



# Beachlands School - Te Kura o Kahawairahi

*Everyday Learning & Growing Together - Me mātau Ra*

Week 7 Term 4 23 November 2020

## From our Principal – Mr Anthony Noble-Campbell

Kia ora koutou Parents, Caregivers, Students and Whānau,

With only 17 days left for our 2020 school year, planning is now underway for our 2021 school year and I'd like to share a little about our school's understanding of 'Collaborating Teaching Practice'.

Collaboration is the process of working together to achieve a common goal. In teaching, the common goal is always improved learner outcomes. In schools this seeks a shift of thinking from "me" to "we" and from "my learners" to "our learners".

Collaborative practices are already part of our school's approach, as experienced in our technology centre programmes, in our Year 7 and 8 academy programmes, in Tuuhura Akoranga (Rooms 8-10) and as seen in all other teams with their learning pathways, including STEAM projects. Here students research into topics, work in mixed student learning teams and across classrooms with other teachers and learning assistants.



The energy, focus, enthusiasm students and teachers bring to this learning leads to greater levels of success. Again, collaborative practices see a shift from me to we from mine to ours and this aligns with our school's motto; 'Everyday Learning and Growing Together'- Me mātau Ra.

Professor John Hattie (2016), a NZ international researcher in education said: 'The essence of teachers professionalism is the ability to collaborate with others to maximise impact'.

As a school teaching team, we are continuing to develop a connected teaching team model approach that: (a) supports all learners (directed/instructional learning in our main curriculum areas like reading, writing and maths), (b) that develops the self- managing learner (learners that understand and work on their learning goals at their pace), and (c) self-directed learners (learners who are actively involved in the planning and assessment of their learning).

In our 2021 school year, with professional development support from Jacque Allen from Cognition Education, we will be seeing collaborative teaching practices more embedded and visible across our school.

I will continue to provide updates on our progress in this area along with further information being shared from our teams in 2021.

## School Sports Update

Last Friday our Year 7 and 8 girls played a game of basketball against a staff team. A large crowd of students assembled with the chant of 'Go Teachers', which was lovely to hear. At half time the score was 4-2 to the staff. When the final whistle blew the staff team snuck home 8-4. Staff player of the day was Mrs Saville who after a shaky start landed some nice baskets at key times in the second half.

This coming Friday it is staff vs students in netball. If there are any parents who would like to make up a team, please come up to school astroturf at 10.15am on Friday to play against the students and staff. We would love to see you!



## Calendar Art has reopened

Calendar Art has reopened for those that missed out ordering in the first round. Ordering will close at **9.00am on Wednesday 25 November.**



## 2020 Board of Trustees Mid-Term Election

By now, all eligible voters will have received their voting papers. School board members play an important role in shaping the education experience and achievements of students. Please remember to vote.



## Beachlands Ninja Warrior Postponement to 2021

Due to current teacher workload, the decision has been made to postpone Ninja Warrior to the first half of 2021. We know this is a great event that the children look forward to but in this part of the year, our staff are committed to assessment, report writing, end of year trips and prizegivings. We look forward to having an exciting event next year.

## Your old 2 litre plus clear plastic bottles are needed for our seedlings

When sowing seed directly into our vegetable garden beds, we need clear plastic bottles to use as cloches for when the seedlings appear.

If you have any clear plastic bottles (2 litre minimum size) you can donate these by bringing to the school office. They will need to be clean with the bottle tops attached. Thank you!

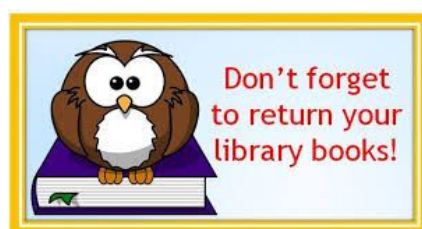
## Last Scholastic Orders for 2020

Parent LOOP orders close Friday 27 November.



## School Library Closing for Stocktake

Please return all your library books next week as the library is closing in Week 8 for stocktake.



## Important Dates for your Diary

- School Volunteer Helper Morning Tea - **Wednesday 25 November**
- Last day for Bible in Schools - **Thursday 26 November**
- Photolife Orders Close - **Sunday 29 November**
- Juicies on sale at school - **Monday 30 November**
- Weetbix Tryathlon - **Wednesday 2 December**
- Year 7 and 8 Rainbow End Day - **Wednesday 2 December**
- ~~Ninja Warrior - Friday 4 December~~ **POSTPONED**
- Board of Trustees Mid-Term Parent Election Day - **Monday 7 December**
- PTA End of Year Disco - **Years' 0 to 6 - Friday 11 December**
- *Koru Team Prizegiving - Thursday 10 December at 9.00am*
- *Nikau Team Prizegiving - Thursday 10 December at 11.00am*
- *Rimu Team Prizegiving - Thursday 10 December at 6.00pm*
- *Totara Team Prizegiving - Friday 11 December at 9.00am*
- *Kauri Team Prizegiving - Monday 14 December at 6.00pm*

**PTA Disco - tickets for sale on Kindo now!**



# Clothes Swap

*Back by popular demand*

**Wardrobe need a refresh? Then this is for you!**



**When: Friday 27 November 2020**

**Where: Beachlands School Hall**

**Time: 7.00pm till 9.00pm**

**Entry Fee: \$5 entry at the door on the night**

First 5 items free with entry.

All items \$1.00 - \$5.00

Punch and nibbles included

**Donations can be dropped off at:**

Beachlands School Office, Karin Vince

109 Liberty Crescent, Helen Barrett

62 Second View Ave, Samantha Sutherland

**All funds raised will be used to purchase Literacy resources for the Beachlands School Koru (Year 0 and 1) Team for 2021!**

## Beachlands Maraetai Playcentre Christmas Crafts Fun

We are running a Christmas decorations making session for preschoolers. They are all easy to do and will make your Christmas tree look special.

We are located on the Beachlands School premises, 18 Bell Road.

# Christmas Crafts

**27 November (Friday) | 10am - 12pm**  
**Beachlands/Maraetai Playcentre**

**Free Christmas decorations making session  
for preschoolers and their caregivers.  
All materials supplied.**

Many thanks to Ray White Beachlands for supporting this event!

**RayWhite**