



Bucklands Beach Primary School

BUCKLANDS BEACH PRIMARY SCHOOL SENIOR SCHOOL NEWSLETTER TERM 4 2018

"We are inquiring, connected, resilient and future focussed learners, who give 100%"

Dear Parents

Greetings from the Senior School. We are now looking forward to venturing into our final term for the year.

Important dates for the Senior School next term will be:

October

29th Year 6 Living Eggs arrive

November

1st Athletics Day

2nd Last day for Parent volunteers for the Year 6 2019 camp

5th Parent meeting re children's puberty talk

6th Road Patrol training/Year 6 Cup Cake Day/Art Exhibition/Class photo

8th Student puberty talk

13th Team photos/Girls cricket

14th Parent Helper morning tea

15th Parent night to learn about Linc Ed and our new reporting system

16th Interschool Athletics

20th Cupcake Day for Robotics

21st Road Patrollers trip to Rainbows End

23rd All books returned to the library

23rd Year 6 visit to BBI

30th EPro 8 Competition 9:30 Somerville Int

30th Last day for student camp forms and payment for the Year 6 2019 camp

December

4th PTA Sausage Sizzle

6th PTA meeting 1:45 pm - all welcome

7th Year 5 overnight camp at school

10th - 13th Bigfoot Bikes (Children invited to bring own bikes and helmets)

12th Year 6 Graduation 7 pm in school hall. Please can all children be at school by 6:15 pm

13th Year 6 Big Day Out

17th (Monday) School ends for the year (Children will need to be collected at 12:00 pm)

Term 4 Uniform

As the weather has now become warmer all students are required to be in summer uniform.

GIRLS

- Summer:**
- Blue check summer dress in regulation material and style.
 - Navy skirt in regulation material and style.
- or**
- Red polo shirt with striped collar in regulation material and style.
- and**
- Black 'school' sandals.
 - Regulation style navy sun hat or cap
- * Navy bike pants or shorts for PE (not to and from school)

BOYS

- Summer:**
- Navy shorts in regulation material and style.
 - Red polo shirt with striped collar in regulation material and style.
 - Black 'school' sandals.
 - Regulation style navy sun hat or cap
- * Navy shorts for PE (not to and from school)

Our school cap is available for sale at

John Russell Schoolwear

<http://www.johnrussellmenswear.co.nz/> 9 Moore street, **Howick**,

Please can you ensure that hats are named on the special tag inside.

Units of Inquiry

Last term we studied how people express their ideas, feelings, beliefs and values through the visual arts. All parents are welcome to attend the School Art Exhibition on the 6th November from 3:15 - 5:00 pm to see what the students have been learning. This is always a very enjoyable night.

Our unit of inquiry for this term will be

Central Idea: Humans use their understanding of Science and Technology to make use of energy

- different types of energy
- ways energy can be harness and transferred
- renewable energy
- energy types for the future

Key Concepts: Function (How does this work)
Related Concepts: Sustainability, Physics/Sources

School value: Responsibility
Main Learning Area: Science

As part of this study we have been fortunate to have Esther from Vector visit our school to talk about...! 'Stay Safe around Electricity' and 'Be Sustainable with Energy'.

Living Eggs

This week the Year 6 children had eggs arriving. These will hatch and will be part of the class programme for two weeks.

E Pro 8

We have a team of four children who won a final for the Epro 8 technology challenge. They will be representing our school in a Semi Final on the 30th November leaving school at 8:30am.

Maths

This term in Maths we will be focusing on Algebra, Multiplication/Division strategies, and Statistical data related to energy. The end of the term will focus on revision and problem solving. Please continue to use the Math Buddy site at home and regularly pose questions for your children to solve which involve everyday Maths problems.

Year 5 December Camp

All Year 5 children will be participating in a camp on our school grounds starting at 4:30pm on Friday 7th December until 9 am 8th December. Please ensure all permission forms and payment have been returned to your child's class teacher.

Year Six Big Day Out

The Year 6 Big Day Out will be held on Thursday 13th December leaving school at 9am. As an end of year celebration we have booked Skateland and Gravity. We will require parent help with transport and supervision. There will be a cupcake sale to cover costs on the 6th November. We ask that all Year 6 families help provide us with cupcakes to sell on this day. A permission notice about the Big Day Out will go out closer to the time.

Healthy Morning Teas and Lunches

As we are endeavouring to encourage healthy habits, please can you ensure your child has a bottle of fresh water daily. We also ask that you support your child in bringing healthy snacks and lunches. We are proud of our school environment so we ask that all rubbish and uneaten food is taken home. Where possible, please can you help your child to have 'nude food'. There are many lunch containers and recyclable beeswax lunch cloths which keep the food fresh without the use of Gladwrap.

Year 6 Graduation

The Year 6 Graduation this year will be held in the Bucklands Beach School hall at 7pm, Tuesday, 12th December. All Year 6 students will be required to be at this event. As this is a formal occasion all students are required to be in summer uniform and sandals. The girls will wear their light blue dress. More details about this event will be sent closer to the time.

Next Year's Year 6 Camp

Next year's Year 6 camp will be at the Christian Youth Camp, in Ngaruawahia. Our booking for camp is on the second week of term one, from **Monday 11th February to Thursday 14th February 2019**. We ask that all parent helper forms are in this Friday 2nd November. We currently need a lot more volunteers. Please go to the link [Camp Letter](#) for information and the link to the parent helper form.

Children's Belongings

Please can you ensure your child has adequate stationery to last until the end of the year. Some children now need their pencil/pen and glue supplies replenished.

We still have some children with unnamed jumpers and shoes. Please can you ensure these are well named as we take these items off regularly during our athletics training

PE

This term our students will be developing their athletics skills. The Senior School will have a weekly **sport session every Monday morning and a PE session with Mrs Millinchip on Wednesdays to ensure the students have the correct skills to compete in the School Athletics day on the 1st November**. It is essential that all students pack their **sports shirts, shorts and a hat**. We ask that the girls do not wear skorts as these tend to not allow our girls to clear the high jump bar. As we are a SunSmart school we strongly advise students to also apply sunblock prior to leaving home. We also have sunblock available at school.

Athletics Day

Senior and Middle School Athletics Day is scheduled for Thursday 1st November, weather permitting. Time: 9am -2.30pm (approximately). Students are to wear their sports uniform and sneakers. They may wear this to school and not their school uniform on this day. Students are not to wear coloured wigs or face paint. All students require a hat and water bottle. It may be advisable not to order lunch on Thursday. If you are able to help on Athletics day please can you email Mr Chamberlain nick@bbps.school.nz (Please note students must wear black sandals to school on any other day)

BBI Orientation

All Year 6s who are attending BBI next year will attend an orientation morning on the 23rd November. We will be leaving our school at 8.40 am, please can you ensure your child is at school earlier on this day. The students will travel to and from this morning by bus. Those children not going to BBI next year will remain at school and will have an alternative programme.

Bigfoot Bike Skills

The Bigfoot cycle programme within schools follows national cycle safety guidelines covering bike safety checks, legal requirements, clothing choice and safe riding techniques and will be a whole new experience for many students. Cycle training enhances students cycling skills and teaches them how to ride their bikes safely and confidently. The school training is fully funded by Auckland Transport. The Grade 1 sessions which have been developed for year 5 and 6 will be inside school grounds (not on the road). The course comprises approximately 2 x 1 ½ hour sessions per class which will take place during class time. Children are to bring their bike and helmet to school on the days of their sessions. The timetable will be shared closer to the time.

Puberty Talk

Our Year 6 girls will have a puberty talk on the morning of the 8th November. Parents are welcome to attend a short meeting on the 5th November Monday at 6 pm to hear what will be covered.

Library Books

We ask that all Library books are returned to our school library by the 23rd November.

Weetbix Tryathlon 2019

Registrations are now open for the 2019 Weetbix Tryathlon. Get the early bird rate by signing up this year. See <https://tryathlon.co.nz/locations/central-east-auckland/>

Who: All children 7 years and up

When: Sunday 10th February 2017

Where: Point England Reserve, Point England. (Please note the change of venue.)

Looking Ahead

Please can all parents read the "Looking Ahead" letter which is sent out weekly to help your child get organised for the week ahead.

We wish you an enjoyable end to this year. Please do not hesitate to contact your teacher if you have further questions.

School resumes for all returning students on the 7th February, which is the day after Waitangi Day. The year 6 camp for 2019 will begin Monday the following week.

Regards**The Senior Team**

Mrs Chilvers

Mrs Griffin

Mrs Fowler

Mrs Riach

Mr Chamberlain

Miss Redpath (**Senior School Team Leader**)