

BEACHLANDS SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

Number Twenty Three – 25th October 2011



Dear Parents/Caregivers,

From the Principal

Term 4 is underway. We have only 7 and half weeks in this term. School will finish on Wednesday 14th December. The end of the year has come around very quickly and we still have a number of events to participate in.

Yes I am back from my sabbatical. It was a chance to reflect and think about where Beachlands School is at and what it needs to focus on to continue to be a high performing school. I completed some research on engaging students in learning through environmental education. Beachlands School has a great reputation for the environmental values and standards it has and matching this with some entrepreneurial skills there are many learning opportunities for students to be engaged in. Change is constant at Beachlands School as we spend the time to reflect on what the students learning needs are. There is always something we can do better and through the learning conversations in the classroom and the staffroom we become aware of these needs and then see and act upon the need to change. All change is purposeful and aimed at improving learning outcomes for students. The Board is part of this change as they review the strategic plan and ensure the resourcing is in place for next year.

This term will be about setting up 2012 and the teachers will be planning classrooms and programmes as well as finishing off this term. I am sure if we blink the term will disappear.

Just a friendly reminder that in the fourth term we expect all children to be wearing their sunhats during break time otherwise they will be restricted to sitting and playing in a shaded area. It is important that we form the habit of wearing a hat at a young age due to the high risk of melanoma in NZ.

Absentee Reporting

We are experiencing problems with our mobile phone and would appreciate a call to our absentee line until this is sorted.

Kowhai Assemblies

The Kowhai Team would like to extend a warm invitation to our Class Assemblies in Term 4. This is an opportunity to share your child's learning and enjoy watching them perform. These will take place every Thursday, starting promptly at 1.45 in the hall. We look forward to seeing you.

Please note: Y3/4 cluster are on a trip Week 3, so there will be no class assembly - certificates and notices only.

Term 4

Week	Wk2	Wk3	Wk4	Wk5	Wk6	Wk7
Class	11	No class assembly	10	7	6	5

Beachlands Got Talent

Are you a budding star? Can you juggle, sing, dance, play or do magic tricks? Time to start practising as the auditions for our Talent show will be starting Week 2 at morning tea for Kowhai and lunchtime for the Rimu team. Auditions will take place in the hall after eating. See you there!



Coming Events

Thursday 27th October

Board of Trustees meeting 6.00pm

Wednesday 14th December

End of term – closing time 1.00pm

Community News

Plunket Pre-school athletics – Starting 8th November – 6th December at Te Puru 6.00pm. Fun running races for 2, 3 and 4 year olds. Cost \$5.00 for a 5 week term. Bookings not required just turn up on the day with the fee and sign up. For further information please contact Jenni on 021-440-145 or email PohutukawaCoast@Plunket.org.nz

Beachlands School

Board of Trustees Mid Term Election 2011

Declaration of Parent Election Results

At the close of nominations, as the number of valid nominations was equal to the number of vacancies required to be filled, I hereby declare the following duly elected –

Jane Winterman

David Relph

Fay Fransham

Returning Officer