

## Newsletter – 7<sup>th</sup> November 2011

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

### From the Principal

Welcome to week 3. The sun is out and the children are wearing their hats. It is great to get into this habit at a young age. Thank you to all the children that kept safe over the weekend of Guy Fawkes and managed to keep clear of the inorganic rubbish on the side of the road as they walked to school. Students have set their goals for learning and we wish them all the best as they work towards achieving them by the end of the term. Teachers are finalising academic results, putting reports together and using this information for class placements in 2012. Staffing for 2012 is also being looked at and when that has been finalised I will print a list in the school newsletter.

### Awards at School Assembly

Congratulations to the following students who received an Award today – Hannah, Hannah, Reyana, Zachary, Milly, Libby, Oliver, Thomas, William, Daniel, Alec St, Meg, Tori, Matthew, Ava, Karl, Liam, Kira, Marlin & Alex.



**House Points -** 1<sup>st</sup> Takitimu 2<sup>nd</sup> = Tokomaru, Arawa 3<sup>rd</sup> Tainui

### 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 has been sent out to all students.

### Yummy Stickers

Wow! There really was a tremendous effort made with the Yummy Stickers this year, we have collected enough stickers for \$500 worth of sports gear! A huge THANK YOU to all students and families who participated.

### Intermediate Athletics

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



Congratulations to all our 'Beachlands Got Talent' semi – finalists. Thank you to everybody who had the confidence and talent to step forward and have a go. We had over 80 acts to choose from, making it a very difficult job indeed. The Semi- Final Show will take place this Wednesday at 1pm in the hall. Everyone is welcome so come along and join the fun.

### Scholastic Book Fair

The school library was transformed into a 'Galaxy of Books' shop during the last week of Term 3 for our annual Scholastic Book Fair. A big thank you to Colleen Cure, Iris Purkiss, Michelle Clifton, Jenny Chapman, Lee Carruthers, Suzanne Liddington and Lara for volunteering your time to help run this event smoothly. This is a major fundraiser for our library and I'm pleased to announce that we earned \$886.00 commission on the book sales. This will enable us to purchase new titles for 2012.

**Guess the Number of Pages:** The total number of pages was 2997. Congratulations to Kyle and Jack.

## **PTA**

### **Sushi Wednesdays**

Please have orders into school by 9am on Tuesdays. There are spare bags in the office, or you can print the order off the school website under PTA Calendar.

### **Juicie Friday**

Jucies are on sale for \$1 on Friday lunch times. For years 1-4 there is a bag in the class sushi bin for the money. Students need to put their money in the bag and write their name on the list under their flavour preference. We will endeavour to give them their first choice. Years 5-8 are able to buy theirs from the hall at lunchtime. Thanks go to Angela and Ivy for giving up their time to sell these.

### **Beachlands Christmas Craft Fair**

Applications are still open for exhibitors. We are looking for high quality handcrafts from new and experienced crafters. This is a perfect opportunity for any first time craft exhibitors to share their talent with a great community. Lots of people have already booked their table so get in quick! We will also need volunteers on the day for a variety of roles, from manning the cake stall to decorating Santa's Grotto! If anyone can lend their time on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of December between the hours of 9.00am and 3.00pm, please get in touch with Paddie Kelly Keys on 5366411, 021 1834474 or [pndkeys@xtra.co.nz](mailto:pndkeys@xtra.co.nz) Any help is much appreciated.

### **New PTA members needed for 2012**

It was fantastic to see all the enthusiastic new parents at the last PTA meeting. It looks like next year is going to be an exciting and successful one. We would love to see more people getting involved, as each year some of our long standing members leave for a number of reasons. You don't have to take on a position, although becoming secretary, treasurer or Chair, are very rewarding positions. Being a member of the PTA also gives you a deeper understanding of the operations of the school, along with the knowledge that you are helping to enhance the learning of your child/ren. Why not come along to the next meeting to see how we run, Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> November, 7.30pm in School Staffroom.

### **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 14<sup>th</sup> 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 15<sup>th</sup> and Friday 16<sup>th</sup> 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 18<sup>th</sup> November to raise funds for Diabetes NZ.

### **Coming Events**

Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 3 & 4 Observatory Trip
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> November	Rooms 5/6/3 Zoo Trip
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> November	Rooms 1 & 8 Zoo trip
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Koru Prizegiving 8.45am
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Years 3/4 Prizegiving 6.00pm
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Rimu Prizegiving 6.00pm
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	End of Term – closing time 1.00pm

**Community News**

Coastal Kids 97 Third View Ave will be holding Stay and Play sessions for free every Monday through November 9.30 am to 10.30 am. Children enjoy the benefits of an environment set up to inspire and stimulate exploration and discovery.