

## **NEWSLETTER – 21<sup>st</sup> February 2011**

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

### **From the Principal**

We are looking forward to getting into our new building soon with the contractors moving offsite at the end of this week leaving a few minor landscaping things to do. The grounds are looking great due to all the work by our wonderful caretakers, grounds men and our environmental children.

### **Road Safety**

We are waiting for a Kea crossing to be established by the Auckland Council on Bell Rd. This will be manned by trained children. In the meantime the designated crossing points are only refuge islands and are not meant to be used as a crossing. Please help us by reminding children the cars have the right of way at these places and I wish to encourage everyone to walk to school and keep the road traffic outside our school gates to a minimum as with the increase in roll it is only going to get worse.

**This week** on Thursday at 8.30am we will have the Kool Kids Show in our Hall to help to reinforce our FERN values and encourage children to be proactive in dealing with negative behaviour as we do not have to put up with it. Thank you to Rosemarie Lategan our SENCO for all the work she does to ensure children are safe and all negative behaviour issues are followed up on.

### **Open Morning Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> of March 8.30am to 10.00am**

This is to give you plenty of advanced warning to set this time aside so you can visit your child's classroom and participate and observe how teachers and children learn within the classroom. This is a great opportunity for you to be part of working with your child and teacher to support and encourage them on the work that they do.

### **PTA**

To all our new and current parents, I wish to invite you to consider joining the PTA as they are a wonderful group of people who do a great deal of work on behalf of the school. They work tirelessly with fundraising, supporting new parents into the school and working with teachers to ensure ideas and procedures are well implemented. By joining I am sure you will meet new members of our community and be able to support projects like the fundraising for a new junior playground. I know the PTA calendar is already underway and there are plenty of activities that require parental support.

### **Intermediate Swimming Sports**

A big thank you to all the parents who came and supported our Intermediate Swimming Sports last Friday. It was a successful event with high student participation and pleasing results.

### **Friday Fun Day**

On Friday 11<sup>th</sup> March the School is holding a Buddy Class Fun Day. The students will be encouraged to come dressed in House colours in support of our House system and the event will run from 12.00 – 2.00pm. You are welcome to come and join in the Fun. Students will rotate around different activities with their Buddy class.

### **Head Lice**

Can parents please check their child's hair for head lice.

## Home Learning – FERN Challenge

All students from Year 3 to 8 will be sent home today with their blue portfolio which will contain a letter outlining the details of the new Home Learning Programme, a list of tasks specific to their year level and a blank action sheet. Although this new Home Learning Programme is optional for students to participate in, we would encourage them to take up the challenge. Please read through the details with your child and sign the slip at the end of the letter, then send only the slip back to school with them. The blue portfolio will stay at home until students have completed a task and it needs to be checked off by their teacher. We will be holding a parent evening later in the term if you have any concerns or questions.

## Awards at School Assembly

Congratulations to the following students who received the Beachlands Learning Award today

Alex, Adam, Maeve, Matthew, Georgia, Riley, Rachel, Nicole, Liam, James, Rory, Lara, Taylan, Jamie, James, Renee, Alice and Carly.



## Coming Events

Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February - Year 5 and 6 Swimming Sports 10.40am.  
Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> February - Board of Trustees meeting 6.00pm  
Friday 11<sup>th</sup> March - School Fun Day  
Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> March - Open morning 8.30am – 10.00am  
Friday 15<sup>th</sup> April - Grandparents Day

## Community News

**Keyboard and Piano lessons** available at Beachlands School on Wednesdays. For more information contact Music in Schools on 273 3411.

**Maraetai Beachlands Kindy Fundraiser:** Wine tasting and antipasti Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 7.00pm – 9.00pm at Vin Alto in Clevedon. \$25 per ticket for generous wine tastings and delicious antipasti in a lovely environment. Tickets available at Kindy or phone Samantha on 536-6959 for enquiries. We value your support!

**Girls' Brigade is back!** Girls' Brigade is an interdenominational Youth organisation working to equip girls and young women (5-17yrs old) in a range of life skills, adventures and confidence building. We meet each Tuesday night during term time at Howick Presbyterian Church (Cnr Ridge Road & Vincent Street, Howick). Cost is \$150 per girl for the full year. For more info email Erin on [efellet@gmail.com](mailto:efellet@gmail.com) or call 021 374 662. We would love to have you join us and we have no waiting lists!

**Rental Accommodation** required urgently in the Beachlands Maraetai area. Two bedroom house required, references available Contact 021-023-05932

## KBB Music – All Star Band Programme

Want to learn to play a musical instrument? KBB Allstar Band Program is proud to offer lessons for a wide range of instruments at Beachlands School in 2011. The instruments that are available are: - Clarinet, Saxophone, Trombone, Glockenspiel, Flute, Trumpet, Snare Drum. Leon Dumper Phone - 021-366-443 Email: [leon@allstarbp.co.nz](mailto:leon@allstarbp.co.nz) website [www.allstarbp.co.nz](http://www.allstarbp.co.nz)

Lines of Communication – If you have any concerns please follow the normal channels of communication through the classroom teacher, team leaders and Associate Principals and Principal.