

BBI MARCH NEWSLETTER 2020



2 March 2020

Dear Parents and Caregivers.

Thank you to all those parents who attended our "Meet the Teacher" evening. Any parents who missed this event can make time to introduce themselves to their class teacher. We appreciate having parents involved in the school. Parent evenings are ways of being part of BBI.

CAMP 2020

On Wednesday 4th March, is a camp parents only evening. This evening is for any parents who are interested in knowing more about camp. This will be followed by a meeting for the camp volunteer helpers. We do have very strict safety ratios and need a large contingent of parents to ensure we meet the standards we set. Special thanks must go to the adults and teaching staff who once again have been prepared to attend camp.

FRIENDLY REMINDER - CAMP PAYMENT DUE

Just a friendly reminder that the Year 7 Camp payments are due by the Wednesday 4th March. Should you have some difficulty in making this payment in full, please contact the office and an arrangement can be made to pay the camp cost off.

CAMP Dates for 2020

Saturday 7 March	Team Nikau (C) departs at 6.00pm – returns Wednesday 11 March at approx. 12.45pm
Wednesday 11 March	Team Miro (B) departs at 9.00am – returns Saturday 14 March at approx. 1.45pm
Tuesday 17 March	Team Kowhai (A) departs at 9.30am – returns Friday 20 March at approx. 2.45pm

Please note: Drop off and pick up are from the Half Moon Bay Marina, Subritzky Ferry Terminal. Please check your notices and be at the venue well beforehand.

SCHOOL SWIMMING SPORTS

The School Swimming Sports are scheduled for the day of Wednesday 4 March. You will have received notices home regarding this. Swimming is held at Howick Intermediate and Lloyd Elsmore Pool (depending upon ability). Parents are welcome to help or just to attend. Students are always reminded to wear a hat and sunblock if outside. There is always a sunblock station in school, and at any outdoor school events.

COMMUNICATING WITH PARENTS

Our newsletter is posted on our website on the 1st of each month and a reminder is emailed out to parents. Please always ensure that your email address is correct and up to date, as this is our main way of keeping in touch with our parents. Do keep a check on our website and our Facebook page for updates. The calendar is also on our website and is a useful place to check on sporting activities and dates. Regular updates are posted on Facebook. Team newsletters are sent home at the start of each term.

PARKING IN THE CHURCH CAR PARK NEXT DOOR

We have had complaints about our parents parking in the Church next door when collecting students and also when attending School Functions. Please note that this area is part of the Church and Kindergarten, there are young children around during the day, and in the evening the Church do often hold meetings and require these spaces. Please be respectful of our neighbours.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Terrence Cheng Ru Liu (Year 8) and Lawrence Wen (Year 7) who were part of the New Zealand team that entered The International Robot Olympiad 2019 challenge during the end of year holidays. They both received "Technical award from Robot in Movie".

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THE SCHOOL DAY

Please note our school day commences at 8.40am. This allows time for all administration, notices, roll calls etc. to be undertaken without disrupting prime learning time. We need to be assured that lessons are underway promptly by 9.00am daily. Please ensure your son/daughter leaves home in time to be here for the 8.40am roll call and fitness. **Any students who arrive at school after 8.40am must sign in at the office before going to class.**

STUDENT ABSENCES Please phone the school and leave a message on the school absence line for absences. Remember to state the reason for the absence. Please do not email the teacher as should a teacher be away this message will not be checked. The safety of all our students is paramount, and we do check on all unexplained absences each morning after roll call so, where possible, please ensure that a message is left early in the morning.

COLLECTING STUDENTS FROM SCHOOL DURING SCHOOL TIME

We do try to keep disruption to the classrooms to a minimum during class time. If your child needs to leave school during the day, please ensure that you send a note to the classroom teacher letting them know. Students should leave their class quietly and sign out at the office, ready to be collected by a parent.

UNIFORM Please be aware that we expect all students to be sun safe by wearing their hat during break and PE lesson times at BBI. Please ensure the school uniform is worn in the correct manner and is clean and tidy at all times. Any uniforms left around the school will be placed in the lost property box outside Room 1. **Please ensure that all uniforms and hats are named.** Students are to arrive at school in the proper school uniform each morning. They will then change for fitness on fitness days. **Students may leave school if their last lesson has been PE in their PE Uniform, but this must be worn correctly and include sports shoes.**

AFTER SCHOOL CLASSES

The After School classes were really well supported this semester. Unfortunately, there were students who missed out due to the high numbers. It is really encouraging that these classes are so popular. Classes for Semester One will begin this Monday 2 March 2020, and run until the end of Term 2. A notice has been sent to all students informing them of the class they are in. If anyone would like to run an After School Class in the second semester (this will start in July 2020), do contact Mrs Dimond in the office and let her know what you would like to offer our students.

TRAVELLING ABROAD DURING TERM TIME AND DURING THE HOLIDAYS

If you are travelling abroad please consider keeping your child home for 7 – 14 days before returning to school. Should your child be unwell with 'flu-like' symptoms, please do not send them to school. If your child is at school and shows signs of 'flu-like' symptoms please understand that we may ask you to collect them immediately. The Coronavirus does continue to spread and the health regulations change all the time. Please refer to the Ministry of Health website for up to date information. <https://www.health.govt.nz/our-work/diseases-and-conditions/novel-coronavirus-china-2019-ncov>

PARENT/ STUDENT INTERVIEWS

Parent / Student interviews are scheduled for **Wednesday 1 April and Thursday 2 April**. The school will close at 12.10pm on both of these days. A separate notice will go home giving you the code for booking interviews etc. closer to the time.

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Term 1 Dates to note:

Wednesday 4 March

Tuesday 3 March
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Wednesday 4 March
Thursday 5 March
Tuesday 10 March
Sunday 15 March
Tuesday 17 March
Wednesday 18 March
Wednesday 18 March
Tuesday 24 March
Wednesday 25 March

Wednesday 25 March
Thursday 26 March
Thursday 26 March
Tuesday 31 March
Wednesday 1 April
Wednesday 1 April
Thursday 2 April
Thursday 2 April
Thursday 2 April
Thursday 9 April

7.00pm Camp information evening for Year 7 parents

4pm – 5 or 6pm - KiwiSport Orienteering
SEZ Boys' Softball
BBI Swimming Sports Day
SEZ Girls' Softball
4pm – 5 or 6pm - KiwiSport Orienteering
Rotary Fun Run
4pm – 5 or 6pm - KiwiSport Orienteering
SEZ Swimming
Polyfest Day 9.30am – 1.00pm
4pm – 5 or 6pm - KiwiSport Orienteering
SEZ Rip Rugby

Photolife – school portraits
Photolife Class Photos
AAIMS Swimming
SEZ Orienteering
12.10pm – school finish
1.00pm – 5.00pm Parent/ student Interviews
12.10pm – school finish
1.00 – 8.00pm Parent/ student Interviews
ARU Rugby Development
2.15pm – School closes for end of term

TERM DATES FOR 2020

Monday 3 February	to	Thursday 9 April
Tuesday 28 April	to	Friday 3 July
Monday 20 July	to	Friday 25 September
Monday 12 October	to	Tuesday 15 December or Wednesday 16 December

TEACHER ONLY DAY – **please make a note of these Teacher Only Days**

- **Friday 29 May**
- **Tuesday 27 October**
- **Friday 27 November**