

## Newsletter – 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2011

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

### From the Acting Principal – Ms Dinnissen & Mrs Winters

Sometimes, the name something has makes all the difference to how it is perceived. At Beachlands School the teachers have been making great efforts around their language choices. Education has for a long time been based on a 19<sup>th</sup> century industrial revolution factory model – the same time that the idea of having a childhood was invented! The factory model of school is out-dated , it focuses on students doing “work” which is planned for them, checked by someone else to make sure that have “worked” to the required standard, before handing them some more “work”. We need to ask ourselves - is the purpose of school in the 21<sup>st</sup> century just to produce good workers - or do we want more for our young people?

Our teachers don't go to staff meetings- they have professional learning time, and this Thursday we don't have “parent interviews” we have **student learning conferences**. The differences are marked - a parent interview suggests a time when the parent (or the teacher) is being interviewed (a one way process) and the student isn't involved - except that their work is the topic of the interview.

A student learning conference involves the student, the parent(s) and the teacher, and it is driven by the person whose learning the people are meeting to discuss, it is collaborative, a discussion where all voices are heard and it is focussed on improving learning outcomes. Students should be encouraged to discuss their goals, their learning and their progress, what they want to work towards next and what challenges they still need to overcome. Conferences are a valuable part of the learning process and a great way to build shared goals with your child and their teacher.

### Awards at School Assembly

Congratulations to the following students who received an Award today –

Liam Huxley, Lauryn Smith, Kaydyn Thompson, Connor Hatch, Talia TeHira, Lilly Morton, Cherish Collins-Elliot, Eden Treanor, Casey Usherwood, Matthew Lee, Mikayla Bouskill, Amy Mills, Jackson Rutherford, Grace Annett, Michaela Gill, Sonali Keshavara, Cade Attwood, Brogan Jowers-Wilding, Jessinee Bailey, Hannah Edwards, Natasha Hartshorne and Jack MacCullaich.



### House Points

1<sup>st</sup> Tokomaru

2<sup>nd</sup>= Takitimu & Arawa

4<sup>th</sup> Tainui

### Student Learning Conferences

These will be held on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> October for Rooms 17 and 22 and Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> October from 12.40pm to 7.50pm. To book a conference please go to [www.schoolinterviews.co.nz](http://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz) and enter the code **N973C**. If you are unable to book online, please call the school office.

### Student Personal Reviews

This week before the student learning conferences all students will have taken home their personal review. This document is an important part of the reporting process at Beachlands School. It allows students an opportunity to take ownership of their learning and to reflect on the progress they have made. Please take some time this week to discuss your child's review with them and to have a conversation about their learning at school.

### Book Character Dress Up Day

Celebrate your favourite book character by dressing up as them this Wednesday. This is an excellent opportunity for parents to talk with their child about books and their favourite book characters from their childhood. We will have a parade at 9.45 (weather permitting) parents are more than welcome to come and view the parade.

## **Galaxy of Books' Scholastics Book Fair**

Are you ready for some out-of-this-world excitement? Come and visit our Scholastic Book Fairs' Galaxy of Books. You'll go where no reader has gone before as you explore the coolest array of books on the cosmos.

Our Fair will be a wonderful reading celebration giving your family the perfect opportunity to select books together. Plus your support of this fundraiser provides valuable learning resources for our school.

I hope you can join us at our **Galaxy of Books Book Fair** to help us celebrate reading with our students and the school community. This stellar reading celebration is on this week during the following hours:

Monday – Thursday: 8.15-9.00am

Monday – Wednesday: 2.00-3.00pm

Thursday: 12.30-7.30pm

### **"Guess the number of pages"**

Simply guess the total number of pages in a stack of books to win a fantastic basket of goodies. One entry for every purchase over \$10.00.

## **Speech Finals Success**

Congratulations to Hannah Edwards, Dayna Ruka and Sophie Ruka who have all represented the school in the past few weeks at the Auckland Primary Principals Speech Competition. Dayna won the impromptu competition for the Eastern Zone. Last Wednesday she competed at the Auckland level at Ponsonby Primary School. She spoke on the topic of "If I was a parent what ground rules would I have..." It is the first speaker that we have had through to this level in impromptu speaking and are exceptionally proud of her accomplishments.

## **Bake Sale**

Tomorrow Year 5/6 jump jam girls are holding a bake sale to fundraise money for their costumes. It will be under the blue cover at morning tea.

## **Coming Events**

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> October

Rooms 17 & 22 Student Learning Conferences

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> October

Book character dress-up day

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> October

Student Learning Conferences

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> October

End of Term 3 – normal closing time

Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> October

Term 4 begins

## **PTA News**

**End of Term Party. A big thank you to all the helpers.** The children had a great time eating, drinking and dancing.

**Don't forget to order your Sushi tomorrow and Friday is Hot Chocolate Day.**

## **Community News**

**Football Fun Centre** - Tuesday evenings @ Te Puru Hall. Starts 1<sup>st</sup> week back in Term 4

Football Tots 4-6 year olds from 5pm – 5.50 - Football Stars 7-8 year olds from 6pm – 6.50

The course will run for 10 weeks at a cost of \$80 per child.

This is a great way for the kids to build on their skills learned this season. We will have 12 per group.

This concept is run by AFF (Auckland Football Federation) in conjunction with NZ Football and is a fantastic opportunity for our club to be the facilitator.

Please contact Brian Preston on 536-4288 or email [brian@prestonsfurniture.co.nz](mailto:brian@prestonsfurniture.co.nz)

**ALL STAR CHEERLEADING HOLIDAY PROGRAM:** Always wanted to give cheerleading a go? Now is your chance! The All Star Cheerleaders are offering a 'cheer' holiday program during the first week of the October school holidays (10<sup>th</sup> -14<sup>th</sup>) and a 'tumble' holiday programme during the second week (17<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup>) at our local East Gym. This holiday program is open to all ages and abilities. For more information or a brochure please phone 0800 CHEERLEADER or 444 5597 or email: [office@allstarcheerleaders.co.nz](mailto:office@allstarcheerleaders.co.nz) or check our website: [www.allstarcheerleaders.co.nz](http://www.allstarcheerleaders.co.nz)

