

Newsletter – 29th August 2011

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

From the Acting Principals – Ms Dinnissen and Mrs Winters

The iconic New Zealand fern frond or “koru” symbolises new life, growth, strength and peace, it represents the nurturing of relationships and the continual need to move forwards. It is no accident that at Beachlands School we have built our relationships around the idea of a fern. The motto of FERN was created by students and quickly became a verb widely used in our school and community. We have many students who role model these ideals of friendship, encouragement, respect and nurture towards everyone they interact with - they make our school a better learning environment for all.

Once it was established amongst students, we started to explore how “being FERN” could benefit the adult relationships in our school community. The research on improving student achievement shows that having positive, learning focused relationships between the school and parents can make a dramatic difference to the outcomes for the children. Having FERN as a benchmark for our adult relationships means that we can all work towards shared goals for the benefit of our young people. As a community we have a great deal to be proud of - our school is innovative, we have learning focused relationships, our students are well supported in their academic goals, we offer a wide range of opportunities that enhance our learning programmes, we have a dedicated staff who are committed to being role models of learning and, importantly, our parent community are working with us to help us to continually move forwards. Without a shared commitment to relationships based on FERN none of this would be possible.

Class/Individual Photos

These will be taken on Monday 12th September. A prepaid order form and envelope will be coming home to every child today. If you wish to order please return your envelope and payment to the school office before Monday 12th September. If you would like a family photograph please collect a sibling envelope from the school office. It is possible to make one payment for all family photographs but please return each child’s envelope marked “paid in Room (?)”. Thank you.

Conservation Week in Kaiawa - from 11th – 18th September

You might like to check out this website for things to do during Conservation Week.

<http://www.doc.govt.nz/conservation-week-home/>

<http://www.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz/EN/OurAuckland/Events/Pages/makeawishconservationweek2011.aspx>

At school for week 7 and 8 all classes will be taking a visit down to Kaiawa Gardens after winter to do class working bees. As spring is around the corner and the weather is getting warmer it is a good time for tidying up the gardens and doing some planting. It will be a good project for the school as conservation week is about appreciating what we have and contributing towards improving it. Kaiawa is a wonderful resource. A list of jobs has been created that need working on and classes will choose what they want to be involved with. Jobs include tidying sheds, weeding, planting, work on the banana grove, pruning, tidying the chicken area and painting. Your child will let you know when their class time is. The students may be required to bring gumboots and you may be asked to bring some tools along that are required for the job. Mrs McLeod

Awards at School Assembly

Congratulations to the following students who received an Award today –



Matthew, Piper, Neve, Nathan, Ryan, Alysha, Brooke, Jesse, Dylan, Jamie, George, Sam, Rory, Harry, Jakob, Kate, Holly, Lucy, Maisie, Felix and Daniel.

House Points

1st Tokomaru

2nd Tainui

3rd Arawa

4th Takitimu

Beach Clean Up Term 3

The Kowhai Team will have our annual Beach Clean Up this year on Tuesday 13th September. The years 1 and 2 will clean up rubbish around the Sunkist Bay Reserve, and the years 3 and 4 from Pine Harbour to Motukaraka Island. Gloves and rubbish bags will be provided by the Council. We will be walking to and from the clean-up area leaving at 10.00am and returning between 12.20pm and 1.00pm. Parent help will be required. A separate notice will come home regarding the trip. Thank you. Kowhai Team Teachers

Koanga Festival

This coming Saturday 3 September some of our Rimu Team students will be performing at Somerville Intermediate as part of the annual Auckland Koanga Festival. We wish them all the best for their performance.

Rugby World Cup Fun Day

The RWC Fun Day is a planned event to help us celebrate the Rugby World Cup and the different variety of cultures in our world. This event is coming up on Friday 16 September, week 7. Today the classes drew out the team they will be 'adopting' for this school wide event. The students will be encouraged to come dressed in their adopted countries colour for the Fun Day.

Team 'Beachlands' (Liam, Matthew, Alex & Josh) are doing Cupcake Day this Wednesday, selling cupcakes under the blue cover at morning tea. In support of SPCA's third annual Cupcake Day, come and join in this yummy fundraiser! Most cupcakes will be of medium size at \$2, a few small cute ones at \$1, and a few extravagant ones at \$3.50.

Beachlands School Book Fair

I am currently organising our annual Book Fair which will be held from Monday to Thursday 3rd – 6th October. Are you able to help as cashier before and after school? The 'shop' hours will be:

Monday-Thursday: 8.15am - 9.15am

Monday-Wednesday: 2.00pm - 3.00pm

Thursday: 12.00noon - 8.00pm

Please contact me via email on mccroll@beachlands.school.nz or, leave your name and contact number with the school office. Thank you.

Netball Fun Day

A reminder about the ECCS Netball Fun Day on Thursday 8 September, please support our school and remember to bring your baking for the PTA cake stall.

Lost Property

Please check the big silver lost property bin outside room 7 as it is full to overflowing with sweatshirts and other items.

School Uniform Sale

The Polar Fleece Vests are on sale for \$10.00 each – they are available from Marisa Wholesalers.

Dance Festival Success

On the 22nd and 23rd of August a group of Year 5 & 6 students participated in the HPPA dance festival. This took place at Elim School. The students danced to a remix of the songs 'Born this Way' by Lady Gaga, 'So What' by Pink, and 'Bulletproof' by La Roux. These songs were the student's choices. While dancing, they wore black shorts and singlets, with pink and green fluoro bands. This dance was special because the students choreographed it themselves with a bit of help from Ms Taylor and Ms Biggs to get it perfected. Thanks to Elim, there was superb lighting on the night. To add to the excitement there were even dry ice machines. This was a great chance to have fun and meet old and new friends. All of the students thoroughly enjoyed it and one girl said "It was really scary going on stage, but while we were actually dancing I sure lost that feeling!" The group also thank the parents that helped transport.

Beachlands School Radio Station

Beachlands School has the radio station up and running. You can tune into 107.1 FM Monday to Friday and listen live from 8:00-2:30. The Radio Station is run by students, you will be able to hear about the latest learning that is happening and the school wide events.

Raffle

Beachlands School Radio Station is holding a raffle for a Rugby world cup prize pack. There will be prizes for first, second and third. Prizes include a bag, hat, drink bottle, first aid kit, towel, key ring and cufflinks. Tickets are \$2 per ticket and are available from Room 25 or the office. Raffle will be drawn Friday 16th September.

PTA News

Calendar and Diary orders have now closed. Calendars etc will be delivered at the beginning of Term 4.

Ball photo orders have also closed. We will deliver those in the next couple of weeks. Thanks for your orders.

Netball Fun Day

The PTA will be holding a bake sale at the Netball Fun Day on Thursday 8 September. We will also be selling drinks and hot dogs. This event is held at Bruce Pullman Park. Donations of home baking on the day would be most appreciated.

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

Coming Events

Saturday 3rd September

Thursday 8th September

Saturday 10th September

Monday 12th September

Friday 16th September

Thursday 6th October

Koanga Festival

Netball Fun Day

Beachlands versus Maraetai at soccer – all ages

Class Photos

Rugby World Cup Fun Day

Student Learning Conferences (Parent Interviews)

Friday 7th October

End of Term 3 – normal closing time

Community Notices

Craft Market

Do you make high quality handcrafts, but have yet to try to sell them to the public? If so, then Beachlands Christmas Craft Fair is a must for you. We are inviting new and experienced craftspeople to come along and sell their products to the public at Beachlands School on December 3, 2011.

Stalls selling silver jewellery, fancy iced cupcakes, hand-made greetings cards and many others are already taking part.

We want to encourage people with a special skill to come forward and display and sell their goods in a friendly and comfortable environment.

We are looking for high quality crafts and the more unusual they are the better. We see this as an opportunity to encourage people to bring their special products to the attention of the public.

All we are asking from the exhibitors is \$20.00 to take part.

For further details please contact Paddie on 021-183-4474 or at paddiekelly@gmail.com

Hunua Ranges Regional Park 4WD Experience - Sunday 30th October

The Hunua School is holding a fundraising 4WD event on Sunday, 30 October through the Hunua Ranges Regional Park which is usually closed to the public. This trip is open to everyone regardless of their level of off road driving experience, as we will have experienced leaders at the front and rear of each group.

The trip is one-day. It will consist of driving on gravel roads and over paddocks. The route allows participants into the highest part of the region and includes spectacular views of the Hauraki Gulf and greater Auckland area. A lunch time stop at the Mangatawhiri Dam is included in the package and there are a couple of mystery locations to challenge ourselves with some real 4WD terrain.



The event is limited to 4WD type vehicles with good ground clearance i.e. no 4WD cars.

Cost is \$90 per vehicle. Entries close on 28 October. There will be no registrations on the day so get in quick as places are limited. Save day is Sunday, 20th November.

For more information or to register your interest email Hunua School at hunua.school.4wd@gmail.com.