

Newsletter – 1st February 2011

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Welcome back for 2011. We are looking forward to another exciting year as we continue to develop and expand the learning opportunities for the Beachlands School students. We hope you had a refreshing summer holiday and are ready to take on the challenges of 2011.

We look forward to the opening of our new block at the end of Term 1 as this will allow us to have more room for the New Entrants as they start their journey at Beachlands School.

Please keep this newsletter on hand over the next few weeks because it contains some valuable information for the year.

Staffing for 2011

Brian Gower	Principal
Shirley Winters	Associate Principal / Numeracy, Literacy, Assessment and Reporting
Barbara Dinnissen	Associate Principal / Beachlands Learner, Learning Pathways
Rosemarie Lategan	SENCO, (Special Needs Co-ordinator and Gifted Education)

Kowhai Team

Marieta de Beer	Room 1A	New Entrants	Classroom Teacher
Jenny Van Niekerk	Room 1	New Entrants	Classroom Teacher
Allyse Taylor	Room 2	Year 1	Classroom Teacher
Michelle Dixon	Room 3	Year 1/2	Classroom Teacher
Kathleen Cullen	Room 4	Year 2	Senior Teacher
Paula King	Room 5	Year 2	Classroom Teacher
Amy Taylor	Room 6	Year 3/4	Classroom Teacher
Justine Jones	Room 7	Year 3/4	Classroom Teacher
Stacey Chesham	Room 8	Year 3/4	Classroom Teacher
Marianne Garvey	Room 9	Year 3/4	Classroom Teacher
Laureen McLeod	Room 10	Year 3/4	Senior Teacher
Karen Vince			Release Teacher

Rimu Team

Kylie Biggs	Room 11	Year 5/6	Classroom Teacher
Megan Croll	Room 12	Year 7/8	Classroom Teacher
Adele Adams	Room 13	Year 5/6	Classroom Teacher
Shirley Winters	Room 14	Year 5/6	Associate Principal
Kellie McLean	Room 15	Year 5/6	Classroom Teacher
Shanon Levett	Room 16	Year 5/6	Classroom Teacher
Ruth Nixon	Room 17	Year 7/8	Classroom Teacher
Barbara Dinnissen	Room 18	Year 7/8	Associate Principal
Laura Masters	Room 19	Year 7/8	Classroom Teacher
Helen McKie		Year 7/8	Learning Pathways Centre
Kieran McEwen			Release Teacher

Support Staff

Audrey Turkington	Administration Officer/PA	Vicky Howlett	Secretary/Accounts
Janice Brown	Receptionist	Lyndal MacGregor	Kauri Teacher Aide
Paulla Garrett	Library Teacher Aide	Jessica Brooks	Teacher Aide
Tania Foote	Numeracy Teacher Aide	Anita Marolias	Literacy Teacher Aide
Jo Tremlett	Learning Pathways	Tania Turner	Teacher Aide

Ruth Gillingham	Teacher Aide	Theresa Pairama	Teacher Aide
Siobhan Higgott	Teacher Aide	Bronagh Skett	Teacher Aide
Claude Humphrey	Caretaker	Eddie Harrison	Caretaker
Gordon Thom	Cleaner		

We wish to welcome Ms Laura Masters, Ms Kellie McLean and Ms Adele Adams and Ms Allyse Taylor to the Beachlands School Team and we look forward to what they can contribute to Beachlands School. Over the summer break Mrs Rozelle Venter resigned her position as classroom teacher due to illness and Ms Allyse Taylor is the new teacher in Room 2.

We also welcome Lisette Gunnewiek and Joyce ten Elzen to our staff. They will join Mrs Winters and Mrs Mcleod as fourth year student teachers. They are from the Netherlands and will be with us for three months. This is an excellent opportunity for educational and cultural exchange.

Parent Members Board of Trustees

Jane Winterman	Chairperson	536-6868
Raechel Cummins	Finance	536-6839
Bill Sole	Property	536-7273
Konrad Heinemann	Health and Safety	536-4676
Sheryl Witehira	Maori Liaison	536-6042
David Relph	Legislation	536-5188

Open Door Policy

It is important for parents and teachers to communicate for the benefit of the child. These times need to be kept outside of the classroom time. The best times to communicate are from 8.10am – 8.30am or 2.30pm – 2.45pm. If outside this time please arrange an interview. Thank you.

School Hours

There is no supervision of children who have been dropped off prior to 8.00am

- 8.00 am - Children may enter the grounds and assemble on the court area.
On wet days they are to assemble under our large covered area.
- 8.10 am - Bell to enter classrooms for teacher reception.
- 8.25 am - Preparation bell for start of school.
- 8.30 am - School commences.
- 8.30 am - Whole School Assembly Monday.
- 10.00 am -10.40 am - Break.
- 12.20 am - 1.00 pm - Lunch.
- 2.30 pm - 2.35 pm - School finishes.

NB No children may return to the school grounds until 6.00pm, unless on official business.

The school day is not shortened on wet days.

School, Team and Class Newsletters

The School Newsletter will be issued on the first day of each week so please ask and check your child's bag for any newsletters. If you have supplied us with your e-mail address you will receive the newsletter by e-mail. This is our main form of regular communication with home so this is very important. A Team newsletter will come home at the beginning of each term outlining the programme for the term as well as summarising the previous term. Class newsletters will come home when required, outlining class trips and other organisational points. **If you do not receive a newsletter, please access our website www.beachlands.school.nz** under newsletters/school newsletters.

Medical Form

Please complete the attached form accompanying this Newsletter by Friday 11th February. It is very important that we have up-to-date information on your child for Health and Safety reasons.

Absences

If your child is absent please phone the school before 8:30am and state the reason for their absence. Either a telephone message to the office on extension 1, a text message to the school mobile on 021-260-2139, email from our website or a note to the classroom teacher should cover all absences. **This is an important safety procedure.** If your child has an unexplained absence after 9.00am you will be contacted. Children are marked absent if they are not at school before 9.00am. Please keep the school up to date with your phone number, address and emergency contact.

Animals at School

Please do not bring animals of any kind **onto the school property without seeking permission from the class teacher or principal.** This is a mandatory requirement for all schools.

Cycle Safety

Cycles may be ridden to school by children who have the permission of their parents to do so. Cycles must be in a safe roadworthy condition and helmets must be worn. It is a privilege to ride a bicycle to school and failure to ride in a safe sensible manner will mean the child's parents will be contacted and permission withdrawn until behaviour is rectified. **It is recommended by the Police and Board of Trustees those children 10 years and over should be the only children who ride bikes to school. It is also recommended that there should be more children walking to school to reduce the traffic congestion around the entrances before and after school.**

Road Safety

On behalf of the Team Leader of Parking Enforcement we are to let you know that parking officers will no longer be asking parents to move vehicles from illegal parking areas, but will instead be issuing infringement notices in respect of the offence and will then post tickets out to the registered owner of the vehicle. A definition of parking is "in relation to any portion of the road, the stopping or standing of a vehicle on that portion of the road, (includes a footpath and vehicle entrance and the picking up/dropping off passengers, when the driver is present and the engine is running)." If you are concerned at anytime please contact the Manukau City Council Call Centre on 262-5104 and give details of the complaint to the Customer Services Representative who will forward details onto Parking Operations for parking enforcement at the time.

Infectious Diseases

Below is a chart which shows when a child can return to school if they have one of the following

Disease	Exclusion of child from Schools, Kindergartens etc.
Impetigo	Advice given by Public Health Nurse
Conjunctivitis	While there is a discharge from the eye
Chicken Pox	For 1 week from date of appearance of rash
Giardia	Until well with no further diarrhoea
Campylobacter	Until well with no further diarrhoea
Gastroenteritis	Until well with no further vomiting or diarrhoea
Glandular Fever	Until well enough to return
Hepatitis A	7 days from onset of jaundice
Hepatitis B	Until well or as advised by GP
Measles	At least 4 days from onset of rash
Meningitis	Until recovery
Mumps	Until recovery
Ringworm	Restrict contact activities e.g. swimming until clear
Rubella	7 days from appearance of rash
Salmonella	Until well with no further diarrhoea
Scabies	24 hours after treatment is started
Streptococcal	Until 24 hours after antibiotics started

Slapped Cheek	Unnecessary unless child is unwell
Whooping Cough	21 days from onset of coughing, or after 5 days

Money at School

Money brought to school must be given to the classroom teacher first thing in the morning. We ask parents to put the money in an envelope and write their child's name, the amount and purpose of the money and to make sure it is handed to the teacher and not left on the desk.

Visitors and Parents

All visitors to the school must sign in at the office to obtain a visitors pass. All parents and visitors are to report to the office in order to collect their child. The office will phone for the child to come to the office where they will be signed out. This is for Health & Safety reasons.

Can you help?

Parent help required for PMP and Library. Please contact the school office if you are able to help in these areas.

Technology (Learning Pathways)

Years 7 and 8 children will attend technology classes each week at school. The Maraetai Beach Year 7 & 8 children will be part of our technology programme this year. Due to the fact that specialist equipment will be used a fee will be set each year and students will be issued with an invoice. Children are to wear covered shoes when attending all lessons.

Jewellery

Students are permitted to wear studs in their ears but not earrings. This is for safety reasons. If any other jewellery is to be worn then a note from the parent is requested outlining a spiritual or cultural reason.

Collecting Children from School for Special Reasons

Parents needing to collect children from school for any reason e.g. dental appointments need to inform the teacher of the appointment and then collect their child from the office. Students will **not** be released from class to wait unsupervised at the gates. Parents need to come to the office.

Swimming/Hair Ties

Children with long hair are to wear hair ties for health and safety reasons. All children to please bring their named swimming gear in a plastic bag to avoid books etc being ruined in their school bag. We request that children do not swim in bikinis and board shorts. If your child has an open wound or has had diarrhoea please do not allow them to swim.

Sun Hats -Sun Protection

In keeping with health studies in regard to cancer of the skin, we are actively promoting the wearing of hats during the times the children are outside. All children are to wear wide brimmed hats during Term 1 and 4. Children who are not wearing a hat will be directed to the blue cover area of the grounds by duty staff to practise and develop awareness of the dangers of the sun, and responsibility for making sure they have a hat.

The school uniform hat was specifically chosen to protect the wearer's head completely and is available from the uniform shop. It has been discounted to ensure everyone is able to afford it and can always keep a hat at school.

All children should use suntan lotion when they are outside for long periods or on very sunny days.

School Donation (Voluntary)

These have been set at \$200.00 **per child** and \$400.00 for three or more children. This \$200.00 amounts to \$5.00 per week per child. These donations are used to enhance the learning opportunities that all children are given. They are an important part of the school funding. We can

assure you every child directly benefits from school donations, from being able to buy additional resources such as books, computer equipment, sports gear and so on. You are welcome to pay by EFTPOS, cheque, cash or Visa. You are also welcome to have a direct debit. Please enquire at the school office for our bank account number. If you are unable to pay the school donation then, please come and discuss alternative arrangements with the office. Please remember there is no such thing as a free education.

Activity Fees (Compulsory)

These will be approximately \$20.00 per term. At the beginning of each term you will receive a newsletter from each area of the school (Kowhai, Rimu), which will outline the intended programme, and approximate costs. At the end of each term you will receive another newsletter with an evaluation of the term and what money was spent. If there is money left over from the \$20.00, then this money will be rolled over for the following term as a credit against your child. If the \$20.00 is not paid then you will receive an invoice for the outstanding amount each term.

Please note that any arrears from 2010 will have to be paid before children can participate in the 2011 activities. Please complete the form at the end of the newsletter.

Uniforms

The uniform shop is located at 18 Pohutukawa Road Beachlands. Phone 536-6444.

Sports Uniforms

The school has a compulsory sports uniform, which is now to be worn by all children from Y2– Y8. The uniform is needed for Phys Ed. PMP and Sports to ensure children change from their normal class clothing for strenuous activity and to present a uniform image when competing against other schools. **Sports uniforms are not to be worn to and from school. Children are to wear their footwear home to ensure we do not have a lost property box full of shoes.**

Dental Nurse

Robyn Parton our school Dental Nurse is situated at Shelly Park School. Please phone 534-5682 for an appointment.

Oasis After School Care

The Oasis Programme operates from 2.30pm to 6.00pm daily for 5–13 year olds. They are based at Beachlands School. We have two programmes Kowhai Y1 – Y4 supervisor Jane Foote Phone 536-6751 and Rimu Y5 – Y8 supervisor Debbie Barry phone 021-214-153. Supervisors are available from 1.00pm daily. Please note an enrolment form needs to be completed before your child can be accepted.

Oasis is a recognised OSCAR programme and parents will be able to receive the OSCAR subsidy from WINZ. Our aim for Oasis is to provide a safe and stimulating environment which caters for the needs of children at all ages and stages of development, cultural background, disabilities and interests.

Instead of children wearing their school uniforms at after school care, play clothes may be worn. This will help keep uniforms clean and tidy as sometimes we experience mucky arts and crafts and water play.

Please also make sure to bring togs and towels everyday in summer as the pool will be available.

Parent Reading Support

We need more people to assist with the Parent Reading Support Programme. If you can spare time during the school day to read with, and to hear young learners, please contact the school office. You will receive instruction in exactly how you can best help the child/children you will be working with before you get started in the programme. Each person will work with just one child, at any one time.

Permission Forms -Trips/Outside Performers

As you know we have to receive your permission to take your child on any visit outside of the school. In the past many children have not been returning their permission forms and this has led to major organisational hassles, and in some cases, children missing out on the trip. All parents are notified of trips so what we are asking for is a permission slip, which will cover all trips for the year. If there is any trip that you do not want your child to go to then please write to the school, or email info@beachlands.school.nz stating this and your reason.

Web site

We also seek your permission for your child's first name and work to be published onto our web page/newspapers/other NZ web sites. Please read the policy on our web site.

We are compiling email lists for classrooms. Can you please email info@beachlands.school.nz to be put on your child's classroom list.

Our School values

These are based on the FERN motto of Friendship, Encouragement, Respect and Nurture.

They are... I will:

- **Listen to others.**
- **Care about others and treat them how I would like to be treated.**
- **Look after property and our environment.**
- **Use my manners and speak positively to others.**
- **Be the best I can be.**
- **Be responsible for my action.**

School Calendar for 2011

Terms and Holidays

Term 1:	Monday 1 st of February -	Friday 15 th of April
Term 2:	Monday 2 nd of May -	Friday 15 th of July
Term 3:	Monday 1 st of August -	Friday 7 th of October
Term 4:	Tuesday 25 th of October -	Wednesday 14 th of December

Coming Events:

Thursday 24th February – Cool Kids – outside performer – please ensure your 2010 fees have been paid.

Friday 15th of April 2009 – Grandparent's Day

Brian Gower

Principal

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.