

Beachlands School

Everyday Learning & Growing Together - Me mātau Ra

Week 10, Term 1 2025 - Monday 7 April

From our Principal - Mrs Lisa Bethune

Kia ora koutou Beachlands School whānau,

It is hard to believe that we are at the end of term 1 for 2025! We have enjoyed a positive start to our year in terms of our learning programmes and the weather has certainly been in our favour. This term has seen some wonderful initiatives underway with two working bees, and our very first Whānau Picnic. Winter sports teams are on the top of our term 2 agenda with AIMS Games getting underway for our Intermediate students. Watch this space and our school Facebook page for more exciting updates.

I'm thrilled to share that this year, with the support of our PTA, the Beachlands School Board has decided to focus on replacing one of our older playgrounds, located next to the blue cover.



Playgrounds aren't just a place to play—they're where friendships are built, imaginations run wild, and kids develop important physical and social skills. That's why we're so excited to focus our fundraising efforts over the next two - three years on upgrading and creating amazing new playground spaces for our school!

The Ministry of Education funding does not include playgrounds. That means every swing, slide, and climbing frame comes from school donations and the incredible fundraising efforts of our PTA and wider school community. With your support—whether by joining the PTA, helping out at events, or contributing in any way you can—we can create a fantastic play environment that our children will love for years to come. More information about fundraising and progress will follow!

Just a reminder that Term 2 commences on Tuesday 29 April 2025.

Attendance

In line with the Government priorities released in 2025, One of the things we are continuing to focus on is student attendance. If a student misses one day of school every two weeks, they miss more than a whole year of school by 16 years of age. As a parent or caregiver, you, alongside our school, play a key role in building strong habits of regular school attendance. If your child is late to school this too will impact their learning and over a period of time this too impacts on their attendance.

All students are legally required to attend school every day and it is a shared responsibility to make sure students attend and engage in learning from when they first start school.

If your child is going to be absent or intends to be absent for a portion of the school term for whatever reason, like a tangi or medical procedure. Please ensure you contact us on the school's eTap app under 'absentees' or email <u>absentees@beachlands.school.nz</u> Family holidays or taking time off for extracurricular activities (not organised by school) are recorded as not justified reasons for being absent, as we must concur to per Ministry of Education Guidelines.

If you're struggling at home with getting your child to school, please let your child's Kaitiaki teacher know or contact Mrs Stephanie Young our Learning Support Coordinator syoung@beachlands.school.nz

Beachlands School Donations - Your Support Makes a HUGE Difference!

Kia ora Parents and Caregivers,

Your school donations play a vital role in helping Beachlands School be the best it can be.

While government funding supports all state schools in New Zealand, it does not cover all the costs required to provide the excellent educational experiences we strive for here at Beachlands School. Your donations are essential to bridge the gap, allowing us to achieve our vision of "Everyday Learning & Growing Together."

Your donation ensures we are able to improve our digital technology, create experiences that enrich learning and continue with the ongoing improvements in classroom resources, learning materials and equipment. However, we do need your help!

In 2025, if all our families paid their donation, the amount we could receive is \$118,000. To date we have received just over \$35,000.

Each year we budget to only receive between 60% and 70% of the full potential donation amount. To receive the full donation amount would mean:

- ★ we would be able to provide extra teaching and learning resources like reading materials, math equipment, and ICT devices
- ★ we would be able to do more board funded property improvements, like playgrounds and shade sails
- ★ we would be able to provide our students and school with additional staff resources including specialist teachers, relief staff, and teacher aides beyond the Ministry allocation
- ★ we would be able to subsidise trips and student activities
- \star we would be able to buy as many books as we need for our school library
- ★ and we wouldn't need to call on our parents and community to assist us with fundraising and grants

School donations are entirely voluntary and you can choose to pay all, part or none of the donation. We do understand the tough financial times for many, and we truly appreciate every contribution made, so if you would like to make a donation payment to our school, you can pay via your child's Kindo account or through the bank account. If you would like to discuss options around paying the donation, please email us at <u>accounts@beachlands.school.nz</u>

The Board and School would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all families who have already contributed this year.

Ngā mihi, Dianna Staples Beachlands School Board Treasurer

Happy Birthday to you!



May the following students who have an upcoming birthday this week and also those who will be celebrating over the holidays we hope have a wonderful day filled with happiness, excitement & fun with family and friends!

Beau, Vala, Adeline, Blayke, Max, Marlee, Christiaan, Ivy, George, Jazzy, Jamie, Jessika, Emily, Lachlan, Chloe, Arya, Hugo, Joshua, Travis, Tobi, Oscar, Elayna, Jake, Jasmine, Lochie, Kora, Richie, Ashleigh, Alaric, DJ, Cruz, Lillie, Karwyn, Mishar

Tread Lightly Caravan - Week 1

Our Years' 1 & 2 and 7 & 8's, along with some Years' 5 & 6's, have thoroughly enjoyed their time with the Tread Lightly team. We have learnt about our world and how much electricity we are using. Some of us are using on average '2 earths' worth of electricity every year! We learnt about the different recycling options available to us and how much energy it takes to power a hairdryer.

Your children will be coming home soon with their pledge. As a family please encourage them to work on their goal, work on it together and make a difference to the world.

This week, our Years' 3 & 4 and the remaining Years' 5 & 6 classes will attend the Tread Lightly programme.

A huge thank you to our parent helpers and school EFS leaders for helping our Tread Lightly Crew.



Library News

The library has grown in popularity and students are excited to visit. By popular vote, the Library Squishmallow pet has been named **Marshmallow**.

We kindly ask parents to ensure all library books are returned this week before the school holidays. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.



Poppy Day Non-Uniform Day - Wednesday 9 April 2025

This year, New Zealand commemorates ANZAC Day, during the holidays, on Friday 25 April 2025. In order to acknowledge and support the <u>RSA</u>, we will be holding a **red day**.

On **Wednesday 9 April 2025,** students are invited to bring a gold coin and wear red clothing and/or accessories to acknowledge and support <u>ANZAC Day</u>.

The guidelines for Non-Uniform days are as follows:

- school appropriate clothing i.e.
 - tidy clothes
 - no midriff or low cut tops and very short skirts or shorts
 - no inappropriately worded clothing
- no makeup
- If hair is shoulder length or longer it must be tied up
- PE/swimming gear will also be required for students who have PE or Sports commitments on this day
- Jewellery expectations should follow our school policy;
 - Only stud earrings are permitted in ears
 - Students are able to wear a watch.
 - No jewellery is allowed to be worn; unless there is a cultural or spiritual reason which must be communicated in writing with your child's teacher

These are special days and we expect an appropriate standard of dress and normal school expectations for behaviour apply. We look forward to a successful day and thank you for your support.

Can we have your empty Squirty Bottles?

Our lovely caretaking team are after some more squirty bottles.

To cut costs and reduce our environmental impact, we mix up our disinfectant and apply the ingredient list to reusable squirty bottles. This allows us to minimize waste while continuing to adhere to all health and safety requirements.

If you have bottles that are no longer in use at home, could you please bring them to the office for us to give to the team.





The FERN Way

At Beachlands School we have had a successful term in teaching our children the **FERN** WAY. We have high expectations of student behaviour and encourage respectful relationships.

Each Year group within the school teaches Positive Behaviour for Learning (PB4L), where we introduce and reinforce the behaviour focus of the week. Teachers then follow up in classrooms with explicit teaching and discussions about these behaviours, ensuring that students understand and apply them in their daily school life.

So far this term, our PB4L lessons have focused on:

- How to behave in the classroom (FERN WAY)
- Positive play in the play areas
- Listening and following instructions
- Moving around the school respectfully
- Making good choices
- Building and maintaining friendships

As we approach the end of the term, we will be focusing on the following important topics:

- Greetings and responses to others
- Responsible for uniform, health/wellbeing in the Winter in the classroom environment
- Walking bikes and scooters (recap) following the rules using the pump track

PB4L (The **FERN** WAY) is an essential part of our school culture, helping to create a positive and supportive environment for all students. We encourage you to talk with your child about what they have been learning and how they can apply these lessons both at school and at home.

Winning House for Term One

Congratulations to **Takitimu** who has won the "waka race" this term. The points were extremely close and anyone of our four house groups could have taken first place.

There will be a **treat afternoon on Friday from 1.45pm - 2.15pm** where we will celebrate **Takitimu's** success. The children will meet in the hall at 1.45 for a small celebration assembly where they will be offered an iceblock treat. (Please note it is **not** a non-uniform day for Takitimu as we have class/ year group trips and other formal activities on the same day).



Fill a jar of goodies

Join us for a heartwarming and fun-filled way to support the incredible Donaldson family and raise vital funds for Beachlands School student, Hugo, who is courageously fighting his second round of cancer.

Creating a Jolly Jar is simple! Just grab a clear plastic or glass jar with a lid, let your imagination run wild, and fill it with delightful treats, toys, or anything that will bring a smile!

Make sure to bring your Jolly Jar to school by **Thursday 10 April 2025** as these jars will be sold at the Coast Market on Friday 11 April from 3:00pm (see below), with all proceeds going towards supporting the Donaldson family during this challenging time.



Let's spread some joy and make a real difference for Hugo and his family!



IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

ANZAC Day Non Uniform Day: Wednesday 9 April 2025

PTA Hot Cross Bun Delivery Day: Wednesday 9 April 2025

Jar of Goodies: Due at the school office by Thursday 10 April 2025

Last day of term: Friday 11 April 2025

Beachlands School 2025 Term Dates

Term 1: Monday 3 February 2025 to Friday 11 April 2025

Term 2: **Monday 28 April 2025 to Friday 27 June 2025 (**Monday is Teacher Only Day)

Term 3: Monday 14 July 2025 to Friday 19 September 2025

Term 4: Monday 6 October 2025 to Tuesday 16 December 2025

2025 Teacher Only Days (school closed)

Term 2 Teacher Only Day: Monday 28 April 2025

Term 3 Teacher Only Day: Friday 22 August 2025

2025 School Holidays (school closed)

Term 1 Holidays: Saturday 12 April 2025 to Sunday 27 April 2025 (includes Easter and ANZAC Day)

Term 2 Holidays: Saturday 28 June 2025 to Sunday 13 July 2025

Term 3 Holidays: Saturday 20 September 2025 to Sunday 5 October 2025

Term 4 Ends: Tuesday 16 December 2025 (school closes at 1.00pm)

2025 Public Holidays (school closed)

Easter: Friday 18 April 2025 to Tuesday 22 April 2025 (within school holidays)

ANZAC Day: Friday 25 April 2025 (within school holidays)

King's Birthday: Monday 2 June 2025

Matariki: Friday 20 June 2025

Labour Day: Monday 27 October 2025



Kelly Club - Holiday Programme



Kelly Club - Teacher Only Day



Kelly Club - Before and After School Care Programme

					Weekly Activities Plan Kelly Club Beachlands
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
7:00 - 7:50 am	Lego Mosters/Lego Towers & Structured Free Time	Target Practice & Structured Free Time	Finger Pointing & Structured Free Time	Eiffel Towers & Structured Free Time	Charades & Structured Free Time
7:50 - 8:15 am	Game: Kiwis & Kangaroos	Game: Kids Yoge	Game: Balloon Tag	Game: Limba	Game: Angry Birds
2:30 - 3:00 pm	Sign In & Free Time	Sign In & Free Time	Sign In & Free Time	Sign In & Free Time	Sign In & Free Time
3:00 - 3:30 pm	Intro & Afternoon Tea Cheerlas with Bread & Fruit	Intro & Afternoon Tea Sammies & Fruit	Intro & Afternoon Tea Noodles & Fruit	Intro & Afternoon Tea Sammies & Fruit	Intra & Afternoon Tea Staff Choice & Fruit
3:30 - 3:45 pm	Game: Human Paper, Scissors, Rack	Game: Duck, Duck, Goose	Game: Tailet Tag	Gome: Fallow the Sergeant	Game: Cat & Mouse Tag
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4:30 - 4:35 pm	Tidy Up	Tidy Up	Tidy Up	Tidy Up	Tidy Up
4:35 - 4:50 pm	Snack Time Potato Sticks	Snack Time Rice Crackers	Snack Time Baking	Snack Time Raisins	Snack Time Cookies
4:50 - 5:15 pm	Homework & Quiet Time	Homework & Quiet Time	Homework & Quiet Time	Homework & Quiet Time	Homework & Quiet Time
5:15 - 6:00 pm	Game: Concentration & Projects	Game: Dance Comp & Projects	Game: Doggy Doggy & Projects	Gome: Flee Chose & Projects	Game: Foot Volleyball & Projects

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COMMUNITY NEWS



Jo is a sex therapist, researcher, and speaker specializing in sexual health, relationships, and child development & protection in the digital age. In her work with The Light Project & Makes Sense Aoteroa, she equips parents, youth, & professionals to navigate online risks, tackle tough conversations, and foster healthy, informed relationships



Beachlands Baptist Church





An evening with Jo Robertson

Thurs 15th May, 7pm Beachlands Baptist, 59 Third View Ave

Come along for a practical workshop on keeping kids safe from sexual harm—online and offline. Learn how to navigate the tough conversations, spot risks, and equip your child with the confidence and tools they need. Parents of kids of all ages could benefit from this - it becomes important sooner than you think!

Tickets \$10pp - to book, follow the link in the QR code or email meg@beachbap.org.nz

Fundraising Events for Hugo and the Donaldson Family



Saturday 12th of April. 10.30am Sunkist reserve, next to the log cabin. \$10.