

Newsletter – 28th November 2011

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

As part of our way to recognise **Beachlands Contributors** we are giving out PIZZA VOUCHERS from the Flying Pizza. We know there are plenty of people out there that deserve recognition. This voucher is for parents, staff and students.

So to start off: Congratulations to the following **Beachlands Contributors**

Mrs Metz has been a great contributor and to the Koru Team supporting Beachlands School from the time her daughter Victoria commenced school as a 5 year old. Mrs Metz began diligently filing readers in the Year 1/2 area of the school when Victoria was a new entrant. Victoria is now in year 8 and Mrs Metz continues to file our Year 1/2 readers. Thank you Mrs Metz.

Grant and Andrea Reidy The school would like to acknowledge your effort in applying for and receiving grants on behalf of Beachlands school which has enabled us to purchase new mathematics and sporting equipment and uniforms, to the value of \$20,000.

Mrs Helen Mckie: For being the president of the PTA for 2011 and for all the work she has done quietly behind the scenes to ensure the success of a number of fundraising ventures.

Colleen Cure (and her sidekick Renee) for her help with our Book Fair over the past few years.

Heather Simpson, PTA member but also comes into my room each week. She does a check of pencils, the children usually sharpen their own during the day, and gives them a good sharpen! Heather has done this throughout the year.

Lindi Therond did a lot of laminating of children's work at the start of the year for me.

Prizegiving 2011

At Beachlands School we strongly believe that it is important to help students to become excellent learners, this is at the heart of all that we do. The Beachlands Learner was created to help all students to thrive in the world that they live in. To do this we believe that students need to be taught the skills, habits and attitudes that are encompassed by the four domains of the Beachlands Learner- life-long learning, leading, communicating and contributing- regardless of their ability in the academic areas of the curriculum. It is important therefore, that the achievements that we celebrate link with our core vision. This year at our end of year prize giving ceremonies students who have been outstanding in their classrooms in the domains of the Beachlands Learner will be presented with certificates. Each class will present certificates according to the criteria of the Beachlands Learner- you can see the complete Beachlands Learners programme on our school website at www.beachlands.school.nz > About Us> Beachlands Learner. A brief description of each domain is included below.

Life Long Learner

A life long learner is dedicated to and passionate about learning. They set goals and strive towards achieving them. They look for ways to extend and challenge themselves. A life long learner is curious about the world they live in and they ask questions to help their understanding.

Leader

A leader is confident and has a can-do attitude. At Beachlands School leaders are role models of the values of Friendship, Encouragement, Respect and Nurture (FERN). Leaders take responsibility for their actions and show great integrity.

Communicator

A communicator is an outstanding team player. They work well with a wide range of people. Communicators are caring, kind and accept people for their differences- this helps them to be open to ideas and opinions that are different to their own.

Contributor

A contributor chooses to participate in school activities. They enjoy being in a team and their support makes the team stronger. A contributor wants to make a positive difference in the world- they care about the environment and are willing to go the extra mile to ensure that they are taking action.

Kids Voting

Last week students in the Intermediate team had an opportunity to feel what it is like to participate in democracy. Students have been learning about how the New Zealand Government and Parliament operate and why it is important that New Zealanders participate in elections. Students have been learning about why we need rules and laws and how laws are made in New Zealand. To participate in the elections students had to learn about the different parties and the different types of electoral systems. We had an 100% voter turn out to vote in the Kids Voting Election and are looking forward to counting the votes this week- to see how our results link to the election in the weekend.

Space Quiz and Diorama Display

The parent of the students in the year 3 and 4 cluster are invited to attend our "Space Quiz and Diorama Display" in the Hall at 1.00pm on Monday 5th December, to share what we have learnt from our learning pathway "What is our place in space?"



Come and join in the fun as the Kowhai Team celebrate the end of year. The annual Summer concert will take place on Wednesday 7th December in the Hall at 8.45 a.m.

Year 5 and 6 HPPA Athletics

On Wednesday 23rd of November Beachlands School took 48 Year 5 and 6 students to compete in the HPPA athletics day at Lloyd Elsmore. We had a great day. A special thank you to the parents who came to support the students on the day, we wouldn't be able to make it without you. While all the students put in an enormous effort, a special congratulations goes to the following students:

Sam - 1st in the 100m sprints champs
2nd in the 9 year olds high jump
Jared - 4th in the 10 and over 100m age sprints
Max - 4th in the 10 and over 60m age sprints
Damien 2nd in the 9 years 400m race,

Awards at School Assembly

Congratulations to the following students who received an Award today – Oscar, Alex, Rhiannon, Kiran, Quinn, Alysha, Maggie, Ethan, Brianna, Mary-Cate, Liam, Lachlan, Cole, Nyxon, Fraser, Jamie, Jarred, Max, TeAriari, Natasha and Madison.



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

Year 7 and 8 Market Day

This year the Year 7 and 8 students will be holding their Market Day on Wednesday 7 December at 12.20-1pm. They have been busy creating a variety of crafts which would make ideal presents. There will be pencil cases, hackey sacks, calico dolls, soft toys, pet rocks, balloon boats, mini chalk boards, fridge magnets, key rings, to name a few. The students have worked very hard and money raised will buy the marine ply needed for the murals to go up in the carpark next year. This project will involve the whole school.

Lost Property

There are several unnamed sweatshirts in the Learning Pathways Centre. These have been washed and will be passed on to the uniform shop at the end of term if not claimed. There are also a few rain coats, also unnamed, and blue track pants. Please remember to label clearly with a name and room number. We will return correctly named items to classes. Some items have first names or initials, and others have names not associated with our school any longer. Over the Summer please check all uniform is correctly labelled with new room numbers.

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.

PTA

Juicie Fridays

We are very sorry about the lack of Juicies last Friday. Unfortunately the freezer broke down and all the Juicies had defrosted. We didn't want to sell them defrosted. We will be back on track this Friday. Please send \$1 to class if you are in Years 1-4 and everyone else can buy theirs at lunch time.

THIS SATURDAY COME TO BEACHLANDS SCHOOL VERY OWN CRAFT FAIR BEACHLANDS SCHOOL GROUNDS FROM 10.00AM TO 2.00PM

We have lots of great stalls selling homemade body products, handmade greetings cards, jewellery, baked goods, candles, paintings, wooden toys and much more.

Come and support the local arts and crafts community while also supporting the school.

We will have a bouncy castle and Santa will be there, so bring the kids and get their photo taken with him.

How the Santa photos will work is, rather than printing them out we will e-mail them to you, that way you can print out as many photos as you like!

I still need helpers on the day particularly from 11.00am to 2.00pm so if you can help, please text or e-mail Paddie on 021 1834474 or pndkeys@xtra.co.nz

Counselling

We would like to take this opportunity to say a big "THANK YOU" to Shannon Grannich for her hard work at Beachlands School this year, working as our student school counsellor. Shannon has now completed her Diploma in counselling and is a member of NZAC. She will continue to work in our community as a counsellor, working with families and students age 5-19.

Parents can contact her at 095367062. Shannon is using a sliding scale and is willing to accommodate our parents providing this need in Beachlands.

Coming Events

Friday 2 nd December	National Jandal Day – House colours, gold coin donation
Saturday 3 rd December	Craft Fair, School Hall, 10.00 am – 2.00pm
Wednesday 7 th December	Kowhai Summer Concert 8.45 am Hall
Wednesday 7 th December	Year 7 & 8 Market Day 12.20 – 1.00pm
Monday 12 th December	Koru Prizegiving 8.45am
Monday 12 th December	Y1/2 Splish Splash Day
Monday 12 th December	Y5/6 Omana Picnic 11.30am
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