

BBI OCTOBER NEWSLETTER 2021



Friday 1st October 2021

Dear Whānau,

Firstly, I would like to thank all our staff, students, parents and caregivers who have worked so hard this term, much of it in Level 4 Lockdown. It has not been easy for anyone, and we all look forward to some normality again in the future. Students have missed out on academic, sport and cultural activities this term, as well as the important friendships that being part of a large Whānau can give.

I am writing this newsletter in the hope that we will be at a minimum of Level 2 on Monday 18th October.

The school had a full and complete deep clean and sanitisation, which was carried out by our cleaning staff over the last week. Currently under Level 3, we are in the middle of a new building project. Our old dental clinic is being rebuilt as a mathematics and robotics centre. Commencing shortly will be a revamp of our drop off and pick up area. No longer will large buses be entering this area. Safety has been considered with this project. The Board of trustees have been very supportive of this upgrade, with the goal for parents being able to easily and safely drop off and pick up their child. Small mini vans and taxis will also have access to this area. We anticipate this being completed before the end of the holidays.

School will be ready to open for everyone from Monday 18th October should we be at Level 2.

School assemblies will resume at Level 1.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

We want to make it easy for students with the transition of the return to school. In order to avoid crowds in the changing rooms, for the first two weeks of term – until Friday 29 October, if students have any sporting activities scheduled on the day, they may come to school in their sports uniform and remain in this until they leave for the end of the day. Sports shoes and socks are required, and remember to have your jacket and warm hoodie or jersey too. Hats or caps are expected to be worn outside after Labour weekend. These may be purchased from John Russell Schoolwear in Howick or any place that can supply a plain navy blue cap or bucket hat. Please ensure that all uniform is named, and if possible add the room number on hats or caps.

Term 4 is always a very busy term for the whole school. There are only eight and a half weeks in Term 4. In addition to the usual items, we have had to schedule extra ICAS exams, sport etc. There is a list of "Dates to Note" at the end of the newsletter, and these are also shown on the Calendar (check our website).

TEACHER ONLY DAYS

A Teacher Only Day had been previously scheduled for Tuesday 26 October following on from Labour weekend.

This T.O.D. has been cancelled and will now be a usual school work day. We understand that parents may have planned something for this day already. Please let the class teacher know if your child is not attending school on this Tuesday.

There will be a Teacher Only Day on Friday 26 November. This day was scheduled at the beginning of the year, and staff professional development on Friday and Saturday will be happening. The school will be closed for students on the Friday.

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STUDENT CONTACT DETAILS

Please ensure that your contact details are up to date. Everyone should receive notification of the newsletter by email, so if you do not, please check your email address (email office@bbi.school.nz) and let the office know of any changes.

HEALTH AND SAFETY

The safety of our students is paramount. Masks are optional for our students and staff. Sanitisation is available in all class pod areas. The school will be working in its own “bubble”, which is students and school staff. As we start back, after a long lockdown period, we ask that all parents, caregivers and visitors to the school do not walk or wait for students within the school grounds. If a student is being collected early, please ensure that this is organised at least the day before, inform the class teacher and of course the student of the expected time that you will be collecting them. Students will be expected to sign out at the office five minutes before pick up time, and then go out to you when you arrive to collect them. Only in emergencies, should you collect students from school without prior arrangement.

Please always sign in on the Covid App at the office, and wait at the office, if you are coming into school for any reason.

The best times to collect students are just after the start of a “break time”. (10.30am, 12.10pm, 12.45pm)

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| 8.15am | Teachers in class – students can go to class |
| 8.40 – 10.30am | Students in class |
| 10.30 – 10.50am | Morning tea break time |
| 12.10 – 12.45pm | “Period 5” – when students are all over school in breakout activities |
| 12.45 – 1.35pm | Lunch eating and lunch time |
| 3.00pm | School closes |
| 3.15 – 4.30pm | Library Open for After School Care |

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.

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

SPOTLIGHT ON WELLBEING

As lockdown restrictions are slowly being lifted to varying degrees, we enter a time of transition and adjustment. The circumstances of this situation have significantly impacted us all. For some, it has been an opportunity to reflect on what is important, whilst others have embraced the opportunity to learn new things.

Many young people may be excited at the prospect of restrictions being lifted; others may feel mixed emotions. Reactions will differ depending on how well they cope with stress and change. Keeping a check on your child’s mental health and wellbeing as they adjust to new routines, will be vitally important.

There is still a lot of uncertainty ahead of us, so focusing on the things you can control or enjoy doing or even value, can help establish predictability and familiarity for the whole family. Adult carers need to provide young people with reassurance by acknowledging any concerns and fears they may have at this time. Consider this to be a normal reaction, however, it may be best to focus more on their feelings and emotions, rather than the practicalities at this stage.

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In this Special Report, we share a few ideas to help ease this time of transition and adjustment.

We hope you take time to reflect on the information offered in this Special Report, and as always, we welcome your feedback.

If you do have any concerns about the wellbeing of your child, please contact the school for further information or seek medical or professional help.

Here is the link to your special report:

https://bbi.nz.schooltv.me/wellbeing_news/special-report-coronavirus-transition-back

Look out for the November newsletter as many events will be happening in this month. All our newsletters are sent out as close to the first working day of each month.

KAPA HAKA / PASIFIKA FESTIVAL

This year, we have not been able to hold the local area Koanga Festival. We have met with our local schools and we are hoping to host a Kapa Haka / Pasifika Festival. This will give our students an opportunity to showcase some of the wonderful work that they have been practicing.

Date: Friday 29 October (To be confirmed depending on COVID levels)

Time: 1.00 – 3.00pm

Place: BBI Sports Cloud

KNOWLEDGEATHON 2021

The Knowledgeathon is one of the highlights of our learning programme in Term 3. With a range of general knowledge questions, it challenges the students to research and engage in topics they might not have known previously. This year, the Knowledgeathon was incorporated with Te Wiki o Te Reo - Maori Language Week. It was held online on Thursday 30th September, and prizes were up for grabs for the classes of the students who did particularly well. Congratulations to all involved!

SCHOOL SPEECHES/SPOKEN WORD/RAP

Congratulations to all of the students who have engaged in the class speech programme. Speaking formally and confidently to an audience is a learned skill. Our school final competition is scheduled for Monday 15 November.

CANS WEEK

To help support the All Saints Church with their voluntary food bank we are asking students to bring in 2 or more cans of food during the week of Monday 1 November to Friday 5 November. This is an opportunity to help support the people of our community who struggle and are in need of food donations. Our school is a major contributor to the CANS programme. This year there are even more families struggling, and it is a really worthy programme to support.

There will be a Mufti day for those students who have donated 2 or more cans on Friday 5 November

FITNESS TRAIL

Many years of fundraising has resulted in a wonderful upgrade of our existing fitness trail equipment around the school field. This is a valuable asset not only for the students of Bucklands Beach Intermediate School, but also our neighbouring community who have access to our field outside of school hours. We would like to thank the Howick Local Board for their contribution to this project, and also a big thank you to our school community who have raised funds over the last couple of years. We are proud of our open grounds and facilities, and we are very pleased to offer our students this wonderful new upgrade.

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EARLY CLOSE TIME ON FRIDAY 22 OCTOBER

This is a reminder that school will close early at 2.15pm on Friday 22 October for Labour weekend. Students who catch a 3.15pm bus, may remain at school in the library until 3pm. There will be no After School Care on this Friday.

AFTER SCHOOL CLASSES

Semester Two Classes will run from 26 July - 25 November.

The After School classes were disrupted by the COVID Lockdown. The school timetable is very full. We have looked at extending the After School Classes for two weeks. They will end on 25 November, and there will be no make up classes. Thank you to Mrs Dimond for organising this. All the Maths classes ended in Term 3. If you have any queries, please email Mrs Lynette Dimond lynette@bbi.school.nz

Timetable 2021 - SEMESTER TWO TERM 4

| MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY |
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| Japanese Begin. (ESOL) 3.15 - 4.15pm | Japanese – Int. (ESOL) 3.15 - 4.15pm | Japanese – Adv. (ESOL) 3.15 – 4.15pm | Spanish – Beg. R12 3.15 – 4.15pm |
| Art Club (Art Room) 3.05 - 4.00pm 4.05 – 5.00pm | Drama (PAC) 3.15 – 4.15pm | Guitar - ½ hr (Room 4) 3.30 - 5.00 | Guitar - ½ hr (Room 4) 3.30 – 4.30pm |
| Table Tennis 3.00 – 4.30pm Hall | Table Tennis 3.00 - 4.30 Hall | Hip Hop (PAC) 3.45 – 4.45pm | Public Speaking (PAC) PAC3.15 – 4.15pm |
| | Chess Club (Room 4) 3.15 - 4.15pm | Relaxation Techniques (R12) 3.15-4.15pm | |
| | Spanish Int. (Room 12) 3.15-4.15pm | | |

| WEEK | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY |
|------|-------------------|------------|--|---|
| 11 | 18/10/2021 | 19/10/2021 | 20/10/21 | 21/10/21 |
| 12 | LABOUR DAY | 26/10/21 | 27/10/21 | 28/10/21 |
| 13 | 01/11/2021 | 02/11/2021 | 03/11/2021 | 04/11/2021 |
| 14 | 08/11/2021 | 09/11/2021 | 10/11/2021 | 11/11/2021 Public Speaking EOY 5-7.30 PAC |
| 1 | 15/11/2021 | 16/11/2021 | 17/11/2021 Drama EOY 5-7.30 HALL | 18/11/2021 |
| 2 | 22/11/2021 | 23/11/21 | 24/11/2021 | 25/11/2021 |

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SECOND HAND UNIFORM SHOP

If you have any good condition uniforms that you wish to donate to our uniform shop that would be greatly appreciated. You may drop off donated uniforms to the office at any time.

Our Second Hand Uniform Shop will no longer be **purchasing** uniforms through the year, with the exception of the main end of year sale.

This year, we will be holding our main end of year Uniform Purchasing and Sales on **Saturday 11 December**. The Uniform parent volunteers will be **purchasing uniforms between 9.00am and 11.00am on Saturday 11 December**. More details will be included at the end of the year. The last day for this year that students will require to be in school uniform will be for the Prize Giving assemblies which are on Thursday 9 December. This should give time to wash and have any uniform ready for sale on Saturday morning.

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DATES TO NOTE:

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| Tuesday 19 October | ICAS English |
| Tuesday 19 October | Class Photos |
| Wednesday 20 October | ICAS Writing |
| Thursday 21 October | SEZ Volleyball |
| | Hockey tournament |
| | Class Photos |
| | ICAS Science |
| Friday 22 October | Hockey Tournament |
| | ICAS Science |
| Friday 22 October | School closes early today for Labour Weekend |
| Monday 25 October | School closed – Labour weekend |
| Tuesday 26 October | School is open today – no longer a Teacher Only Day |
| | ICAS Maths |
| Wednesday 27 October | ICAS Maths |
| Thursday 28 October | 5.30pm – Board Meeting |
| Friday 29 October | 1.00 – 3.00pm Kapa haka / Paskifika Festival in the Cloud |
| | AAIMS Gymnastics (to be confirmed) |
| Monday 1 st November | Newsletter out |
| Monday 1 st to Friday 5 November | CANS Week |
| Thursday 4 November | SEZ Boys and Girls Mixed Volleyball |
| | SEZ Debate |
| Friday 5 November | CANS Mufti Day |
| Wednesday 10 November | 5.30pm EPRO8 Teams competing at Farm Cove Intermediate |
| Thursday 11 November | BBI Athletics Day |
| Friday 12 November | Team Photos taken (for the yearbook) |
| Monday 15 November | School speeches |
| Thursday 18 November | 5.30pm Board Meeting |
| Friday 19 November | SEZ Athletics Day |
| Wednesday 24 November | 7.00pm New Parent evening |
| Thursday 25 November | Orientation morning for new Year 6 students |
| Friday 26 November | School Closed – Teacher Only Day |
| Tuesday 30 November | Exhibition Day |
| | 9.30 – 11.30am – Exhibition |
| | 1.00 – 3.00pm Revue |
| | 3.15 – 5.00pm - Exhibition |
| Wednesday 1 December | Year 8 Formal |
| Thursday 9 December | Prize Giving day |
| | 11.00am – 12.00pm – Year 7 prize Giving |
| | 1.30 – 3.00pm – Year 8 prize Giving |
| | Yearbooks distributed (after prize giving) |
| Friday 10 December | Year 7 Big Day In |
| Friday 10 December | Reports available on Parent Portal |
| Saturday 11 December | 9.00 – 11.00am UNIFORM - purchasing uniforms in readiness for second hand uniform sale |
| Monday 13 December | End of year – school closes at 3.00pm |
| Monday 13 December | 5.30pm – Board meeting |
| Term Dates for 2022 | |
| Wednesday 2 February | to Thursday 14 April – closing at 2.15pm due to Easter Holidays |
| Monday 2 May | to Friday 8 July |
| Monday 25 July | to Friday 30 September |
| Monday 17 October | to Friday 16 December (to be confirmed) |

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