

## Newsletter – 20<sup>th</sup> June 2011

**Dear Parents/Caregivers,**

### **From the Principal**

The teachers are all underway with writing the children's midyear report. These will come home in week 11.

### **ERO Visit**

The unofficial and informal feedback given last week to the BOT was very affirming and as a community we can very proud of what we have accomplished at Beachlands School over the past three years. We have quite a number of practices which are special to Beachlands and which support and enhance students learning. The report will take about four weeks to write then a further three weeks to confirm before it will available to our community. We look forward to its release as it will allow us to affirm and celebrate the successful practice we have in place.

### **Principal's Sabbatical**

I have been awarded leave for a sabbatical for Term 3. This will allow me to visit a number of schools and complete a research paper on the effective environmental programmes which engage students through authentic learning. Through this I hope Environmental Education will enhance the Beachlands Learner's ability to communicate, contribute, learn and lead.

Mrs Winters and Ms Dinnissen will become Acting Principals during Term 3. They will be provided with additional release to do so. This will be a great opportunity for them and they are well supported by staff, children and parents in a wonderful learning community.

### **Open Morning**

This will be held on Friday the 1<sup>st</sup> of July from 8:30am to 10am. This will be a great time to pop into classes in your child's area and view the programmes that are being taught. Please visit the other classes as this will give you a better feel and understanding of how committed we are to delivering the best possible learning opportunities for the children that attend Beachlands School.

### **SNUP (School Network Upgrade Project)**

The Ministry has recognised the successful ICT practice we have in place and as a result are paying 80% towards an upgrade to our ICT network. Over the next few weeks we will be having workmen in and around the school running improved data cabling and switches. This will allow us to make the most of when the Government runs out the Ultrafast Broadband to schools. It will give us improved speed and internet access as this has so many learning opportunities for our students today.

### **Jump Rope for Heart**

Thanks to all students for making our Jump Off Day such a success! Thanks to the student leaders who did a wonderful job running the stations. Please bring back any money raised to the office in a named envelope attached to your Jump Rope Challenge Booklet. Money raised goes to the Heart Foundation with 25% being returned to the school. Thank you to those parents who managed to attend with the last minute decision to change the time.



**Congratulations to....**Jessica Morrison who came 4<sup>th</sup> in the NZ National Cross Country Championship on the weekend.

### **Rugby**

Five of our senior students Ben Wilson, Darius Lindsay, Braydn Cole, Lachlan Haitana and Richard Morrison represented East Counties at the Counties Zone Rugby Tournament on Thursday last week. I am proud to say that four of them are now going on to the next stage, representing East Counties at the Auckland Champs. Good luck boys and thank you to the parents for supporting them.

### **Awards at School Assembly**

Congratulations to the following students who received an Award today –

Regan, Sophie, Brooke, Karl, Charlie, Dean, Molly, Zachary, Luke, Sophie, Francis, Xavier, Michaela, Jamie, Petra, Taylor, Chloe, Jo-Elle, Zac and Emma.



### **House Points**

1<sup>st</sup> Tainui                      2<sup>nd</sup> Arawa                      3<sup>rd</sup> Takitimu                      4<sup>th</sup> Tokomaru

### **Coming Events**

Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	Board of Trustees Meeting 6.00pm
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> July	Open Morning 8.30 – 10.00am
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> July -	Intermediate School Ball
Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup> July -	Community Ball

### **PTA News**

**Hot Chocolate Fridays \$2.00** – bring your own mug

**Sushi – Order in by 9.00am** on Tuesdays.

### **Community and Intermediate Balls**

Tickets for the Balls are now available. Ex pupils of Beachlands and Maraetai Schools who are now at other Intermediate schools are welcome. Community Ball tickets will be on sale at the Beachlands School Office and the Post Shop. Please leave a name if booking a table of 8. Tickets are \$45 each, or \$320 for a table of 8.

Intermediate School Ball tickets will be on sale from both school offices - \$20.00 each. Please ensure you write your full name on the back of your ticket.

We are looking for anything that can be auctioned or given as prizes in \$20 envelopes on the night of the Community Ball. In the past we have had paintings, days out, hotel accommodation, tanks of water, a trailer of firewood, hair vouchers, meal and travel vouchers, a day out on a yacht, helicopter flights, a day in the cockpit of an AirNZ plane, Supermarket vouchers, SkyTower vouchers, to name a few. If you work for a business that may be able to help with donating a prize worth at least \$20 could you please contact me at the above email. We are also looking for contacts who can get us discounted beer, wine and soft drinks.

### **End of Term Party**

Year 1-4 5.00pm – 6.30pm

Year 5-8 7.00pm – 8.30pm

Hot dogs, lolly bags, glow sticks and drinks etc. will be on sale. Tickets \$4.00 – buy them under the blue cover 8.00am - 8.30am Monday 20th-Friday 24th (or pay \$5 on the night).

We urgently need more helpers to help on the night. Please contact Rebecca Preston on 536-4288 or email [brian.bex@ihug.co.nz](mailto:brian.bex@ihug.co.nz) if you are able to help with set up or clean up, inside the hall during the parties or outside the hall (security), selling tickets before school