

Newsletter – 14th February 2011

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

From the Principal

We are already into week three and time is flying by. The children have settled in well and routines are established for good work habits and high expectations. We are hoping to see the landscaping been completed around the new building soon and I know the teachers are very keen to move in. At this stage I have no date as the project manager has to work with the Council to get everything signed off.

Our new softball and cricket nets are almost complete and will be very useful to enhance our sports programme.

It is great to see how the children are taking more responsibility through their uniform and sunhats and are willing to share and talk about their learning.

Please make a note in your diaries that on **Tuesday 15th March 8.30am to 10.00am** we will have an open morning for you to come and share in your child's learning. You will be able to visit other rooms even if your child is not in there as we would like you to see the range of learning opportunities we offer to the children at Beachlands School.

Year 5 and 6 Swimming Sports

Tuesday 22nd February is year 5 and 6 School Swimming Sports, racing will begin at 10.40am. Students are encouraged to support their school house by dressing up in their house colours on the day. If your child does not wish to participate in this way they are required to wear full, correct school uniform. We would love for you to come and support your child and help make the day a success.

New Home Learning Programme

This year Beachlands School is changing the way Home Learning is done. This is an exciting challenge for our Year 3 to Year 8 students and will give them the opportunity to work at their own pace to complete a wide variety of tasks. On Monday 21st February your child will be sent home with their Blue Portfolios and these will contain a detailed letter outlining the programme, a task sheet and a blank action plan. Please take the time to read through each of these carefully with your child. If you and your child would like to participate in the programme please return the signed permission slip.

Intermediate Swimming sports

On Friday 18th February Beachlands School will be holding our annual Intermediate Swimming Sports. We are starting at 10.40am. Please feel free to come and join in the fun and support your child. Students are encouraged to come dressed in House colours in support of their House.

The Incredible Years

This is a fantastic opportunity for our parents. FREE Behaviour Training and parental skills for our parents locally at Beachlands Baptist Church. Presented by the Ministry of Education running over 14 weeks, 2 hours per week on Friday mornings from 9.00am – 11.00am commencing 18th February. There was a one hour introductory session on 11th February at 9.00am at the Baptist Centre. We need 20 parents to sign up for this to go ahead. Last week to sign up for **FREE TRAINING!!!** Please contact Rosemarie Lategan asap to book your place on 536-6757.

Awards at School Assembly

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

Cameron, Julian, Cara, Hannah, Devlin, Mason, Francis, Rachel, Breanna, Samuel, Nathan, Xavier, Ben, Brooke, Cade, Alana, Dallas, Hannah and Rochelle.



Measles Outbreak

We have been advised by the Auckland Regional Public Health Service that there is a measles epidemic in the Auckland region. "Immunisation against measles is the best protection. It is safe, effective and free for anyone who is eligible. Adults born prior to 1969 will likely have been exposed to the disease in the past and are assumed to be immune and do not need vaccinations or their immune status checked. We encourage you to check your immune status."

PTA News

Fishing Competition – at Maraetai Friday 18th February 1.00pm – 5.00pm (all proceeds are divided between Beachlands & Maraetai Schools and the Coastguard). This is a great fundraiser for the school. This year we are still short of a couple of volunteers for the Weigh-in - **if you can spare an hour or two please call Rebecca urgently on 536-6036.**

PTA Meeting – **Tuesday 15th February 7.30pm at 3 Pohutukawa Road All Welcome**

This is the first meeting of the year - last year we raised approx \$30,000. If you would like to help the school come along, no pressure, you can help as much or as little as you're able.

Our next fundraising activities:

- The Fishing Weigh-In
- Grandparents Day
- Entertainment Books
- Subway/Sushi Lunches – are there any volunteers who will be able to organise these lunches. If we have no support we cannot supply these lunches. Contact Julie Benns on 536-7188.

Coming Events

Friday 18 th February -	Intermediate Swimming Sports 10.40am Fishing Competition Fundraiser
Tuesday 22 nd February -	Year 5 and 6 Swimming Sports 10.40am.
Thursday 24 th February -	Board of Trustees meeting 6.00pm
Friday 11 th March -	School Fun Day
Friday 15 th 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 23rd 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!

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. We warmly invite you to a "Try-out Morning" on Tuesday the 15th of February in the Beachlands School Hall. This is a great opportunity for you to try out all the instruments that are available to learn. And to pick the one that is right for you. The instruments that are available are: - Clarinet, Saxophone, Trombone, Glockenspiel, Flute, Trumpet, Snare Drum. Look forward to meeting you on Tuesday the 15th.

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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.