at 6pm on Monday 8th September. Tickets are available from the school office for \$5 before 9am and after 3pm. The show is approximately one hour in length. There will also be a matinee cushion concert performance for BBI students for a gold coin koha on Tuesday 9th September.

Rehu Tai Speech Competition

Congratulations to Rhys Wai Poi on his recent first place in the 2025 Rehu Tai Speech category. We really enjoyed his speech and commend him on the depth of thinking in his concepts.

Classroom Programme

YEAR 7 CLASSROOM PROGRAMME

We are now in How we organise ourselves, which will run until Week 2, Term 4. Classes are working towards creating a business plan for our Year 7 Stalls Day in Term 4. Check out Toddle for an update on what is happening in your child's classroom.

YEAR 8 CLASSROOM PROGRAMME

Our Year 8 Exhibition unit starts in Week 9, Term 3. Each whānau has organised trips to hook our students into the exhibition. There will be a parent information evening on Wednesday, 8th October, at 6pm in the BBI Library, where you will learn about the exhibition and how you can support it at home.

School Timetable

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

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

School TV

In this edition of SchoolTV - [Anxiety and Young People](#)

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.

Fundraising

Entertainment Book - [Click here](#)

BBI Beanie - Available on Kindo Shop

Kindo

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](#)

Sport Report

NETBALL

On Friday 1st August, six BBI teams competed at the SEZ Netball tournament at Auckland Netball Centre. It was a good day out with some amazing Netball matches and great results. A big thank you to all the coaches of the teams, and to the parents who came out and supported our teams.

Final placings:

2nd: Year 8 Gold

3rd: Year 8 Navy

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2nd: Year 7 Boys

4th: Year 8 Boys

Our Year 8 Gold team then went on to compete at the Auckland Champs Netball on Thursday 14th August. They had some hard fought matches finishing 6th overall, and enjoyed getting some extra match practice before heading to AIMS.

Auckland Champs Hockey

On Tuesday 5th August (Boys team) and Thursday 7th August (Girls team) our Hockey teams played in the Auckland Champs Hockey tournaments at North Harbour Hockey Stadium. Both teams played with good team spirit and enjoyed playing other teams from the Auckland zone. The boys team came 9th and the girls team came 8th.

Table Tennis

On Thursday 21st August we took 8 boys and 4 girls to Farm Cove Intermediate for the SEZ Table Tennis tournament. There was some great talent on show, and our team all played with good enthusiasm and supported each other.

Boys Singles:

1st - Ryan Xing

2nd - Mason Li

Girls Singles:

1st - Elise Chong

2nd - Katrina Ling

Auckland Champs Cross Country

12 students competed at the Auckland Interzone Cross Country event at Pukekohe Stadium on Friday 22nd August. There was tough competition being up against the top runners for their age group in the whole Auckland zone, but all students gave their best effort and did well.

Cheerleading

The BBI Cheerleading team competed in their first competition of the year on Saturday 16th August. They won the Intermediate division and came second overall in the Grand Champs. Congratulations to all the girls, to Traci Burke for coaching and organising the team and to all the parents for their support.

AIMS GAMES

On Saturday 30th August, AIMS Games will begin. We have students competing in 18 different sports over the whole week. They have all been working hard and committing to training sessions and practice matches in preparation for AIMS. We wish all the students the best of luck and hope they enjoy their time away at AIMS. Thank you to all the teachers and parents who are helping with Coach and Manager roles, 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 will be an amazing experience for your child.

Diane Parkinson
Principal

