

Monday 29 March 2021

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

It is with great sadness to hear of the passing of a local student due to a car incident. Currently our thoughts are with the family and Pigeon Mountain Primary School. We are offering our support to the local school who are handling the incident with care. We have a wonderful community and we understand that emotions may be high. Please reach out to your local school should you need support.

Y7 CAMPS

I would like to extend my personal thanks to all who have helped make our Y7 camps a great success once again. Special thanks to parents, grandparents and friends who were able to travel with the students to camp. Without your support the camps could not have gone ahead. As you know, we do work to very strict ratios to ensure safety for all. Health and Safety is our number one priority. We are sure those able to take time to be at the camp will have enjoyed the opportunity to share the special experience with your son or daughter. I know many of you had to re-organise your lives to be able to have the time away. My thanks also to the staff who put in so much time and effort to prepare for the camp and to participate during the week. Thank you all for your commitment and support.

THREE-WAY CONFERENCES

As we approach the end of term we will be holding our three-way conferences. The purpose is to discuss how students have settled in, share some achievement data and set goals. The opportunity for the student, parent and teacher to sit together is a highly valuable process.

These will take place on Wednesday 14 April between 1.00pm and 5.00pm, and Thursday 15 April between 1.00pm and 8.00pm. School will close at 12.10pm on both of these days. The online booking information will be circulated to all parents, on Monday 29th March. Please ensure that all students return the tear of slip to their classroom teacher.

EARLY CLOSE FOR EASTER

This year, Easter falls within the school term. Please make a note that school will close early at 2.15pm on Thursday 1st April. Those students who normally catch the bus may remain in the library until the usual bus time.

Tuesday 6 April is an official "Education Holiday" and students will return to school on Wednesday 7 April.

DATES TO NOTE

We 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 Conferences etc.

We show a list of the current term dates at the end of the newsletter.

AFTER SCHOOL CLASSES

The After School Classes will continue as normal next term. Semester One will finish at the end of Term 2, by Friday 9 July.

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

SCHOOL CONTRIBUTION

We thank everyone who has paid towards the school contribution. The support of our parents is really appreciated in this regard. Without this support we would not be able to offer such a well-resourced school.

This is a reminder that if the donation is paid by 31st March, you can claim your tax credit in this financial year.



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 has been circulated for students to complete if they are interested in going. The closing date to return this form is Friday 9 April 2021.

SPOTLIGHT ON WELLBEING

GRIEF AND LOSS



Grief is a natural response to loss. It might be the loss of a loved one, relationship or even a pet. The more significant the loss, the more intense the grief is likely to be. Children and adults grieve differently due to their developmental stage, and this can prove difficult for parents to understand.

Young children fluctuate in and out of the stages of grief rapidly, as they may not comprehend the permanency of death. They express their grief more physically. Teens on the other hand may not know how to express their grief and will need some space to process their loss. Some may choose to grieve alone, not wanting to stand out or be seen as not coping. Whilst others, who may have a greater understanding, can start to question their own mortality. In this edition of SchoolTV, parents can learn how to acknowledge their child's feelings and the best way to support them through the grief.

We hope you find the information offered in this edition of SchoolTV helpful and we welcome your feedback. If you have any concerns about your child, please contact their classroom teacher in the first instance for further information, or seek medical or professional help.

Here is the link to the Grief & Loss edition of BBI SchoolTV. Remember, you can change the language by clicking on the dropdown box at the top right-hand corner of the site! https://bbi.nz.schooltv.me/newsletter/grief-loss We will continue to share new resources through our online wellbeing platform each month. Past editions can be accessed at any time from our school website. Click on 'our community' and then 'wellbeing'. Please feel free to share with your whanau and friends.

TEAM MICHAEL ELLSE





ONLINE SAFETY INFORMATION EVENING – at Macleans College

Due to the latest Covid Lockdown this event has been rescheduled to Wednesday 1 September at Macleans College, Mansfield house.

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/

ADVENTURES IN PARENTLAND WITH NIGEL LATTA

Shelly Park School is presenting an evening with Nigel Latta titled "Adventures in Parentland". "This will be a fun and informative evening of politically incorrect parenting wisdom with one of New Zealand's leading psychologists."

Date: Tuesday 13 April
When: 7pm for 7.30pm start
Where: Pakuranga College Hall

Tickets are available online at www.shellypark.school.nz

Price: \$40 per person, \$70 per pair. Early Bird tickets are available until 31swt march 2021 for \$35.00 each.

There will be spot prizes and raffle tickets.

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. 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 in their PE Uniform, if their last lesson has been PE, but this must be worn correctly and include sports shoes.

SPORT

Compared to last year, it is wonderful seeing the sports fields, Cloud, turf and hall filled with students practising with their various teams. The cheerleading, aerobics, hip hop and jazz dance groups have all been selected, and training is underway. The hockey academy has a girls and a boys group. The boys train Tuesday and Thursday mornings and the girls train Friday morning and lunchtime. Players are still welcome to attend these sessions, however at this late stage they require prior experience and basic skills as the groups have been training for many weeks. From the academy, a group will be chosen to represent BBI at the South Eastern competition as well as teams for AIMS Games.

On March 24, a number of students qualified to represent BBI at the South Eastern Zone Swimming Competition. BBI had an extremely successful day placing in most finals. Eleven students have qualified to compete at the Auckland Championships on 31 March. Netball trials are also well underway. Mrs Galbraith and Mrs Adams will post the teams in the near future. Football, gymnastics and tennis trials will begin in the next couple of weeks and afterschool basketball trials have also begun. It is fantastic to see large numbers of students giving things a go!

Diane Parkinson **Principal**



Term 1 Dates to note:

Thursday 1st April 2.15pm – Early Close due to Easter holidays

Friday 2 April - Tuesday 6 April School Closed for Easter Holiday Tuesday 6 April School closed - Easter Tuesday

Friday 9 April School photos

Sunday 11 April Auckland Orienteering Sprint Finals

Tuesday 13 April SEZ Orienteering

Wednesday 14 April 12.10pm – School closes for Student led Conferences

Wednesday 14 April 1.00pm – 5.00pm Student Led Conferences

Thursday 15 April 12.10pm – school finish

Thursday 15 April 1.00 – 8.00pm Student Led Conferences
Friday 16 April 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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Tickets include spot prizes on the night.

Look out for our raffle tickets for Nigel Latta endorsed

Parent Survival Packs!