

Bucklands Beach Primary School October 2015 Newsletter

Dear Parents



Special greetings are extended to our new children and their families: Caesar Johansson Hagen, Nancy Zeng, William Zeng, Isabella Saunders, Neve Turner, Jordin Cassel, Sofia Moran & Cooper Slade.

Staff News

Mrs Michelle Murray-Brown teaching in Room 11 Monday-Thursday with Mrs Vicki Burgess on Fridays are both welcomed back for term 4.

Mrs Rebecca Trotter is also welcomed back from maternity leave, continuing her role as Sports Specialist, 2 days per week.

Board of Trustees News

The next board meeting is scheduled for Monday 19 October 7.00 p.m., in the staffroom.

PTA News

The PTA meets tomorrow, **Tuesday 13 October 7.30 p.m.** in the staffroom. All welcome, please join in and help your school community.

John Cowan from "The Parenting Centre" will talk about **building resilience in children**. He is an entertaining speaker, not to be missed! All parents are encouraged to attend. The PTA are supporting this event. There is no charge, and tea, coffee and cake at half time. *Please diary it now!! **Tuesday 10 November***.

Family Fun Night Friday 20 November 5 – 7.30 p.m. – a fun mini gala type night, with fun games, food and more. Many hands make light work, so please email the PTA if you can help even for an hour bbpspta@vodafone.co.nz. A **PTA Raffle** will be drawn at this event and there are some great prizes up for grabs!

Jolly Jars - We hope you have had fun putting these together over the holidays! Please return completed jars to the office.

Health & Safety

The school holds regular 'lock down' and 'evacuation' practices so please don't be alarmed if your child reports one of these. Should there be a real event we would inform the community.

Can you help with adventure playground supervision before school once a week for 20 minutes? We are very grateful to those parents who do! We need more volunteer parents to wear a fluoro jacket and supervise the adventure playground. Full support with how to supervise is available. Please see Mrs Robyn Millinchip in Room 13 if you are able to assist. Thanks in anticipation!

All students are expected to go straight home after school. Just recently some have been playing with their friends outside the hall, instead of going straight home. Please discuss with your child if this could apply.

Just a reminder of basic safety expectations:

- No scootering within the school grounds except on the trail. Helmets are recommended.
- The pedestrian crossing (Clovelly Rd) and splitter island (Waller Ave) should be used by children and parents if crossing near the school.
- Drivers need to comply with road rules and show patience when dropping off / collecting children.

Thanks for your support of these.

Learning & Teaching

Term 4 is exciting as we look forward to summer and Christmas, but we still have a whole quarter of the year's learning to complete! Please help your children to work

on goals and next steps so they make as much progress as possible.

Each team has planned interesting inquiries. The **Senior's** is "**Hauora**", a Maori term for health and well being, with input from Andrea Kane, a nutritionist and gym instructor. A middle school highlight is **Market Day** on 26 November. The Junior focus is healthy eating.

The **Life Education van** is at school 2–6 November.

The school seeks to meet **parents of all Maori and Pasifika students** at meetings scheduled for 23 November, so please diary this date now, if applicable. Invitations will follow later on.

Open morning 12 November 9am – 10.30am: Parents and grandparents are invited to an open morning and we hope many parents will take this opportunity to come and see the classrooms in action. You may be interested in seeing how the new school funded ipads are being used and how BYOD operates in the senior school.

Photolife School Photographs

Individual and class photos are scheduled for Week 2, Wednesday 21 October. Please ensure children are correctly dressed in summer uniform for this. Thanks.

Team and group photos are scheduled for Tuesday 27 October and children will be told by coaches/leaders if they are involved and what to wear for this.

Sports News

Basketball: well done to BBPS Knights and BBPS Force for a great term of basketball. We look forward to term 4 being as enjoyable and successful for you all. Thanks to our parents who coach/manage the teams.

Summer Hockey: we have two teams entered into the summer hockey league held at Lloyd Elsmore hockey stadium every Tuesday after

school. Good luck for a successful and enjoyable season.

Touch Field Day: we have a team entered into the tournament on 20 October. Good luck and thanks to Mr Chamberlain for organising and training the team.

Athletics: Senior school athletics day is on Friday 6 November, Middle school Athletics is on Friday 13 November. Inter school athletics is held in week 6, further details will be shared in a separate notice.

Interschool Cross Country Results:

Well done to everyone that represented BBPS in the recent Interschool Cross Country event. BBPS came first overall with the following results:

Individual Results

Oliver Downs	1st Year 4 Boys
Finnja Kamp	1st Year 4 Girls
Hana Rose	1st Year 5 Girls
Courtney Rimmer	3rd Year 5 Girls
Anneliese Parsons	2nd Year 6 Girls

Team Results

Year 4 girls Bucklands Beach	1st
Year 4 boys Bucklands Beach	1st
Year 5 girls Bucklands Beach	1st
Year 5 boys Bucklands Beach	3rd
Year 6 girls Bucklands Beach	3rd
Year 6 boys Bucklands Beach	1st

Enviro News

Spring is here! So is the blossom on our amazing fruit trees.

Orchard development - A small group of grandparents and parents along with the support of Mr Rist, planted the 16 FREE fruit trees donated from Kings Plant Barn, Botany in the last 2 weeks of Term 3.

The trees in our vast orchard of 64 fruit trees range from Prune and Persimmon to Peachcot and Ballerina Apples. They have been pruned, shaped and fertilised organically with compost

added. Further mulch will need to be added. Students have been enjoying lowering the pile and levelling mulch behind the middle school classrooms. We are trying to use rainwater from our three water tanks which adds to our sustainable practices at BBP.

Photo Art - The photo art has been ordered and should be in place around the school soon.

Students who took the winning artworks were awarded Whitcoulls vouchers in one of the last assemblies in Term 3.

Senior School:

1st Place: Grace McCaffrey
2nd Place: Finn Jackson
3rd place: Grace Murray- Brown

Middle School:

1st Place: Shenae Barnsley
2nd Place: Lily-Ann Sanileva
3rd place: Jackson Steele

Junior School:

1st Place: Hannah Boyes
2nd place: Julia Downs
3rd place: Noah Williams

Staff winner: Mrs Marlene Jackson
Well done to all who entered.

Garden to Table stall - Produce is being harvested so keep an eye out on Fridays at 3.00 p.m. over the next few weeks, silverbeet, beans, rhubarb, lettuces and cabbages plus worm tea will be fresh and ready for a gold coin donation.

We continue to require parent/grandparent support with our gardens at school so if anyone has 20 minutes of spare time then please see our caretaker, Mr Rist or Mrs Riach in Room 1.

Building Resilience in Children

Enclosed please find an article on children and social media by Michael Grose, for your

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interest. Although it is pitched for slightly older children it is good to have thought about issues, which may arise.

Community Notices

Bike The Bridge 2015 on Sunday 15 November. It's perfect for the family as anyone 11 years old and above has the opportunity to Bike over the Auckland Harbour Bridge and anyone under 11 can Bike The Northern Busway – it's a once a year opportunity to get access to these two iconic spaces for bikes. Check out www.bikethebridge.co.nz today.

"Screenies" is a new dedicated international film festival for NZ children. Over 4 days we will bring a selection of international short films from Little Big Shots in Australia and a taste of independent features for children from around the world. Screenies 2015 will take place 22–25 October at The Auckland Performing Arts Centre (TAPAC) in Western Springs, Auckland. Find out more at <http://screenies.nz/>

KidsLink.co.nz is an easy to use website designed to help you understand your child's needs and connect you to relevant, local, current and trusted service providers – services which help you with all your child's learning, behavioural, physical, extra-curricular and care needs.

KidsLink is owned and run by teachers who've experienced a vast array of children's changing needs from babies to young adults. They are focused on helping provide families with the right information to develop healthy, confident children so they can reach their full potential. Professional Services You Can Trust

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Kind regards

Dorothy Bigwood
Principal