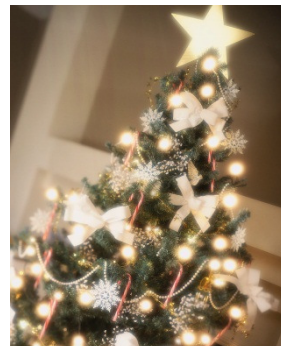


## Newsletter – 12<sup>th</sup> December 2011

Dear Parents/Caregivers

This is the last newsletter for the year. On behalf of the Board of Trustees and staff I want to wish parents and children a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. School will resume again on Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> January straight after Auckland Anniversary day. Teachers will be back on 23<sup>rd</sup> January making sure we get off to a great start for the year. Once again thank you to all who have contributed to a successful year and we look forward to celebrating with you at the various prize-givings this week. We will aim to get all named uniform home with your child this week as teachers finish off and tidy things up before everyone head home on Wednesday at 1.00pm.



Beachlands community is a great place to live in and raise children and as a school it is so important to make the most of this community partnership to ensure the best learning opportunities for the Beachlands children. Thank you to all the parents whom I have had conversations with lately to be involved and contributing to our school in 2012.

To those who are not returning to Beachlands School I want to thank you for your input into Beachlands School as you head onto new challenges and opportunities. We wish Miss Allyse Taylor in Room 2 all the best with her future teaching career as she heads across the ditch at the end of this year.

### **Choir**

A big thank you to the Choir and their families who came down to the Rotary Market on Saturday. They were really well received and thanks to the initiative of Joyce O'Brien and Annie Williamson, raised \$93.50 for Children's Starship. A special mention to our soloists Hannah and Sophie, who sang beautifully.

Don't forget you can see the Choirs final performance of the year at Maraetai Beach on Wednesday 6.30pm – 8.30pm at Carols by the Sea. The Choir will need to meet at **5.30pm** at **Maraetai**, to run through their items with the Brass Band.

It has been my pleasure to lead the choir this year. It has been an exciting year, thank you all for your time and enthusiasm. Have a Happy Christmas and New Year. Justine Jones

### **National Jandal Day**

Thank you to all those students who contributed to New Zealand Surf Life Saving; we raised \$385.40. This money will be donated to the charity.

### **Diabetes Awareness Week**

We raised \$479.80 from our mufti day. Thank you for your contribution.



**PTA - There will be no Sushi orders this week.**

## Athletics 2011



We have so much to be proud of this year with many of our Intermediate students achieving highly in Athletics. Twenty four Intermediate Students from Beachlands School attended the East Counties Athletics on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November. Nine of these students finished in the top 2 in their event and therefore qualified for the next round which is the Counties Zone Athletics which was on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> November.

The following students qualified at East Counties for the Counties competition in the following events;

Rahiri Witehira 100m, Jack Cupples 100 and 200m , Lachlan Haitana 800m, 1500m, Jack MacCullaich Long Jump, Katelyn Johnson high jump, Braydn Cole discus and high jump, Samantha Turner 100m, 800m and 1500m , Veronica Manning 800m and Alice Croll 200m.

Lachlan Haitana then went on to the Auckland Champs on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December as he qualified for the 800m and 1500m events. Well done to Lachlan on this accomplishment and taking six seconds off his personal best in the 800m.

## OASIS After School Care

Both the Kowhai and Rimu programmes will be operating on the last day of school Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December – from 1.00pm through until normal closing time of 6.00pm. Please ensure you inform the Supervisors Jane and Debbie if your child is not coming in on that day. We will be back in 2012 on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> January and Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> January and start After School Care – normal hours 1.00pm - 6.00pm on the 31<sup>st</sup> January when school begins.



We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support throughout the year and wish you all a very MERRY CHRISTMAS, Safe Happy New Year.

## Coming Events

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
Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup> January 2012	Term 1 begins

