

Newsletter – 1st August 2011

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

From the Acting Principals

Welcome to term 3, we trust you have had a safe, relaxing and enjoyable holiday. We are very excited about our new roles as acting principals and are looking forward to meeting new parents and children from across the school. One of us will be available at all times and the lines of communication will be as normal so if you have any concerns or queries please see your child's teacher first.

We are sure term 3 will be another busy term as the teachers have spent a lot of time planning and preparing exciting learning experiences over the last two weeks.

There are several popular school wide events coming up including Graham Braddock, the NED show and of course school events that link with the rugby world cup.

Beachlands School Community Survey

As we have done for the past three years, again this year we are seeking feedback from you on how we can best continue to meet the learning needs of our students. So, if you haven't done so already, thank you to those who have, we encourage you to complete the 2011 Beachlands School Community Survey by Friday 12th August. The survey is on-line and the link can be found by visiting the Beachlands School website: www.beachlands.school.nz, then go to: About Us/School Information/Board of Trustees. We are really keen to hear from as many families as possible to gather as much information as we can to better inform our future thinking. This feedback has been invaluable in the past and has greatly aided our strategy planning flowing through to the school programmes we implement. If you are unable to access a computer, please pop into the school office and they will be happy to provide you with a paper copy to complete. Results will be collated and will be published in the Beachlands Buzz and also on the school website.

Rimu Team Cross Country

This will be held on Thursday 11th August at 10.40am. As students will be running around the streets of Beachlands we need parent support. If you are interested in helping please contact Ms Nixon. Parents are welcome to attend. Students will need to change into their PE gear, please also ensure that students have something warm to wear whilst they wait for their event together with a named drink bottle. Students from years 6 – 8 will be selected to represent Beachlands School at the ECCS Cross Country held on Tuesday 30th August.

Rimu Team Speech Contest

Rimu team students have been working very hard in term 2 writing and presenting speeches. Each class has selected two students to compete in the speech contest which will be held in the hall on Wednesday 10th August at 10.40am. One student from years 5 & 6 and years 7 & 8 will go forward to represent Beachlands at the APPA speech contest. Parents are welcome to attend - no pre-school children please as there are no microphones used at this event.

Jerseys for Christchurch

Thank you to those who donated or knitted jerseys for folk in Christchurch. Thank you to Matthew Lee for undertaking to knit an adult jersey for someone in Christchurch. Quite an achievement for someone so young!

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.

Graham Braddock

The whole school will have the opportunity to learn visual art with Graham Braddock on 16th and 17th of August. Graham works with the children taking them through a step by step process from planning, sketching and completing an artwork. The skills taught are followed up in class.

The NED Show

This year we are fortunate to once again have the very popular NED show visit our school on Friday 12th August. The theme of the show reinforces our school values whilst at the same time entertaining us all with the most amazing yo-yo tricks. There will be opportunities to purchase yo-yos in the following two weeks from the school. Further details will be in next week's newsletter.

PMP Helpers

Thank you to all the PMP helpers who gave up their time to help and make the programme a success in term 2. It is now term 3 and we need parent helpers for PMP on Mondays from 9.00am – 10.00am. Rooms 3 and 6 will have PMP on a Monday after assembly. If you are able to help, please leave your name, contact details and your child's name either at the office or with Mrs van Niekerk. If you cannot commit to a day, consider being a reliever.

School Uniform Sale

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

PTA News

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

Coming Events

Thursday 4 th August	1.00pm Wearable Arts Fashion show
Wednesday 10 th August	10.40am Rimu Speech Contest
Thursday 11 th August	10.40am Rimu Cross Country
Friday 12 th August	NED Show
Tuesday 16 th & Wednesday 17 th August	Graham Braddock visiting Artist

Community Notices

Howick College final enrolment evening for in zone Year 9 2012 and provisional enrolment for out of zone applicants is on Wednesday 10th August 5.00pm – 7.00pm in the Admin block. Please attend with your child and bring

1. Proof of residential address
2. (a) NZ Citizens: An original or certified copy of the student's Birth Certificate or Passport and provide a photocopy to the school.
(b) Others: The student's and a parent's Passport and provide to the school a photocopy of the Passport personal details and the current visa pages.

If you are unable to attend on Wednesday 10 August please make other arrangements by contacting the school receptionist on 534-4492.

Saturday 13th August – Beachlands Rotary Market Day and Car Boot Sale - 9am to 1pm held at the Beachlands Chartered Club – All Weather Market. If you would like a stall or car space please ph Margaret 536 6735/0274 954 312 or Sue 536 6388.