

Newsletter – 5th September 2011

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

From the Acting Principals – Ms Dinnissen and Mrs Winters

At Beachlands School we have many students who show the skills of leadership every day, they may just not know it! That's because being a leader isn't all about the "take-charge" person, being a leader is about showing great self-control, about working with others to bring out the best in them and in the way that they build a team to make sure everyone has their voice heard. The students who, when others around them are being silly or getting carried away, can keep themselves in check, think through the best course of action and then make a good choice. You see these students clearly - they are the calm in the storm, the student who pauses and then walks away to get some thinking space before they move forwards. Being a leader is about listening to others, sharing ideas and really believing that working with others is going to make things better. Groups that have these students in them work peacefully together, because everyone feels they have a say and that they are important to the team. These leaders make sure that the group has a plan and that people in the team have to achieve their part of the task. It's important that we recognise these students, they will often go about their days in a quiet, well-mannered way, striving for excellence and driven by the belief that the only person they can have control over is themselves, these students are great leaders.

ERO Report

We are proud to share our ERO Report. We can all feel really proud of ourselves for such a positive report. We encourage our parent community to view this report that highlights how well our school is achieving. Please view by clicking [here](#) or by going to the school newsletter page on the school website.

Congratulations

We are very proud of one of our amazing teachers Stacey Chesham, who has been nominated for a National Excellence in Teaching Award. Stacey has been nominated and seconded by members of our community who have recognised Stacey's ability to connect with the students in her class and her dedication to teaching. The awards are presented annually by The NEiTA Foundation and are aimed at recognising teachers who represent excellence in teaching.

Black Out Day

Like many other New Zealand organisations we will be showing our support for the All Blacks and the opening of the Rugby World Cup by having a Black Out Day this Friday 9th of September. Students are encouraged to wear black clothing to school to support this event.

Year 7 and 8 Exhibition

On Tuesday 6th September (tomorrow) the Year 7 and 8 students will be showcasing some of the items they have done this year. You will be able to see sculptures illustrating a character from a classic children's story. These are entitled "Wild Things". Also displayed will be their entry for this year's Resene Mural competition. For this they have illustrated poems of their choice. Their paintings had to be big and bold so that they could be seen from one end of the field to the other. Once the fence has been completely painted these

murals will be hung and our entry will be complete. A small selection of the CO2 racers and Wearable Arts will also be on display, along with photos of some of the winter hats made in Term 1. Please feel free to visit the hall from 12.30 until 3pm.

Open Morning

Every term we have a morning block set aside for parents to come in and celebrate their child's learning. This term we are having this on Tuesday 20th September, between 10.40am and 12.20pm. Parents are welcome to join in their child's classroom at this time. This is a great time to share with your child how they have been working towards their goals and to see how the curriculum works at Beachlands School.

Cultural Day

All students at Beachlands School have been learning about the many cultures in New Zealand over the past term and a half, to culminate all of these studies we are holding a dress-up day on Thursday 22nd of September. This is a day where students celebrate their own cultures by dressing up in either traditional costumes or colours that represent their own cultural heritage.

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.

East Counties Cross Country

Beachlands School is very excited to let the community know that 5 of our students qualified for the Zone Cross Country being held this Tuesday 6 September. Congratulations to Anna Ross 8th, Brook Robinson 7th, Richard Morrison 2nd, Lachlan Haitana 5th, Alice Croll 9th (reserve), Samantha Turner 2nd and Alice Cloke 1st. Also a special mention to the following year 6 place getters; Chrissa McDonald 6th, Sophie Ruka 4th and Jarred Hamilton 4th. Well done to all competitors on a challenging race.

Seasons

The SEASONS group for dealing with Serious/ life threatening illness, will run from 1st November to 29th November.

Our school has been allocated this time after being on a waiting list. Please contact Rosemarie Lategan SENCO for students to be included in this group (a family member/ friend - diagnosed/ receiving treatment/ suffering at the moment).

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 –



Noah, Hannah, Christiaan, Aiden, Charlie, Alex, Isaac, Logan, Jason, Angeline, Hamish, Liam, Emily, Jack, Xavier, Louis, Brogan, Angelee, Zac and Grant.

House Points

1st Takitimu

2nd Arawa

3rd Tokomaru

4th Tainui

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.

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.

The PTA will be running a sausage sizzle on the RWC Fun Day on Friday 16th September. Please send orders on the order form below. Sausages will be \$1.50 each, cash only, no change given. Please place orders in an envelope with child's name and room number. Orders to be in by Wednesday 14th September please. There will be limited extra sausages available on the day. If you would like to help with the sausage sizzle please contact me on hmckie@beachlands.school.nz

PTA - Netball Fun Day - Thursday 8th September

The PTA will be running their usual food stall on this day at the Bruce Pullman Park. Please leave all baking donations on the tables under the blue cover at the start of school. If anyone is transporting students on the day and would like to help sell the food please come and join us on the day. We will also be selling hot dogs and drinks.

Beachlands School Radio Station - 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.

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 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 mroll@beachlands.school.nz or, leave your name and contact number with the school office. Thank you.

Headlice

It's that time of year again, please check your child's hair thoroughly and treat for headlice if necessary. It is really important that all children with lice are treated to avoid the continual spread of these pests. It is also important that all long hair is tied up at school. As a school, we are unable to specifically check or treat children's hair; we do however, 'notice' when a child has nits or lice and will send a letter home. Headlice are common in all schools and it is important that we work together to minimise the spread.

PTA News

Attention Fashionistas! Beachlands School will be holding its first **Women's Clothes Swap** on Friday 23rd September. We would be grateful to borrow clothes racks, screens, hat stands, hangers and full length mirrors – if you have any we can use please contact Heather Simpson on 021 143 3985 or will.heathersimpson@xtra.co.nz. Full details will follow soon and in the meantime start de-cluttering your closets and get ready to "swap till you drop!"

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

Coming Events

Thursday 8 th September	Netball Fun Day
Saturday 10 th September	Beachlands versus Maraetai at soccer – all ages
Monday 12 th September	Class Photos
Friday 16 th September	Rugby World Cup Fun Day/Sausage Sizzle (\$1.50 each)
Tuesday Thursday 6 th October	Student Learning Conferences (Parent Interviews)
Friday 7 th October	End of Term 3 – normal closing time

SPCA Superstars

We were all treated to the most delicious muffins ever! – All in a good cause. Liam Smith, Joshua Banning-Taylor, Alex Smith and Matthew Banning-Taylor all baked the muffins to raise money for the SPCA as part of their home-learning challenge. They raised an impressive \$270.00 – well done boys!



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.

PTA Sausage Sizzle – Friday 16th September

Name/s _____ Room/s _____

We would like _____ sausages Enclosed \$ _____