BBI DECEMBER NEWSLETTER 2020

TUESDAY 1 DECEMBER 2020

Dear Parents and Caregivers

Thank you very much for the contribution you have made to Bucklands Beach Intermediate this year. Like many families and institutions, we have felt the financial impact of COVID-19. We are very grateful for your support. It has enabled us to continue providing extra resourcing and support for our students that is not funded by the Ministry of Education.
We trust you are well and hope that you have an opportunity to relax and connect with family and friends this summer.

YEAR 8 EXHIBITION
Thank you to all the students for their hard work for the exhibition. There were some very high quality exhibitions on display and the students were so articulate in explaining their learning. This is such an important part of our curriculum, showcasing the culmination of the student learning through their time at BBI.

CULTURAL AFTERNOON
We hope that everyone enjoyed our Friday afternoon Cultural Performance. We were happy to be able to showcase all the commitment that students have been put in through the year. It was especially important, as these students missed the opportunity to enter the various competitions through the year, and it was great to showcase and celebrate their effort.

ICAS 2020
In 2020, Bucklands Beach Intermediate students were awarded 7 ICAS medals. This is an outstanding record for any one school, let alone a school that only has two year groups.
Over two hundred students took part in the International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) this year.
There were forty students who achieved a result in the top one percent of all entries receiving a “High Distinction” award.
In addition, seven further students were recognised with a medal for a “Top in New Zealand” result. It is a particularly significant accomplishment amid a year of unprecedented challenges both in education and the world in general. Medals are awarded to the students who achieve the top score only when the top score is judged to be sufficiently meritorious.
This is feat we don’t believe any other Intermediate school in New Zealand has achieved previously.

Congratulations to the following students for their “Top in New Zealand” scores.
Justin Cui - Digital Technologies Year 8, **Hoi Lam (Ally) Chu** - English Year 8, **Wai Lap (Alston) Yam** –-Mathematics Year 8, **Gisele Chong** - Mathematics Year 7, **Bruce Zhang** - Mathematics Year 8, **Nicole Luo** - Mathematics Year 7, **Nancy Shang -** Mathematics Year 8

EPRO8
All four teams competed really well at a tightly contested and exciting EPro8 semi-final event at Farm Cove Intermediate. ‘The Case of the Missing Dolphin’ (Sara, Amber, Cherry and Emily) placed first with Fiery Phoenix (Hugo, Richard, Sophie and Wesley) finishing joint second with two other teams. The students focused mainly on building a motorised shopping trolley, along with a helter skelter and pinata. After a three minute tie breaker build, Fiery Pheonix qualified for the Auckland Final at Mount Roskill Intermediate along with "The Case of the Missing Dolphin".

It was an exciting and challenging final event at Mount Roskill Intermediate School. At this event there were four different and more challenging builds for students to undertake, including automatic pulling curtains, a sophisticated toilet and self popping toaster. "The Case of the Missing Dolphin" finished sixth and "Fiery Phoenix" finished seventh.

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KAPA HAKA
Congratulations to our Kapa haka students who gave a performance at the Te kotuku Festival, in Glen Innes on Saturday 21 November. Thank you to the teachers and tutors who gave up their time to be with the students. It was an electrifying performance with such a receptive audience.

"SNAP" THE SCHOOL PRODUCTION
Students have been rehearsing for the school Production, **"Snap! : A Paparazzi Story".**
Do come along to enjoy this great performance.

The Production Performance will be on Tuesday 1 December and Wednesday 2 December, starting at 7.00pm (until about 9.00pm). Tickets are on sale for $5.00 each, and there will be door sales on the day.

PARKING FOR PRODUCTION EVENING ETC.
Please respect the Church next door and refrain from parking in the Church area. Thank you.

KAMAR PORTAL / END OF YEAR REPORTS
The end of year School reports will be circulated via the Kamar Portal system. **The reports will be sent out on Friday 11 December.**
All trip, school contribution, camp, sport, day in / out, and stationery fees are payable through the Parent Portal. Please, where at all possible, do utilise this facility. It is a safe and secure system; receipts are automatically produced, and class lists are easily made. There is a record of all payments made that parents can refer to when necessary.

END OF YEAR ORGANISATION
Our Prize Giving day is on Thursday 10 December 2020.
All parents are warmly invited to attend our Prize Giving. The actual prize giving will start at the times shown below, so do ensure you arrive a bit early in order to have a seat. **The event will also be livestreamed on Youtube, with a link being sent via email on our Facebook page**. The livestream is a student run initiative. At BBI, we believe our end of year prizegiving is about celebrating everyone's success and therefore, we do not disclose any prize recipients in advance of the ceremony itself.

11.00am – Year 7 Prize giving in the hall. (Students will go back to class for the rest of the day)
1.30pm – Year 8 Prize giving in the hall.

This is a normal school day, and students will be expected to stay at school and finish at 3.00pm as usual. Students will be expected to be in formal school uniform for this day.
Thursday 10 December – The BBI Yearbook will go home at the end of the day.

Friday 11 December is our Year 7 'Big Day In' and the Year 8's celebrate their end of year at Lagoon Leisure centre.
Monday 14 December Last day of term. School will close at 3.00pm. We will be holding farewell assemblies and having a fun end of term day.

MUFTI DAYS
All students will be able to attend school in mufti clothing on Friday 11 December and Monday 14 December. This will give time to wash and get any uniforms ready for any uniform sales.

SCHOOL YEARBOOK
With the stationery order at the beginning of the year, most families purchased a copy of the school yearbook. If you are wanting a yearbook, then these will be distributed from Thursday 10 December 2pm onwards. If you do not receive a copy of the yearbook then this can be purchased from the office, Thursday afternoon, Friday 11 December or Monday 14 December. This is a subsidised price of $25 and has wonderful reflections of 2020.

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BOARD OF TRUSTEES MID TERM ELECTIONS
As you are aware, our school is currently undertaking mid-term elections for our Board of Trustees. Voting papers have been mailed out and you are able to vote online or via a manual vote by returning these papers to school. Voting closes at 3.30pm on Friday 4th December.

SPORT
It has been fantastic for our students to be participating in School, SEZ and Auckland wide sports competitions again.
The BBI Athletics Day, followed by SEZ and then Auckland Champions Athletics days were all big events. Our students did well and represented our school brilliantly.

CANS WEEKS
Thank you to everyone who supported our CANS Week collections through the year. BBI is a major contributor to the CANS collection, and we can be proud that we have helped make someone's Christmas happier.

VOLUNTEER HELP REQUIRED FOR SECOND HAND UNIFORM SHOP PLEASE
Our second hand uniform shop urgently requires help on a Wednesday and for the end of year second hand uniform sales.

Please can you email *office@bbi.school.nz* with your name and phone number if you are able to help at all. The dates are Tuesday 15 December from 10am to 3.00pm and Tuesday 26 January at the same time. Our second hand uniform shop is also open on Wednesdays at 8.15am and 3.00pm. This valuable service cannot go ahead without volunteers.

END OF YEAR UNIFORM SALE
Thank you to all our wonderful volunteers who help out in the Uniform Shop.

Please ensure that all uniforms for sale are in good condition and washed.
Uniform Shop Buying and selling times:
Purchasing Uniforms from current students ready for sale:

Monday 14 December	9.00am - 11.00am
Tuesday 15 December	9.00am – 11.00am

Sale of Uniforms

Tuesday 15 December	**12.00 – 2.00pm**

There will also be uniform purchasing and sales on Tuesday 26 January 2021

Purchasing uniforms from current students ready for sale:	10.00 – 11.00am
Sale of Uniforms	12.00 – 2.00pm

Please note only cash or cheque can be used for purchase. There is no EFTPOS available.

Thank you to all our parents and students for all your support throughout the year. We wish our year 8 students, who will be leaving BBI, all the very best for the future. We hope you all have a safe and restful break and we look forward to next year.

Diane Parkinson
Principal

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STUDENTS GOING TO MACLEANS COLLEGE IN 2021
Information Talk for Parents and Students new to Macleans College in 2021
As Macleans College Open Day / Parent Information Evening **and Student Enrolment Interviews were cancelled due to COVID-19, they will be holding a number of Information Talks on the dates below for parents / students new to Macleans College in 2021.**

Please click on the link
https://www.macleans.school.nz/news/information-talk-for-parents-and-students-new-to-macleans-college-in-2021

TERM 4 DATES TO NOTE

Tuesday 1 December	7.00pm School Production
Wednesday 2 December	7.00pm School Production
Thursday 3 December	**6.30pm Year 8 Formal**
Thursday 10 December	11.00am - Y7 Prize Giving Assembly
Thursday 10 December	1.30pm - Y8 Prize Giving Assembly
Thursday 10 December	Yearbook distributed
Friday 11 December	**Reports go home to parents – via email**
Friday 11 December	Year 7 Day in and Year 8 Day out.
Monday 14 December	**Mufti Day – Final Day of school – close at 3.00pm**
Tuesday 15 December	No students in school – Teacher Only Day

TERM DATES FOR 2021
The final dates are yet to be confirmed, but will be around these dates shown.

Tuesday 2 February	to	Friday 16 April
Monday 3 May	to	Friday 9 July
Monday 26 July	to	Friday 1 October
Monday 18 October	to	Monday 13 or Tuesday 14 December

The Teacher only days for 2021 will be advised at a later date.

Tuesday 2 February - 8.40am – Year 7 students start – meet on the courts outside the hall.
Tuesday 2 February - 9.10am – Year 8 students start – meet on the courts outside the hall.

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