

Newsletter – 30th November 2011

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

From the Principal

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Welcome to week 2. Thank you for all the support in getting the children wearing their sunhats for the term. It is great to see the habit forming while they are young. With Guy Fawkes this coming weekend I have asked the teachers to go over a few safety rules to make sure everyone is safe and to minimise the risk of an accident.

The year 8 had their exam for Howick College last week so their time at Beachlands is getting closer as they complete their final preparations before leaving Beachlands at the end of the year. David Anderson will be visiting us this Thursday and Friday to work with teachers and to support the leadership team to have the right structures in place for a growing school. Everything is winding up to prize giving and the setting up of 2012.

Home Learning

Thank you to all those students and parents that have participated in our new Home Learning Program this year!! It has been wonderful to see all the amazing talents and skills you have and the challenges you have each undertaken. There have been fabulous presentations, articulate speeches and fantastic displays demonstrating the commitment and effort you have put into your own learning. As the year is coming to an end we must ask that all Home Learning projects be completed and handed in by the 21st November. We appreciate all your support.

Awards at School Assembly

Congratulations to the following students who received an Award today –



Cruiz, Sophie, Ryan, Ollie, Georgia, Alyssa, Isaac, Alana, Ashton, Ethan, Genevieve, Luke, Francis, Alex, Louis, Holly Shae, Mia, Renee, Jordan, Percy and Zarko.

House Points - 1st Tainui 2nd Tokomaru 3rd Arawa 4th Takitimu

Beachlands School 2011 Yearbook

Our 'new look' year book is nearly finished and we are very excited to be able to offer a full colour version for only \$8.50. A sneak preview sample will be available to view in the school office. Please note that we will be ordering a print run amount determined by pre-ordered and paid numbers only. To secure your copy please fill in the pre-order form which is being sent out today to all students.

Absentee Reporting

Our mobile phone has now been fixed and we can accept texts for absentees – 021-260-2139.

The SEASONS group for: Serious/life threatening illness will run from 1st November – 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).

Intermediate Athletics

The Beachlands Intermediate Athletics is being held on Tuesday 8th November from 10.45am. Parents are welcome to come and support their child.

Lost Property

The Lost Property bin is overflowing with non-uniform items, unnamed uniform, shoes and socks, drink bottles and lunch boxes. Please check as we are going to have to clear it out this Friday. All uniform items with a name and room number are returned to teachers cubby holes on Friday afternoons and will be returned to students on Mondays. On Wednesday this week lost property will be laid out under the blue cover. Please check through after school. If anyone has any bright ideas as to how we can reduce the number of items that live in the bin please let us know.

HPPA Cross Country



Beachlands School took 40 children to Lloyd Elmore to compete in the HPPA Cross Country on Wednesday the 26th of October. We had an excellent day with all students putting in an outstanding effort. A special congratulations to the following students:

Year 4 Boys: Francis Morrison 1st, Alexander Chadfield 2nd

Year 5 Boys: Damien Potgieter 1st, Sam Marshall 3rd and Alex King 6th

Year 5 Girls: Annie Williamson 6th

Year 6 Boys: Niko Mravicich 3rd, Jarred Hamilton 7th

Year 6 Girls: Sophie Ruka 3rd, India James 6th, Charissa MacDonald 7th and Hayley McDonald 9th

The year groups also competed in team events with the following results: Year 4 Boys 1st, Year 5 Boys 1st, Year 6 Boys 1st and Year 6 Girls 1st. Beachlands School was also awarded with the 1st place overall team award. A special thank you to all the parents who came to support the students, you made it a really special day.

PTA

Fridays are now Juicie Days

We will be selling Juicies on Friday lunch times this term for \$1 each. Please send your money to school on Friday morning. Years 1-4 will have their Juicies sent to their class and Years 5-8 can purchase theirs from the Hall kitchen at lunch time. We have chosen Juicies as they are a 100% fruit juice product that carry the national heart foundation tick and contain no added sugar or preservatives. If anyone would like to help Angela sell Juicies on a Friday lunch from 12 until 12.45 please email hmckie@beachlands.school.nz.

OASIS After School Care

Both Kowhai and Rimu after school care programmes will be operating as per normal on the last day of school Wednesday 14th December. They will start at the earlier time of 1.00pm.

A friendly reminder that all accounts are to be paid in FULL before the end of term, we will

not accept any enrolments in 2012 if there are outstanding fees. From 2012 accounts are to be paid weekly – this will be enforced and your child will be withdrawn from the programme until all outstanding fees are paid.

HOLIDAY PROGRAMME: We have a holiday programme operating from the Kowhai room on Thursday 15th and Friday 16th 8.00am - 6.00pm - please ensure your child is enrolled in After School Care to book a placement. ***LIMITED SPACES*** BYO: Lunch, morning /afternoon tea provided

Thursday: Summer Fun at Sunkist Bay

Friday: Christmas cooking and crafts

Diabetes Awareness Week

We will be holding a mufti day with a gold coin donation on Friday 18th November to raise funds for Diabetes NZ. Unfortunately there is growing numbers of Diabetes in our country today. The difference is recognising the two different types. Type one often happens to children in their early childhood years and have it with them for life. Raising awareness will help not only the children but families and schools that these children attend.

WHAT IS DIABETES? It is a disease that affects the production of insulin in the body. There are 2 types :

- Type 1 - is a autoimmune disease that affects the production of insulin in our bodies. It has to be managed by insulin injection through needles, insulin pens or insulin pump delivery.
It is not contagious and children with this can go onto to live a very healthy life it is just that certain adjustments need to be made.
Anyone can get it although some people are predisposed to it more than others , as it can be a hereditary passed on.
- Type 2 - often passed down through families but is caused by a not so healthy lifestyle choice and can be altered by changing these factors.

For further information please contact Andrea Reidy or Diabetes NZ.

Community News

Ukulele lessons – I am starting a Ukulele group up – if anyone is interested in learning please contact Katherine on 536-7125.