

Newsletter – 28th February 2011

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

From the Principal

As you are aware we had a National disaster last week with the Christchurch earthquake. This has affected everyone in a range of ways. The Auckland Principals' Association has called for all schools in Auckland to have a red and black mufti day this Friday 4th March. The money from the mufti day will be collected by the Auckland Principals' Association and sent onto the Canterbury Principals' Association who will distribute it according to need. We did this last year and collectively the Auckland Schools raised over \$42,000.00.

I have been approached by a number of students to also raise money through the school. We wish to support and encourage this as it reflects the aspect of being a contributor and leader at Beachlands School. These other fund raising events will be co-ordinated through the classroom teacher and there may be a number of them happening over the next few weeks. I believe this will also help the children to come to terms with the disaster by talking about it and actually doing something to support others in their time of need. The money raised from these events will be donated to the Red Cross.

As an example of what students have done, we heard that two of our students Jessica McEntee and MacKenzie Turner baked biscuits and sold them at the roadside on Saturday and Sunday. They raised \$100.00 which they have donated to Red Cross. Well done Jess and Mackenzie

We are also allowed to enrol students from Christchurch who may need time away from the city. If you are approached to have a family come and stay with you then you are welcome to enrol them at Beachlands School.

The Beachlands School children love school so much we have a number staying behind after the 2.30pm bell. We wish them to go straight home as this is when the Wakelin Rd crossing is patrolled and I am sure you want them to come home straight away. If children are not accompanied by their parent after 2.30pm they will be encouraged to go home. Also as a reminder, our after school care programme operates from 2.30pm and we would like the Kowhai area cleared as quickly as possible for them to start their programme.

Open Morning Tuesday 15th 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.

Year 5 and 6 Swimming Sports

Thank you to all those parents who helped make our swimming sports successful. It was wonderful to see so much parent support. The students who made it through to HPPA Swimming will be competing at Howick Intermediate School on 8th March.

Friday Fun Day

On Friday 11th 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.

Awards at School Assembly

Congratulations to the following students who received the Fern Award today - Maggie, Connor, Josh, Rhiannon, William, Maddie Zane, Luke, Mary-Cate Isla, Cameron, Eviel, Jakob, Elise, Tayla, Josh, Cody, Ashleigh, Kirsten and Shane.



Beachlands School House Leaders

Over the past four weeks students in the Intermediate School have been applying for positions of responsibility across the school. To become a house leader, Year 8 students also had to present a speech to the Intermediate students and teachers. The quality of applications and speeches this year was very high and led to some very difficult decisions having to be made. At Beachlands School these students have a wide and varied role from running the school assemblies to organising fundraising events.

Congratulations to the following students who are our 2011 School House Leaders:

Takitimu	Arawa	Tokomaru	Tainui
Ben Hamill Eilidh McCreight Carly Waterson- Martin	Dayna Ruka George Phillips Lara Potgieter	Victoria Metz Olivia Reidy Elijah Jurd-Pinho	Alice Cloke Shana Beggs Alice Croll

Shellfish Monitoring

This Wednesday at 9.00am students from the Intermediate Team will be conducting shellfish monitoring at Flat Island. This is an important scientific survey, the results of which are passed on to the people who take care of our coastal environment. At this stage we are desperately short of parent help - you do not have to have any experience with shellfish monitoring as the students are all trained. ***If there are any parents in the wider school community who are able to help we would greatly appreciate it.*** The monitoring runs from 9.00am to 1.45pm from the Hawke Crescent Reserve. Please contact Barbara Dinnissen bdinnissen@beachlands.school.nz or phone the school office if you are able to help.

Coming Events

Friday 4 th March -	Mufti day – dress black & red – gold coin donation
Friday 11 th March -	School Fun Day
Tuesday 15 th March -	Open morning 8.30am – 10.00am
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.

BMAFC Football Registration and Grading will take place at Beachlands Domain Monday 28th and 7th March. Grading times are - 7th – 10th Grade 5pm – 6pm and 11th Grade upwards 6pm – 7pm

SLAM Hockey Club are hosting a Junior muster on Sunday 6th March Lloyd Elsmore Hockey Park Pakuranga 2.00pm – 4.00pm.

For all enquiries, please call Steve Holley (09) 575 6933 or email steve.holley@slingshot.co.nz even if you can't make the muster. Registrations close Thursday, 31st March, 2011.

Situation Vacant

Caretaker required for two days per week 7.30am – 3.00pm. Skills required are highly organised, self motivated, handyperson who is a team player.

Please apply by sending CV with contact for two referees to
ATurkington@beachlands.school.nz or post to 18 Bell Road Beachlands
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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.