



# Buckland's Beach Primary School

## Middle Team Newsletter Term 1 2019

### Welcome

We would like to extend a warm welcome to all those students and their families who have joined the Middle School this year. We are looking forward to a great year of learning. This is going to be a busy and exciting term.

Please remember that we see every child as an important part of our classrooms, so please don't hesitate to contact your child's teacher or the Middle School team leader in Room 12, Mrs Rist, with any queries or concerns.

### Middle School Teaching Staff

Welcome back to Jacinta Howie, Anushka Patel, Cherry Wong, and Debbie Rist. Joining the middle school team are Alan McNally and Charlotte Wilson.

Room 12	Debbie Rist (Team Leader)	Year 4	<a href="mailto:debbie@bbps.school.nz">debbie@bbps.school.nz</a>
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Room 16	Alan McNally	Year 4	<a href="mailto:a.mcinally@bbps.school.nz">a.mcinally@bbps.school.nz</a>
Room 17	Charlotte Wilson	Year 3 and 4	<a href="mailto:c.wilson@bbps.school.nz">c.wilson@bbps.school.nz</a>

### Linc Ed Online Reporting

Your child's learning goals, and examples of their work can be viewed on Linc-Ed. This can be viewed at any time throughout the year. If you have not yet logged into Linc-Ed, please follow the link below for instructions. [https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1halkj5mmvYzzzPEH0orf7FBqBLwDGrWu1HCBgolewYk/edit#slide=id.g46f3edec9a\\_2\\_26](https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1halkj5mmvYzzzPEH0orf7FBqBLwDGrWu1HCBgolewYk/edit#slide=id.g46f3edec9a_2_26)

### Meet the Teacher Evening

A meet the teacher evening will be held on Monday 25th February. This is a chance for you to meet your child's teacher and to find out about the class programme. The middle school will meet in your child's classroom at 7.00 - 7.30pm. If at any other time you would like to speak with your child's teacher about their learning or well-being, please speak with them about making a suitable time before or after school. We look forward to meeting with you.

### Buckland's Beach Primary School is a PB4L school

Our school promotes Positive Behaviour for Learning (PB4L). Our values are respect, manaakitanga; responsibility, tiaki; relationships, whanaungatanga; and resilience, manawaroa.

### Rewarding Positive Behaviour

There are many ways that we acknowledge and reward students for following the school wide expectations of responsibility, respect and safety. Some of these are:

- Gotchas
- Whanau Tokens
- Classroom Rewards
- Team Certificates

- Principal's Awards
- Whole School Rewards

Positive Behaviour for Learning includes the use of evidence based practices:

- A consistent school-wide system of support that helps define, teach and support appropriate student behaviour, creating a positive school environment.
- School-wide discipline practices including establishing clear consequences.
- Teaching social skills, helping students to manage their own behaviour.
- A focus on prevention of problem behaviour and teaching and practising appropriate behaviour.
- Supporting staff to intervene effectively to manage behaviour in the classroom and other school environments.
- Active supervision at break times.

There are just three rules at BBPS. We expect all students, teachers and whanau to:

**BE RESPONSIBLE**

**BE RESPECTFUL**

**BE SAFE**

We support our students to follow these three simple rules by teaching and practising our expectations, just as we do for reading, writing, maths and other curriculum areas.

### **Uniforms**

All students are expected to wear the correct uniform items every day. Those who are not in the correct school uniform will need a note from home to inform the class teacher about the reason. Please remember that shoes / sandals should be only black and suitable to run and play in. Please name all items of school uniform. Hats are compulsory in term one. Students are also reminded that they are expected to wear the correct uniform for sport and PE. They should be wearing blue shorts with a sports t-shirt and suitable footwear. In term one, PE lessons will be on Thursday.

### **Swimming**

This term all students will have three swimming lessons per week. Please see below for the day your child will be swimming. Swimming is part of the school PE curriculum, therefore it is important that your child brings their swimming gear for each lesson. It would be appreciated if all swimming togs, towels and goggles are named.

Room 12 - Monday, Tuesday and Thursday  
 Room 13 - Monday, Tuesday and Thursday  
 Room 14 - Monday, Wednesday and Thursday  
 Room 15 - Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday  
 Room 16 - Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday  
 Room 17 - Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday

### **Bring Your Own Device BYOD:**

The Middle school has been using Apple iPads and this year chromebooks have been introduced. It is not compulsory for the students to bring their own device. There are some school devices available in classrooms for students to use. All devices will be stored in a cabinet in the classroom when not in use. It is important that devices are named and that they are charged before they are brought to school each day. All students are given a password to access the wifi and their Google dashboard. The wifi is turned off for students at 3pm and the students are reminded that they are not allowed on their device at school after this time. The e-learning apps can be found on the school website on the E-Learning Guidelines newsletter.

You are welcome to come and talk to your child's teacher about any aspect of the use of iPads in the classroom, the uploading of the required apps, or about accessing and using the school's website [www.bbps.school.nz](http://www.bbps.school.nz).

To begin, the most important apps that are required are the Google apps, including Google Drive, and a sketching/whiteboard app.

## **Birthdays**

Birthdays are an important and exciting time for our children and if their birthday falls on a school day they like to bring a treat to school for their classmates. There are many food allergies and different cultural practices within our classrooms so we ask that treats, including cakes, chocolate, sweets or small gifts, are not brought to school to be given out.

## **Home Learning**

Students are asked to complete home learning on a regular basis. Home learning encourages the development of good study skills and habits, will provide opportunities for parents to have a sharing time with their children and will help students to develop responsibility for their own learning.

For Year 3 and 4 children, up to 20 minutes a night is considered sufficient.

In the Middle School, home learning will be set weekly. Home learning will usually comprise of daily reading, learning of spelling words and rules, and maths basic facts. These skills support our writing, reading and maths programmes.

The same book may be brought home for more than one night depending on your child's reading ability or the learning focus within the classroom. School readers are to be returned each day.

From time to time teachers will set additional tasks to be completed and these tasks will be explained in the Home Learning book.

Book bags / library bags are to be used to transport readers and library books to and from school and the library. Library bags can be purchased from the library for \$5.00.

Please take the time to read to or with your child on a daily basis. Reread the class readers with your child, read books from the library or read a book from your own collection. Make it a regular and fun time.

Maths - Basic fact practise is important at this level and teachers may send maths home learning home that supports the classroom programme. The website [www.nzmaths.co.nz](http://www.nzmaths.co.nz) has some very helpful and valuable support and activities for families.

## **Inquiry Focus**

### **Developing a Class Treaty**

During the first few weeks of the term classes will be working on preparing a class treaty, and developing and agreeing on expectations for behaviour and relationships in the class. When each class treaty has been agreed upon, each class will attend a special middle team assembly where they will share their class treaty with each other.

This term Middle School students will be conducting an inquiry unit called "Body Systems". The learning will include

- Our bodies have structures and functions that work to keep us alive
- How the systems in the body work together to keep us alive

To support this Inquiry, the Life Education bus will be visiting school in weeks 6 and 7. There is a \$5.00 charge per student if you would like them to attend.

We welcome your involvement through the PTA, by being the class liaison person, helping on class trips or by helping to return readers to the book room. Please contact your child's teacher if you are able to help out.

**Important dates for this term:**

- 25 February Meet the Teacher Evening
- 2 - 10 March Seaweeek - Caring for our Seas
- 11 - 22 March Life Education Programme
- 19 March Quickhit Cricket for Year 3 and 4 girls
- 27 March Year 3/4 Swimming Carnival 11.00am - 12.30pm
- 12 April Last day of term

**Middle School Term 1 2019 Permission and Payment**

Payment of the \$5.00 is accepted as permission to attend.

I give permission for my child \_\_\_\_\_, Room \_\_\_\_\_ to attend the Life Education programme at BBPS \$5.00

All payments for trips etc can be made online or to your child's teacher. Go to the school website, click on Parents, select "Parent Shop" and pay on "Kindo".