

Bucklands Beach Intermediate

APRIL Newsletter 2025



Tuesday 1 April 2025

Kia ora

YEAR 7 CAMP

Thank you to all the staff and volunteers who attended the Year 7 Camps. This is an important tradition at our school. We do hope your child had an opportunity to bond with their whānau.

SURF CAMP

A Special opportunity was offered to two Year 8 classes. All in all, we hope new memories were created.

THREE-WAY CONFERENCES

We look forward to seeing you at our three-way conferences on 2nd and 3rd April. If you have not yet booked at time, go to www.schoolinterviews.co.nz or contact us for assistance.

- Enter the school code ac7uk to book a 15-minute 3-way Conference with your child's classroom teacher.
- Enter the school code sd87m to book a 10-minute meeting with the maths extension specialist, ESOL, or Principal/D.P

During our three-way conferences, Paper Plus Howick will be hosting a fantastic book fair in our newly renovated library, Te Manawa! We warmly invite you and your child to drop in before or after your meeting to explore a wonderful selection of books. You'll have the opportunity to purchase a book to donate to our school, creating a lasting gift for future readers. In addition, your child's name will be proudly recorded in the donated book, and they'll get the special privilege of being the first to check it out! Your generosity will make a meaningful impact on our students' learning and love for reading. We can't wait to see you there!

OVERSEAS ADVENTURES

Japan parent meeting - Thursday 3 April at 5.30pm (online or in person)
NASA applications are now closed.

KINDO

On Tuesday, 8 April, a Kindo representative will be in the BBI Staffroom from 8.00am - 9.00am to support any parent, caregiver or whānau who needs support getting Kindo working on their phone. We strongly encourage all families to be connected to Kindo to access payments and, in Term 2, permission slips.

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SPECIAL REPORT: Social Media & Comparison Culture

Young people today are growing up in a world where exposure to other people's lives is constant. Through social media and other platforms, they are regularly presented with curated highlights - from flawless holiday photos and academic milestones to the latest fashion trends and fitness achievements. This continuous stream of idealised content fuels what is known as comparison culture, where self-worth is often measured by how someone stacks up against others.

For children and adolescents, who are still figuring out who they are, this culture can be particularly damaging. Constantly comparing their appearance, achievements, or social standing to friends, influencers, and even strangers can lead to unrealistic expectations and a skewed sense of self-worth. This relentless need to measure up can contribute to feelings of inadequacy, self-doubt, and anxiety - undermining both confidence and emotional wellbeing.

It's vital that parents and caregivers understand how deeply comparison culture can influence a child's self-perception and sense of value. Left unchecked, it can foster perfectionism and a dependence on external validation, where a 'like' or comment becomes the measure of their worth.

The good news is, families have a powerful role to play in helping young people navigate these challenges. This Special Report will help you empower your child to build the resilience and confidence needed to navigate today's comparison-driven world and embrace their own unique path.

Here is the link to your Special Report [Social Media Comparison Culture](#)

FUNDRAISER - ENTERTAINMENT BOOK

Purchase a digital version of the Entertainment Book, and 20% of every membership will support our BBI fundraiser. The Entertainment Book offers deals on food, drink and entertainment all around Auckland, NZ and Australia, depending on the membership. Single city or multi-city memberships are available. Order now: <https://subscribe.entertainmentnz.com/fundraiser/993j57>

FUNDRAISER - PIZZA LUNCH

We are holding a pizza lunch fundraiser on Friday, 4 April. All funds raised will go towards the Student Leader initiatives. Pizzas must be pre-ordered on Kindo by 8.40am on Wednesday, 2 April. Three options of pizza: cheese, pepperoni or vege trio. Unfortunately, we are unable to cater to specific dietary requirements or needs. Pizza will be purchased from Dominos Pizza. Pricing is two slices for \$4.00 / four slices for \$7.00 / eight slices (whole pizza) for \$12.00. Remember to 'check out' on Kindo in order to complete your purchase. Students can collect their pizza from the Food Tech room at 12:45 pm on Friday 4th April.

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PARENT WORKSHOPS

On Wednesday, 2nd April, and Thursday, 3rd April, we will hold parent workshops by Miss Anita Leeuw, PYP Curriculum Coordinator, anita@bbi.school.nz, for parents wishing to learn more about the Primary Years Programme and Coaching.

Primary Years Programme - Information Session

An introduction to the Primary Years Programme workshop will unpack how we construct and integrate our Programme of Inquiry within the classroom programme. This workshop will be held from 4.00pm to 5.00pm on Wednesday, 2nd April and Thursday, 3rd April, in the Performing Arts Centre.

Coaching - Parent Workshop

An introduction to coaching: The BBI website briefly overviews coaching and the framework we use to help students create I-SMART goals. The workshop will explain and model the coaching framework and run from 1.00pm to 2.00pm on Thursday, April 3rd, in the Performing Arts Centre.

YEAR 7 CLASSROOM PROGRAMME

Our Year 7 classes have moved into the second unit of inquiry, Who we are. Connecting our experiences from camp to learning goals, classes have 4 weeks where they inquire into how experiences develop our self-awareness. The first week of the unit saw our whānau hook our students in with various provocations. Check out Toddle for evidence of learning over the next few weeks.

YEAR 8 CLASSROOM PROGRAMME

In Week 7, our Year 8 classes welcomed Daniel Tizzard-Close into our school, where he took each class for an instructor-led session and shared his vast range of artefacts connected to our Where we are in place and time unit of inquiry, around differing ideas that drive change for civilisations. Students were engaged in his sessions, taking notes and asking thought provoking questions. As we move further into the unit, students are making connections between the local, national and global events that society has responded to and the outcomes these changes have had on society.

AT HOP CARD - STUDENTS USING THE BUS

Please remind your children to always tag on and off the school bus with their AT HOP card. This means Auckland Transport can accurately track the numbers of students on buses and adjust services where necessary. Another tip is to enable the auto-top up feature on your child's AT HOP card. This means the balance will automatically top up once it falls below a figure you set.

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LIBRARY

Our School Library is open at 8.00am daily. The After School Care is from 3.15 to 4.30pm Monday to Thursdays. Permission slips are required for After School Care in the Library. This is the link to download the permission form for the library:

[Click here](#)

YEAR 8 GARDASIL VACCINATIONS

The first dose of two takes place on Wednesday, 9 April for those students with permission. Please watch the video with your child if you have not already done so. [Protection against Human Papillomavirus](#)

SPORT

TERM 1 SPORT

TAG Rugby

On Tuesday 25th February we took a girls and boys team to the SEZ TAG tournament at Barry Curtis Park. It was a great day filled with lots of competitive matches against some strong opposition, and good BBI team spirit. Both the girls and boys teams finished 7th overall. Thanks to Mr Hogg and Mr Rhodes for taking the teams.

Softball

We had 4 teams entered in the SEZ Softball tournament hosted by Howick Softball Club. The Year 7 and Year 8 Girls teams competed on Monday 3rd March. The Year 7 and Year 8 Boys teams took part on Wednesday 5th March. All teams gave their best effort, played in a good spirit and were supported by Mrs Cleary, Mrs Beckhaus, Mr Neal and Mr Aukett.

Swimming

From our A Grade swimming competition we had 15 swimmers compete in the SEZ champs at Lloyd Elsmore Pool on Wednesday 19th March. From this event we have 12 students who have qualified for the Auckland Interzone Champs in Epsom, which will be held on Wednesday 2nd April. We look forward to seeing them compete against the other top swimmers in the Auckland area.

In the last 2 weeks of this term we will have teams competing in the SEZ Tennis tournament, and SEZ Orienteering competition.

Diane Parkinson
Principal

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DATES TO NOTE 2025 (Please note: these dates are subject to change, please always check the [BBI Calendar online](#) for up-to-date information.)

TERM 1 2025

Wednesday 2 April	AAIMS Swimming
Wednesday 2 April	12.00 pm School closes for Three Way Conferences
Wednesday 2 April	1.00 - 5.00pm - Three Way Conferences
Thursday 3 April	Otago Problem Challenge 1 (Mathex)
Thursday 3 April	12.00 pm - School closes for Three Way Conferences
Thursday 3 April	1.00 - 8.00pm - Three Way Conferences
Friday 4 April	SEZ Tennis (Boys)
Friday 4 April	Lunch time - Pizza Lunch fundraiser
Sunday 6 April	Orienteering Sprint Finals
Tuesday 8 April	SEZ Orienteering at Lloyd Elsmore
Wednesday 9 April	SEZ Tennis
Friday 11 April	3.00pm - End of Term 1

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)