

Newsletter – 11th July 2011

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

From the Principal

Welcome to the last week of Term 2. This term has gone very quickly. Mid-year reports will be coming home at the end of the week along with the children's personal review. These reviews are very useful to use to talk to your child about their progress at Beachlands School. As the teachers share with them the learning step they are on and what is the next step the children have become very skilful at setting goals and following through on them in order to achieve them. It is great to see children taking interest in their learning as they become more self-motivated and independent.

As you know I will be on a sabbatical for term three and Mrs Shirley Winters and Ms Barbara Dinnissen will carry out my role during my absence. I am sure as Acting Principals and with everyone's support Beachlands School will continue to grow and develop throughout the term.

Over the coming break we will have a number of workmen on site from data technicians, and electricians to cleaners so if your children wish to come on site they will need to be accompanied by an adult. Please have a happy and safe two week break.

Kea Crossing on Bell Rd

The children and an adult will supervise the crossing for 15 minutes before and after school. It is an infringement to cross within 20 metres of the crossing when it is in use. Thank you to all the parents who have ensured children have used the refuge islands in the past as they will have formed a great safety habit outside our school gates. From now on all children if going up Bell Rd will need to use the Kea crossing. We hope this will improve safety for children and help to slow the cars down that use Bell Rd as a short cut through to the shopping centre.

Can you help?

We are starting up another new entrant classroom and would love donations of puzzles, blocks, books etc that your children have outgrown. Also cushions for the reading corner would also be welcome. Please contact Mrs Potgieter if you are able to help.

Awards at School Assembly

Congratulations to the following students who received an Award today –

Matthew, Harrison, Kate, Stephanie, Annalise Alysha, Connor, Zoe, Jessica, Matthew, Danielle, Ashley, Alec, Emily, Georgia, Georgia, Luke, Jackson, Alex, Maisie, Benje, Anna and Alice.



House Points

1st Takitimu 2nd Arawa 3rd Tokomaru 4th Tainui

Entertainment Books

Can you please return your entertainment book or payment to the school office urgently. Thank you.

Yummy Stickers

The collection of Yummy stickers is going well, be sure to keep collecting over the holidays as we will be continuing next term. Last year with the stickers collected we were able to bring Volley Ball into the school. So keep up the great work.

East Counties Netball

Several Intermediate girls were selected to trial for the East Counties Netball team this term. The girls battled it out for positions in the pouring rain last week with five of our students being selected! Congratulations to Lynley Gugich and Alice Cloke selected for the Year 8 A team, Chloe Usherwood and Samantha Turner for the year 8 B team and Bailey Smith year 7 A team. Well done girls - all the best for Counties.

CO2 Race Days

Our Year 7 and 8 students have been making CO2 powered cars this term. They are now ready to race and we have had a few parents asking to come along to watch. Room 18 were to have invited their parents to their races today. If you wish to come along to see one of the other race days then please come to the hall between 10.50 and 12 this week. Room 23 race on Thursday, Room 24 on Wednesday and Room 25 on Thursday. Maraetai School will be racing their cars on Friday. Anyone that is interested can come along on any of the above days.

Wearable Arts Fashion Show

The Year 7 and 8 students have been cooperating in small groups to create a costume made from waste materials. They will be showcasing their creations on Thursday 4 August from 1pm. Joining them will be students throughout the school who have got together with their buddy classes to create a costume per class. You are invited to join us for what is always a popular event.

Dental Clinic

The Shelly Park dental clinic will be open from 18th July – 29 July. Contact 534-5682

Coming Events

Wednesday 13 th July -	Oral Language Presentation – Year 3 and 4 1.00pm – 1.45pm
Friday 15 th July -	End of term 2. Normal closing time
Monday 1 st August –	Term 3 commences

PTA News

WOW! The two Balls put on by the PTA this weekend were so much fun for all who came along. The Intermediate students from the Beachlands and Maraetai area looked stunning in their formal outfits. They danced the night away, whilst enjoying the transformed hall, and the food, which included chocolate fish and pineapple lumps. The theme this year was Kiwiana so sheep and kiwi mingled with the crowd.

The Community Ball sold out very quickly this year, with some not managing to get a ticket (sorry). The hall was packed with people dressed in ball gowns and tuxedos, fancy dress costumes in the theme of the evening, men in kilts, and even a wedding dress. Lisa Hamilton worked miracles in securing a wide variety of sponsors for the auction and mystery envelopes, and Brian Preston became our auctioneer for the evening. Please support the businesses included on the sponsors sheet as they have been very generous in their support for our school. Thanks go to the dedicated and hard working PTA and Friends of the PTA. If you would like your name adding to the Friends list please email me: hmckie@beachlands.school.nz

Don't forget to order your Sushi tomorrow and Friday is Hot Chocolate day. If you would like to help Angela with hot chocolate on Fridays next Term for 1-1 1/2 hours please email me at the above address.

Community Notices

Maraetai-Beachlands Presbyterian Church is holding a Book Fair this Saturday 16th July from 8.00am – 12.00 noon at 54 Second View Avenue Beachlands.

Maraetai Beach Boat Club are holding a disco on Sunday 17th July from 3.00pm – 5.00pm \$2.00 per child. There will be prizes to win – lollies, drinks and flashing things to buy. Disco open to all ages - Parents please note that younger children are to be supervised at all times.
Te Puru Coasters Baseball Club - youth baseball 9 years up - T-Ball 5 to 8yrs. **Registration: 24 & 25th September.** Mark your calendar. For further info please view www.tepurubaseball.co.nz

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