

Buckland's Beach Primary School November 2015 Newsletter

Dear Parents

Special greetings are extended to our new children and their families: Alanna Marais, Johnny Zhou, Ian Lee, Willow Johnson, Finn Kilgallon, Freya Kilgallon, Minnie Zhu, Nicholas Cao, Gloria Fifita, William Edmondson, Eddie Yao, Sarah Attraqchi & Dina Attraqchi.



Board of Trustees News

The Board is reviewing Health & Safety in preparation for new changes in the law. It has been agreed that a school parent, Noel Boulton (Safety IQ Ltd) will coach the leadership team in this review, and the board is very grateful for this voluntary support.

Negotiations over completion of the Library / Information Centre are almost over, and it shouldn't be long before we start moving in. How exciting!

The next board meeting is scheduled for 16th November.

PTA News

There is a meeting tonight 7.30pm in the staffroom and it would be great to see new faces! Please think about coming along.

I highly recommend all parents attend the John Cowan (The Parenting Centre) night, Tuesday 10th November 7pm for 7.30pm start. All parents will be inspired and entertained as John gives us ideas on how to build resilience in our children.

This is so important an event that the PTA are providing it free of charge, in recognition of the wonderful support for fundraising given by our community. They are providing childcare for those families who really need it, but you need to book at the office well in advance for this.

Family Fun Night – 20th November, 5-7.30pm. Let's Farewell the Top Field in style. We hope you are all attending.

Please keep those Jolly Jars coming it. And any offers of help on that night are greatly appreciated.

Lastly, we hope those Raffle Tickets are selling themselves fast :o) Money and ticket butts to be returned on Monday 16th November.

Staff News

Robyn Millinchip will retire from her current leadership and teaching role at the end of the year. She has plans to travel and will assist the school as a relieving teacher in the future. Robyn has contributed in many areas of school life and we thank her for all her work and wish her well. Debbie Rist will lead the Middle School in 2016, joining us from Elm Park School.

Health & Safety

Summer Uniform

Children should all be in summer uniform now and your support in ensuring it is correctly worn is important. It is our expectation that all students wear footwear to and from school and wear hats. Please ensure items are named so they can be returned to owners. The quantity of un-named found property collected already this term is unbelievable! You can search for your child's missing clothing in the hallway between Rooms 3 & 4 in the main block.

Hats

We are a Sun Smart School so wearing hats when outside is important. Children are encouraged to apply sunscreen before coming to school in the mornings, and to bring more to school for re-application. The PTA supplies emergency sunscreen.

Sports Uniform

Year 3-6 children should have sports uniforms at school each day. It is a constant frustration when children are not organised with sports clothing. Please help your children to be organised by having their whanau shirt, shorts and runners (optional) in their bags every day.

Safety outside the school

It is reported that cars are speeding around the Waller Avenue/Clovelly Road corner, so if your child crosses here, please rehearse safe crossing practices with them. If you drive this way, please slow down and watch for children crossing.

Daylight Saving & Bedtimes!

Learning carries on right into the last weeks of the year! Please ensure children get to bed on time despite daylight saving, so they can benefit from opportunities provided. Thanks!

Sports News

All the school are currently enjoying an athletics rotation in preparation for the school athletics day.

Touch rugby: BBPS entered a senior team into the HPPA field day and surprised everyone by knocking out the two favoured teams and finishing at the top of their

pool. After relinquishing a 4-1 lead in the second half and with scores level at full-time, a golden point saw the valiant BBPS team knocked out of the semi-final. Team work and a positive attitude were the core of the team's success and they have now been challenged to play Pigeon Mountain on the 12th November.

Kids Marathon: On Sunday the 1st of November after watching the mighty All Blacks retain the World Cup, 58 BBPS runners lined up at the Auckland Marathon to complete the final 2.195 kms of their marathon. These students have been running regularly in the mornings to build up to the marathon distance and they have been improving their fitness and speed with every run. Thanks go out to all of the parents and caregivers who have enabled their child/ren to get to school in the mornings for these runs as well as getting them to Victoria Park on Sunday morning. We were all very proud to see our athletes coming across the finish line to collect their medals. A special mention goes to Oliver Downs who won his age division by one second with a super fast 7m 22s! Congratulations all Kids marathon participants! Many thanks also to Nick Chamberlain for his leadership of the team.

Enviro News

The School Switchit Crew are regularly monitoring our school's use of power and we are finding that most classrooms turn their lights and IWB projectors off at morning tea and lunchtimes. We still aim to be 100% conservative.

Solar Panels: Vector will install our new solar panel system in January ready for the 2016 school year. Thanks to all who voted for BBPS!

Rm 9 and 10 Gardens: Have you seen the friendly caterpillar by the sandpit? If not, then check it out! He is colourful and this area of the school looks like there have been a lot of sustainable actions by empowered students and staff. Fabulous!

Orchard and Pool area: Thank you to Kelvin Davies who gave up several hours of his time to help maintain the quality of our 64 fruit trees. Feed and fertiliser were carefully added with water 6 weeks after the initial planting. We need parents who will use the pool area this summer to help by watering the new trees.

We would love some more volunteers who could help fight the weeds and help maintain our school grounds. Please see Mr Rist, Mrs Bayer or Mrs Riach in Room 1 if you can help.

Building Resilience in Children

Make sure you attend the John Cowan evening! An event not to be missed!

Upcoming Events

MIDDLE SCHOOL MARKET DAY - The Middle School Market Day is in Week 7 - Thursday 26 November. Middle School students are preparing for their Market Day. Students will be involved in all aspects of the planning, organising and running of the day from deciding on products and services, merchandising and advertising. Students will be able to buy tickets for the Market Day from Monday of Week 6 (16 November). A notice with more information will follow. The last Market Day was a huge success and raised money for the SPCA.

Kind regards

Dorothy Bigwood

Community Notices

Peter Gower NZ Ltd Importers of Kitchenware and Homeware annual Clearance sale. Up to 80% off Retail. Great brands and deals. 88G Harris Road East Tamaki. Friday 6 November 9 -5.30pm and Saturday 7 Nov 9 -2.00pm.

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