

## Newsletter – 14<sup>th</sup> November 2011

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

### From the Principal

Welcome to week 4. The weather is improving and the children are all working hard on their learning goals. The Talent quest was wonderful last week and we had numerous trips off site to enhance the classroom learning. Thank you to all the parents who have managed to support these trips because without your help we would not be able to offer them. We are in the final stages of sorting out the staffing for next year and I will let you know next week as to where the teachers are working and at what level. Next year is shaping up to be an exciting year as we adjust to the growth in the school roll and continue to enhance student learning outcomes through a range of effective and exciting programmes.

### Thank you PTA

The PTA donated a further \$10,000 to Beachlands School last week. They have provided \$18,000 for the year. We now have \$25,000 to go towards building a junior playground outside Room 1 as soon as the Ministry have removed the two temporary classrooms. This will be a great asset for the junior children of Beachlands School. We have also spent some of the PTA money towards additional maths and reading books for children in the Rimu Team.

The PTA is a hard working group of parents who put a great deal of time and energy into coming up with great fundraising ideas which benefit the children of Beachlands School. On behalf of Beachlands School I wish to thank Helen McKie and her team of hard working parents for a very successful year and say you should be very proud of what you have contributed to the children of Beachlands School

### Choir

A big thank you to all the choir who took part in the Suzanne Prentice Christmas Show at the Telstra on Friday. We were all extremely proud of you. A special mention to Hannah Edwards who was selected to sing a solo. She did an incredible job and looks set for a future on the stage! Thank you parents for your support.

### Beachlands Got Talent

We would like to congratulate the following students who will perform in this Friday's final at 1.00pm –

Liam, Sophie O'Sullivan, Jane and Hayley, Holly and Sophie, Darbylea, Lachlan and Shay, Dayna, Alice and Olivia and Victoria. Parents are welcome to come along to the hall to watch.

### Drum Tutor

Frank MacCullaich is a qualified drum tutor who will be starting drum lessons at school. Come along to his session at lunchtime this Thursday to find out more about how you can learn to play the drums. Parents and students are invited to the hall from 12.20pm – 1.00pm to see the drums in action and ask any questions they might have. A booking form is available by emailing Frankie Mac on [fmac@fmac.co.nz](mailto:fmac@fmac.co.nz) (for enquiries phone 021-956-989).

### Awards at School Assembly

Saoirse, Riley, Thomas, Reyana, Lachlan, Finley, Corey, Logan, Sharysse, Nathan, Amelia, Ashley, Caprice, Emily, Evie, Holly, Lydia, Damien, Kristian, Dayna, Benje and Paula.



**House Points -**      1<sup>st</sup> Takitimu      2<sup>nd</sup> Arawa      3<sup>rd</sup> Tokomaru      4<sup>th</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 was sent out to all students.

## **PTA**

### **Beachlands School Christmas Craft Fair**

Beachlands School is hosting its very own craft fair with an array of beautiful hand crafted items, such as silver jewellery, candles, linen clothing and much more.

It is taking place on Saturday the 3<sup>rd</sup> of December from 10.00am to 2.00pm.

The PTA will be running a number of food and drinks stalls, there will be a bouncy castle and Santa will be there too!

I am looking for around 18 volunteers to help on the day so if you have a few hours to spare and would like to help out please contact Paddie on 021 1834474 or [pndkeys@xtra.co.nz](mailto:pndkeys@xtra.co.nz)

If you can't help on the day but would like to do something – we are asking for donations of baking for the cake stall.

I will be hosting a meeting for volunteers on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> of November details of which will be in the next Beachlands Buzz.

We still have room for more stalls so if you've been thinking about doing something for the fair, now is the time to put your name down!

Juicies are on Sale Friday lunchtime for \$1 each, and Sushi orders should be in by Tuesday mornings.

## **OASIS After School Care**

A reminder that the grounds are to be cleared at 2.45pm to allow our after school care programme to commence. With many children not in our programme on the playground makes it hard for staff to keep the after school care children safe.

## **Coming Events**

Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> November	Mufti day – gold coin donation for Diabetes Awareness Week
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.

[Whizz Bang Pop Exhibitions](#) - Contemporary Art Events Auckland Art Gallery Toi o TÄ māki, Auckland CBD - On today to Saturday 31 December 2011 - Let your eyes grow wide, your hearing sharpen and your nerves tingle as sculpture, painting, photographs, videos and prints bring your senses roaring to life. From the eye-watering op art of Bridget Riley's Nineteen... and much more. Free entry 10am-5pm