

BBI MARCH NEWSLETTER 2021



Tuesday 2nd March 2021

Dear Parents and Caregivers

We appreciate this has not been an ideal start to the school year as it is still early in the term and we are already experiencing our second closure under Covid Level 3. Distance learning plans have been activated and teachers are making every effort to maintain regular connection with their students.

Thank you to all of you who were able to join our virtual 'Meet the Teacher' evening last week. If you missed this, please email your child's teacher so that they can share their recorded presentations with you.

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 follow our Facebook page for updates. The calendar is also on our website and is a useful place to check on upcoming events. Regular updates are posted on Facebook. Team newsletters are sent home at the start of each term.

Year 7 Camps

We understand you will have questions regarding our upcoming camps. Under Levels 3 or 4 our camps cannot take place and therefore the decision has been made to **reschedule the Nikau camp**. We are hopeful the Kowhai and Miro camps will proceed as planned. We are relying on information from the Government. Health and Safety is paramount. We have considered all possibilities. At BBI, our Year 7 camps are a crucial aspect of confidence and relationship-building for our students and are essential to self-development.

*Camp Kowhai
(rooms 1,2,3 & 4)*

*Wednesday 10 March – Depart Half Moon Bay 9.30am
Saturday 13 March – Arrive Half Moon Bay 1.45pm*

***Camp Nikau rescheduled**
(rooms 9,10,11,12,13)*

***Saturday 13 March – Depart Half Moon Bay 12 noon**
Tuesday 16 March – Arrive Half Moon Bay 11.30am*

*Camp Miro:
(rooms 5,6,7 & 8)*

*Tuesday 16 March – Depart Half Moon Bay 9.30am
Friday 19 March - Arrive Half Moon Bay 2.45pm*

Pre-camp briefings for all adult volunteers assisting on our camps will now take place on Monday March 8th at 7pm. This meeting is essential for all volunteers.

Kowhai Camp – room 4

Nikau Camp – room 12

Miro Camp – room 8

If anyone has any questions or concerns regarding camp, please contact our camp coordinator, Debbie Allan, at debbiea@bbi.school.nz

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HEALTH AND SAFETY

If you are waiting for students at 3.00pm at the end of the day, please be aware that school is still in progress. We ask for everyone to wait for students outside the school grounds. Where possible, please arrange a meeting place away from school in order to avoid congestion at our bus bay. If any person who is not a student comes on to the school grounds, please ensure you come to the office and sign in, plus use the Covid Tracing app.

COLLECTING STUDENTS FROM SCHOOL DURING SCHOOL TIME / STUDENT ABSENCE / SICKNESS

If your child needs to leave school during the day, please ensure that you **send a note or prior email** to the classroom teacher letting them know. At Intermediate we are encouraging all our students to start to take some responsibility for themselves. Students should take the responsibility to be signed out and ready for collection.

- **Students should leave their class and sign out at the office, ready to be collected by a parent.**
- **If you are organising to collect students to for example, leave early, a good time to collect is during break times.**

10.30 – 11.00am morning tea

12.10 – bell goes for students to finish lessons and move to their P5 classes

12.45 – 1.40pm lunch time

ILLNESS / ABSENCE

Any student who appears to be sick, coughing or having cold symptoms will be sent to the office and parents will be asked to collect them to go home. Please do not send sick students to school.

Please remember to telephone and leave a message on the absence line (534 2896) if your child is absent from school (Name, room number and reason for absence.) ***Please do not email, as the email may not be cleared until later in the day.***

PARKING / STOPPING Bucklands Beach Road is a busy road. If possible, please encourage your child to walk to and from school. Alternatively, your child could be dropped off and picked up at a point close to school. **Please note that St John's Church next door to us also runs a kindergarten and is NOT to be used as a pick up or drop off point.**

BBI ROAD TRIP

Traditionally our school has taken students on cultural trips to Japan and China every year. Last year, we were not able to travel overseas, and we took a group of students on a North Island Trip. This was really successful and students learned a lot about our own country. We are intending to take a similar trip this year. The dates are yet to be confirmed but will probably be during the last week of Term 3 and into the holidays. (End September / beginning of October). An "Expression of Interest" form will be circulated for students to complete if they are interested in going. The closing date to return this form is Friday 26 March 2021

LIBRARY – OPEN FROM 8AM AND FOR AFTER SCHOOL CARE UNTIL 4.30PM

The library is open from 8.00am should any student who wishes to use this facility.

The Library is also available for After School Care from 3.15pm – 4.30pm daily. Students may do homework, work on the computer, or just meet with their friends. A permission notice is required. You are welcome to email the Library Manager, Serena Griffiths if you have any queries serena@bbi.school.nz

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AFTER SCHOOL CLASSES – to commence Monday 8 March providing we are in Level 2

If you have any queries, please email Mrs Lynette Dimond lynette@bbi.school.nz

DIGITAL SAFETY INFORMATION EVENING – Thursday 4 March 7.00pm at Macleans College – to be rescheduled

FREE ENTRY. Book online <https://www.trybooking.com/nz/events/landing?eid=3807&>

To find out more about Rob and Zareen's work visit <https://www.ourkidsonline.info/>

SWIMMING

Swimming sports Grade A has been postponed. We have cancelled the Grade B event. Students competing at the A Grade event will travel to Lloyd Elmore pool. Further information will follow.

SECOND HAND UNIFORM SHOP

We thank our volunteers for running the school second hand uniform shop.

The second hand uniform shop is open every Wednesday morning 8.15am to 8.45am

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. Whanau-coloured hats can be ordered through class leaders at \$10.00 each.** Students are to arrive at school in the proper school uniform each morning. **Students may leave school in their PE Uniform, if their last lesson has been PE, but this must be worn correctly and include sports shoes.**

Diane Parkinson
Principal

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DATES TO NOTE

We do enter our dates on our school calendar web site. <https://www.bbi.school.nz/calendar>. Do please make a note of the "Dates to note" for your future planning. We do show early closing dates, Teacher Only days, Student Led Conference etc. We show a list of the current term dates at the end of the newsletter.

Term 1:

Monday 8 March

After School Classes begin - rescheduled

Thursday 1st April

Friday 2 April- Tuesday 6 April

Tuesday 6 April

Friday 9 April

Sunday 11 April

Tuesday 13 April

Wednesday 14 April

Wednesday 14 April

Thursday 15 April

Thursday 15 April

Friday 16 April

2.15pm – Early Close due to Easter holidays

School Closed for Easter Holiday

School closed – Easter Tuesday

School photos

Auckland Orienteering Sprint Finals

SEZ Orienteering

12.10pm – School closes for Student led Conferences

1.00pm – 5.00pm Student Led Conferences

12.10pm – school finish

1.00 – 8.00pm Parent/ student Interviews.

3.00pm – School closes for end of term.

TERM DATES FOR 2021

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 December – closing at 3.00pm

TEACHER ONLY DAYS 2021

Friday 4 June

Tuesday 26 October

Friday 26 November

Tuesday 14 December

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