

Newsletter – 21st November 2011

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

From the Principal

The class levels and teachers for 2012 will be:

Koru Team

Rm 1 NE/Y1 Mrs Jenny van Niekerk Senior Teacher
Rm 3 NE/Y1 Miss Claire Bayley
Rm 8 NE/Y1 Mrs Marieta de Beer
Rm 9 NE/Y1 Mrs Sharline Aldridge

Rm 4 Y1/2 Mrs Kathleen Cullen Senior Teacher
Rm 5 Y2 Mrs Paula King
Rm 6 Y2 Mrs Eileen Potgieter
Rm 7 Y2 Mrs Michelle Dixon

Kowhai Team

Rm 11 Y3/4 Miss Stacey Chesham
Rm 12 Y3/4 Mrs Marianne Garvey
Rm 13 Y3/4 Mrs Justine Jones
Rm 14 Y3/4 Miss Amy Taylor
Rm 17 Y3/4 Mrs Laureen McLeod Senior Teacher

Rimu Team

Rm 19 Y5/6 Miss Adele Adams Senior Teacher
Rm 20 Y5/6 Mrs Jodie Stephens/Miss Barbara Dinnissen
Rm 21 Y5/6 Miss Kellie McLean
Rm 22 Y5/6 Miss Shanon Levett

Intermediate Team

Rm 15 Y7/8 Miss Ruth Nixon
Rm 18 Y7/8 Mrs Megan Croll
Rm 24 Y7/8 Miss Kylie Biggs
Rm 25 Y7/8 Miss Laura Masters
Learning Pathways Mrs Helen McKie

Mrs Shirley Winters - Associate Principal
Miss Barbara Dinnissen - Associate Principal
Special Needs Co-ordinator - Mrs Rosemarie Lategan
Principal - Mr Brian Gower

We start the year with twenty one classrooms and four spare to accommodate growth throughout the year. We welcome Mrs Jodie Stephens and Mrs Sharline Aldridge onto the staff for 2012 and we say farewell to Miss Allyse Taylor as she heads overseas.

Barbara Dinnissen will be on leave for term two and most of term three to travel. Until the end of term one Mrs Stephens and Miss Dinnissen will share Room 20. Mrs Stephens will teach for three days and Miss Dinnissen will teach for two. Miss Dinnissen will continue to lead the Intermediate Team; while she is away Miss Nixon will be the Acting Senior Teacher.

From now until the end of this year teachers will be putting together class lists for next year. This involves a great deal of discussion among the highly professional teaching staff. They look at the

DON'T MISS OUT!

Do you want to look back on 2011 and remember the amazing year you have had?

The yearbook is looking great! The cut-off date is **this Thursday** so have your order in before then. It is full colour for only \$8.50.

You will find spare copies of the order form with classroom teachers, at the office or at the bottom of this newsletter.

ECCS Athletics

This Wednesday 23rd November some of our Intermediate students are participating in the ECCS Athletics at Massey Park. We wish them all the best.

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 3rd 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

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.

For anyone who would like to come and help out on the PTA food stalls, Bouncy Castle or Santa's grotto!

Please come along to 86 Second View Ave, Beachlands on Wednesday 23rd at 8.00pm.

I have only had a couple of people come forward to help and we really need more people to make this day a great success.

Even if you can donate an hour of your time on the day it will be much appreciated.

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

Thursday 24 th November	Board of Trustees meeting 6.00pm
Monday 12 th December	Koru Prizegiving 8.45am
Monday 12 th December	Years 3/4 Prizegiving 6.00pm
Tuesday 13 th December	Rimu Prizegiving 6.00pm
Wednesday 14 th December	End of Term – closing time 1.00pm

Community News

Auckland Libraries Summer Reading Adventure

Dare to Explore is the NEW Auckland Libraries Summer Reading Adventure. It aims to increase children's love of books, reading and the library, and to help them maintain and improve their literacy skills during the summer holidays. This year the whole family can get involved in helping children from 5 to 13 years of age take part in Dare to Explore. Registration for Dare to Explore opens on 12th December 2011 and you can register at any time, right up to the end of the adventure on 27 January 2012. At the time of registration children will receive a Passport, a

children from a wide range of aspects, including behaviour, learning style, academic ability and relationships with other children in the class. This is very important in order to make up the best possible learning community in each class. Beachlands School has a strong focus on building positive relationships and collaborative classrooms.

We will be letting children know at the end of the year what classroom they are in and we will be posting the class lists onto windows on Friday 27th January 2012 after we have received all the new enrolments of children who have moved into Beachlands over the break. In the first two weeks back in 2012 we will be aiming to settle everyone back into class routines and we will look to you to support us in this process.

Awards at School Assembly

Congratulations to the following students who received an Award today –



Connor, Lauryn, Travis, Sophia, Emma, Jaymian, Sam, Violet, Kaiden, Timothy, Nathan, Hayley, Thomas, Anezke, Ethan, Georgia, Maddison, Thomas, James, Jessinee, Sophie, Sharne, and Ben.

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

Return of Library Books and Readers

It is only a matter of weeks before the end of the year and it's that time again to ensure that all Beachlands School library books and home readers are returned. Please help your child to check all those 'nooks and crannies' for any home readers; returning them to your child's class teacher. If your child receives a notice for an overdue library book, could you please return it promptly as we will be starting our stocktake before the end of term.

Talent Show Results



And the Winners of "Beachlands Got Talent 2011," are Lachlan Haitana and Shay Walsh! Well done - the Hall was certainly rocking on Friday!

Hot on their heels in second place was Sophie Ruka and Holly MacDonald performing Car Wash , followed by Olivia Reidy, Dayna Ruka and Alice Croll in 3rd place with their umbrella dance routine Thank you and well done to all the finalists who entertained us on Friday afternoon. Everyone performed really well. Room 13 did a great job of opening the show, especially Luke Saxer-Tidswell. Thanks to our Talent Show Crew who helped make sure the show ran smoothly, and our judges Miss Adams and Miss Potter. We hope you enjoyed the mystery act – a special mention to the Beachlands Belles coach, Miss Renee Cure ☺! Looking forward to seeing you all again next year. Justine Jones

Drum Tutor

Thank you to everyone who came to Frank MacCullaich's drum session last Thursday in the Hall. Students who want to have lessons, need to bring their completed form and payment to the office by Tuesday 22nd November in order to begin lessons this Thursday 24th November. Booking forms are available at the office or by emailing FrankieMac on fmac@fmac.co.nz (for enquiries phone 021-956-989).

House Celebration Sports Day

On Friday 2nd December (National Jandal Day) we are having a House Celebration Sports day. Students are encouraged to wear house colours and Jandals. Bring a coin to go on our coin trail and help support Surf Live Saving New Zealand. Parents you are welcome to attend and join in the celebration. We will begin at 11.00am.

Calendar of Activities and a Guidebook for the adventure, which includes the first set of challenges – Dare to Explore... Your Library.

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 Tā maki, 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

PRE ORDER FORM FOR BEACHLANDS SCHOOL YEAR BOOK 2011

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 at the school office. So just fill out the order form below to secure your copy and hand in to your child's classroom teacher with payment. "Thanks"



Student Name _____ Room _____

I would like to order _____ copies of the Beachlands School Year Book @ \$ 8.50 each. Total \$ _____