



# Beachlands School

*Everyday Learning & Growing Together - Me mātau Ra*

Week 5, Term 2 2025 - Monday 26 May 2025

## From our Acting Principal - Mrs Bronwyn Harrison

The weeks are going so quickly and it is hard to believe we are already halfway through the term! As I move around the school I am always so proud of how polite our students are. They are always ready with a smile and a warm greeting. I love hearing their stories about things they are learning about and experiencing both at school and at home. Relationships are key to our tamariki learning, and finding ways to connect with each of our students is always a high priority for our teachers. If there are things going on at home that you think might be having an impact on your child's learning please drop your child's teacher a quick email. Teachers will always let you know if they have concerns or if something happens at school that they think you should be aware of. Reminding your child to let their teacher know if something happens on the playground rather than waiting for when they get home is also important!

## Attendance

Last year the government announced a regular attendance target of 80% of students to be present at school for more than 90% of the school year. As you know, regular attendance makes it more likely for students to be able to succeed at school, stay on track with their academic journey and to feel confident socially, building positive relationships with teachers and peers.

Four attendance categories were developed to help you understand how frequently your children attend school.

Categories	Student with	Equivalent to
Good/Regular attendance	90% attendance	Average 4 days absent a term
Worrying/Moderate attendance	80% attendance	Average 9 days absent a term
Concerning/Irregular attendance	70% attendance	Average 14 days absent a term
Serious concern/Chronic attendance	60% attendance	Average 19 days absent a term

Our Beachlands School data for Term 1 showed that 74% of our students had Good/Regular attendance (90% or above) with extra holidays being a significant reason for absences. We encourage you to let us know if there are other circumstances that are making it difficult for you to get your child to school so that we can work with you to ensure that they are attending.

Lateness can also be an issue and in Term 1, 75% of our students were regularly on time to school. As the winter months approach the Ministry of Education has published the following information to help you know if your child is well enough to be at school.

## [Knowing if your child is well enough to go to school – Ministry of Education](#)

We continue to work to ensure that all of our students attend school regularly and arrive at school on time, and will follow up with families where necessary.

## Beachlands School Facebook Page

We encourage all families to connect with our school Facebook page for updates, reminders and photos of what is going on here at school.

## Whole School Cross Country - Tuesday 17 June 2025

During week 3, an [email](#) was sent home sharing the details of our whole school cross country on Tuesday 17 June 2025. We still require assistance from parents and caregivers to walk to / from Te Puru / Beachlands School and additionally stand as marshalls around the course for all the races. If you can help us, please complete the form found at this link [CROSS COUNTRY PARENT HELPER](#) ASAP. Thank you to the parents who have already emailed or filled out the google doc. Your support is much appreciated! Without your support, this event will not be possible.

## FERNTastic Assembly for Juniors

On Friday we held our Years' 1-4 FERNTASTIC Assembly. FERNTASTIC certificates were presented to those students who reflect all our school FERN values of friendship, encouragement, respect and nurture on a consistent basis. This award is held in high esteem and we congratulate this week's recipients and their whānau. We also presented Independence awards to members of the Koru team who have earned this award for consistently showing independence in many areas both inside and outside of the classroom. Congratulations to our hardworking tamariki!



## Welcome to our New Students and Families!

A very warm welcome to all new students starting our school this upcoming week. May you all love learning at our school alongside making new friends.

**Barnaby, Emelia, Iyla, Jackson, Lina** and **Otto**





## Happy Birthday to you!

May the following students who have an upcoming birthday this week, have a wonderful day filled with happiness, excitement & fun with family and friends!



**Sadie, Emily, Zara, Harry, Izabella, Sophie, Luca, Liam, Max, Diego, Rosaleigh, Rory, Tehillah, Milana, Rylan, Rogan, Iris, Odin, Holly**



## Trees for Survival Tree Planting Day.

Over the last 6 months, we have been busy growing native seedlings ready to be planted. On Monday 19 May we did just that!! 28 children and our parent helpers drove to Waiomanu Farm in Maraetai. We had a fabulous day and planted 515 of the 787 native trees that we grew, the remainder will be planted by the farm owners and the trust. It was a beautiful day after a huge night of rain. Thank you so very much to our parent helpers. We couldn't do these amazing activities with your assistance, and to Sarah from Trees For Survival and Susie from Auckland Council for your continued support in our Environmental projects at school.





## Kauri Technology Update

This term in the Technology room we have started Food Technology, where we are mostly focusing on dishes from New Zealand. In keeping with the New Zealand theme, we wanted to commemorate ANZAC day and made some Turkish food; hummus and bazlama (a flat bread made with yoghurt). We've tried some microwave hacks to make pavlova, and we have also followed a traditional Māori recipe to make Kanga Waru (steamed corn pudding), a delicious dessert! And to top it off we've been able to wear our one of a kind, self designed and sewn aprons while cooking!



## SEZ Girls Football

A beautiful day for the beautiful game! Last Thursday, the SEZ Girls' football squad played in the Y8 tournament at William Green. The team worked hard to place first in their pool, scoring 12 goals in the first 3 games and conceding none.

Quarter finals saw us meet up against St Kent's who were organised and strong in defence. Despite a valiant effort from the team, we lost 3-0. Semis saw us up against Elim, who we beat 2-0, earning us a place in the final against St Kent's.

It was a hard fought match and the girls gave it their all but unfortunately we lost 2-0. Congratulations to all our squad and big thanks to our supporters on the day.





## HPPA Rugby Fun Day

Beachlands School had a fantastic day at the HPPA Rugby Fun Day held at Lloyd Elsmore Park. We entered two teams – a restricted tackle team (under 50kg) and a mixed rippa team, both made up of our talented Year 5 and 6 students. It was a crisp but sunny day, perfect for rugby, and our students certainly rose to the occasion. Both teams displayed outstanding skill, fitness, and teamwork, winning every game they played. A huge thank you to the wonderful parents who helped with transport and coaching – your support made the day a great success. We're now looking forward to Day 2 (Friday 6 June), where our teams will return to compete against more local schools! *Thank you to Johan Du Preez for the action photos!*



## Beachlands School Alumni

We're super proud of our Beachlands Alumni. Huge congratulations to **Alannah Strang**, **Ethan Royer** and **William Tukuleva-Hall** who all received a Rotary scholarship valued at \$1000 each.

They received these scholarships as they have consistently demonstrated an excellent attitude toward their learning. These scholarships can be used towards school uniforms, subject materials, school fees, subject-related activities, trips and camps, digital devices and other educational resources.

## Lost Property

A massive thank you to Trevor, our caretaker, and Mrs Beach in Year 3 who have built and organised our new lost property cupboard.

We regularly talk with classes about being responsible for their belongings and will be encouraging students to help keep our environment tidy by putting lost property in this cupboard. If your child can not find an item this will be the place to look! Please help us keep the shelves tidy when you are looking for things. The lost property cupboard is located in the hallway opposite the token boxes.



## Jammies in June

Let's help warm up 15,000 kids this year!

Every year many of our tamariki get admitted to hospital with respiratory illnesses such as rheumatic fever, RSV and asthma, often because they live in cold damp houses.

The Middlemore Foundation along with Kidz First, Healthy Homes organisations and Dame Valerie aim to get 15,000 new pairs of jammies to our tamariki this year.

This is where we come in! By donating a pair of new jammies you're making a difference to not only our children, but also to our busy nurses and doctors on the front line - helping to prevent hospitalisations and reduce the need for return visits.

If you are keen to support this cause please drop some brand new children's pyjamas off to the office. Pyjamas only please (we are not collecting blankets, slippers etc). This year we have also set up a Beachlands School Donation page where you could also make a donation.

<https://www.jammiesforjune.org.nz/fundraisers/mikaylacurrie>



**On Thursday 5 June 2025, Beachlands School students will support further by having a gold coin PJ non-uniform day at school. All proceeds made will also be given to this charity.**

How many jammies will we get donated? As a school could it be 650? Let's keep our kids warm and safe this winter.



## Free Dental Care

Free dental care is available for children from birth to their 18th birthday. This includes dental examinations and x-rays, preventative treatments and treatment of dental caries, which may include fillings. Dental treatment is provided by different dental providers depending on a child's age. The Dental Service that Beachlands School is in zone for operates out of **Shelly Park School, 13 Sunnyview Avenue, Howick**. Please contact them directly on **534-5682** to make a booking.

It is important for carers to visit the clinic with their children to support the development of good oral health habits while they are young. Remember, dental decay is entirely preventable by having a good diet, brushing and flossing twice a day, avoiding sugary drinks and drinking water and milk.

There is enough fluoride in toothpaste, food and water for most children to receive adequate fluoride intake, but if parents are concerned, or your child has been given a high risk assessment please discuss these concerns with your Dental Therapist.

## Employment Opportunities

Sadly, Mrs Meredith is retiring from her role in the sick bay which means Beachlands School is seeking an enthusiastic and organised individual to join our school's office team as a Sick Bay Assistant. This part-time position, operating during the term time only, plays a crucial role in providing essential support to our school through the administering of medication and first aid to students and staff.

To apply, please go to Employment Opportunities on our school website.

## PTA News



Our popular winter PTA fundraiser returns...

# DAD'S Pies™

**\$55 per box of 12**

- Mince & Cheese
- Steak & Cheese
- Bacon & Egg
- Butter Chicken

**\$70 per box of 12**

- Gluten Free Mince

Order on Kindo - Closes 6<sup>th</sup> June

Collection last week of Term 2

NZ MADE SINCE 1981

The poster features several images of Dad's Pies boxes: 'Mince & Cheese', 'Butter Chicken', 'Bacon & Egg', and 'Gluten Free Mince'. The background is blue with yellow diagonal stripes and small yellow stars.

## Movie Night - Inside Out 2

🎬 PTA Movie Night in the Beachlands School Hall.

📅 Friday 30 May 2025 at 5.30pm

🕒 Doors open at 5.00pm

🕒 Movie Ends at 7.30pm

🎫 Tickets can be purchased on Kindo

Ticket price includes: movie, 2 slices of pizza and a bag of popcorn. 🍕 🍿

🍷 Drinks and treats also available for purchase

Bring your beanbag!



A vibrant movie night poster for 'Inside Out 2'. The background is a solid blue. In the top left, the character Joy from the movie is peeking out from behind a large, overflowing pile of white popcorn. To the right of the popcorn, there are three yellow starburst-shaped callouts: one says '\$10 ENTRY', another says 'MAY 30', and the third says 'START 5:30 PM'. Below these, the words 'MOVIE NIGHT' are written in large, bold, yellow letters with a red outline. A film reel icon is integrated into the letter 'O' of 'MOVIE'. Below the main title, a horizontal line separates it from the text 'SCREENING: INSIDE OUT 2'. Another horizontal line follows. Below this, there are two columns of text. The left column features a red location pin icon followed by 'Beachlands School Hall'. The right column says 'Bring your bean bag! Doors open at 5:00.'. A final horizontal line separates this from the bottom text, which reads 'TICKETS PAYABLE ON KINDO'. In the top right corner, there is text stating 'TICKET PRICE INCLUDES 2 SLICES OF PIZZA AND POPCORN' and 'DRINKS AND TREATS AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE'.

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**MOVIE  
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SCREENING: INSIDE OUT 2

📍 Beachlands School  
Hall

Bring your bean bag!  
Doors open at 5:00.

TICKETS PAYABLE ON KINDO



## IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### Week 5, Term 2

**FERNtastic Assembly (Years 5 to 8):** Friday 30 May 2025

### Week 6, Term 2

**King's Birthday:** Monday 2 June 2025 (school closed)

**Jammies in June (School Pyjama Day):** Thursday 5 June 2025

**Scholastics Classroom Orders close:** Friday 6 June 2025

**Parent LOOP Orders close:** Friday 13 June 2025

### Week 7, Term 2

**Sustainability Challenge (Orienteering Teams & EFS Years' 6, 7 & 8):** Friday 13 June 2025

### Week 8, Term 2

**Whole School Cross Country:** Tuesday 17 June 2025

**Classroom Pop-In (Years 0 to 6):** Thursday 19 June 2025 - 8.00am till 8.30am (details to follow)

**FERNtastic Assembly (Years 0 to 4):** Thursday 19 June 2025

**Toi-Wearable Arts:** Thursday 19 June 2025

**Matariki Public Holiday:** Friday 20 June 2025 (school closed)

### Week 9, Term 2

**Book Week and Scholastic Book Fair:** Monday 23 June to Friday 27 June 2025

**School Reports go home:** Monday 23 June 2025

**Des Hunt Author Visiting School (Years 4-8):** Monday 23 June 2025

**Sam Smith Visiting Author (Years 1-3):** Tuesday 24 June 2025

**Parent / Teacher Interviews:** Wednesday 25 June and Thursday 26 June 2025

**Kauri Team (Years' 7 & 8) Open Evening:** Thursday 26 June 2025

**Book Character Dress Up:** Friday 27 June 2025

## 2025 Term Dates

**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 3 Teacher Only Day:** Friday 22 August 2025

## 2025 School Holidays (school closed)

**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)

**King's Birthday:** Monday 2 June 2025

**Matariki:** Friday 20 June 2025

**Labour Day:** Monday 27 October 2025

## 2026 Term Dates

**Term 1:** Wednesday 4 February 2026 to Thursday 2 April 2026

**Term 2:** Monday 20 April 2026 to Friday 3 July 2026

**Term 3:** Monday 20 July 2026 to Friday 25 September 2026

**Term 4:** Monday 12 October 2026 to Wednesday 16 December 2026

**Kelly Club Before and After School Care - Book at [kellyclub.co.nz/beachlands](http://kellyclub.co.nz/beachlands)**



**KELLY CLUB**

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**What's Up**  
KID'S CLUB

### KELLY CLUB BEACHLANDS UPDATE

#### What's been happening...

For our Family Fiesta Week, we created fantastic Family mobile trees and Family Crests. Last week's Staff Choice benefitted from great weather, allowing us to enjoy numerous outdoor activities including soccer, tennis, master, and basketball. This week promises to be another busy one.





#### What's happening this week!

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>7:00 - 7:30 am</b>	Card Games & Structured Free Time	Green Antech Art & Structured Free Time	Playdough Sea Creatures & Structured Free Time	Charades & Structured Free Time	Paper Planes & Structured Free Time
<b>7:30 - 8:15 am</b>	Games: Soccer Ball Team	Games: Badminton Storage	Games: Race of the Balls	Games: King of the Hill	Games: Line Follow
<b>8:30 - 9:00 pm</b>	Sign In & Free Time	Sign In & Free Time	Sign In & Free Time	Sign In & Free Time	Sign In & Free Time
<b>9:00 - 9:30 pm</b>	Intro & Afternoon Tea: Corn Nuts & Fruit	Intro & Afternoon Tea: Sausages & Fruit	Intro & Afternoon Tea: Tomato Pizzas & Fruit	Intro & Afternoon Tea: Sausages & Fruit	Intro & Afternoon Tea: Sausage Rolls & Fruit
<b>9:30 - 9:45 pm</b>	Games: Staff Choice	Games: Soccer	Games: Soccer Invaders	Games: Soccer Ball	Games: Lively Ghost
<b>9:45 - 10:30 pm</b>	<b>GAME</b> Cannon Ball Pop	<b>DISCOVERY</b> Ocean Slime	<b>SPORT</b> Hot Caramell	<b>COOKING</b> Under the Sea Jelly	<b>CRAFT</b> Scaptor
<b>10:30 - 11:00 pm</b>	<b>SENIORS</b> 3:45 - 4:30 pm	<b>GAME</b> Paper Cup Boats	<b>DISCOVERY</b> Queen Bee	<b>COOKING</b> Under the Sea Jelly	<b>SPORT</b> Hot Caramell
<b>11:00 - 11:30 pm</b>	<b>JUNIORS</b> 3:45 - 4:30 pm	<b>GAME</b> Queen Bee	<b>DISCOVERY</b> Oil vs Water	<b>COOKING</b> Under the Sea Jelly	<b>SPORT</b> Hot Caramell
<b>4:30 - 4:55 pm</b>	Tidy Up	Tidy Up	Tidy Up	Tidy Up	Tidy Up
<b>4:55 - 5:00 pm</b>	Snack Time Veggie Chips	Snack Time Popcorn	Snack Time Biscuits	Snack Time Biscuits	Snack Time Crackers
<b>5:00 - 5:15 pm</b>	Homework & Quiet Time	Homework & Quiet Time	Homework & Quiet Time	Homework & Quiet Time	Homework & Quiet Time
<b>5:15 - 6:00 pm</b>	Games: Master Tag & Projects	Games: King of the Ring & Projects	Games: Soccer Kickball & Projects	Games: Soccer Kickball & Projects	Games: Soccer Kickball & Projects

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Franklin Writers Group want to hear it!

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Whether it's a life-changing decision, a moment of change, or a literal intersection, the choice is yours!

**Who Can Enter?**  
This competition is open to all residents of New Zealand. So, if you're a passionate storyteller, now's your chance!

**Closing Date**  
13th July 2025

**Prizes Up for Grabs**





- 1st Place: \$500
- 2nd Place: \$200
- 3rd Place: \$100

**Special Prize:**  
Best story by a writer under 30 years of age

**Entry Fee: \$15**  
Don't miss out on your chance to win!

**Entry form:**  
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Photo competition for 12 - 24 year olds and up



**PHOTO COMPETITION**  
**1-15 JUNE**

# EYE ON NATURE

PHOTO COMPETITION  
CALL FOR ENTRIES AGES 12-24 YEARS

**PRIZE POOL \$800**

**PHOTO EXHIBITION 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> JULY**  
Te Puru Community Centre

To enter scan the QR code







Netball season is here – let's go Stars! 🏐

Looking for a fun family outing?

The ANZ Premiership netball season is underway, and the Go Media Stars are offering our school community 10% off tickets to their home games this season at Pulman Arena!

Simply use the promo code **SCHOOL10** when booking online at [www.starsnetball.co.nz](http://www.starsnetball.co.nz).

It's more than netball – there's face painting, entertainment, and heaps of fun activities for the kids at every game.

Grab your tickets, bring the whānau, and support the Go Media Stars! 🌟







# PROTECT OUR BACKYARD






## JOIN US FOR A COMMUNITY BAIT & TRAP DAY!

*Let's restore our native bush and help our wildlife thrive!*

**Sunday 8 June 10am - 1pm**

**Rowan Muir Community Centre, 211 Maraetai Drive, Maraetai**  
Next to Coastguard - please park on gravel lot next door.

### What's on offer?

-  Free rat and possum traps
-  A supply of bait
-  Herbicides for pest plant control
-  Friendly advice on how to use them
-  Great chats with locals who care about our environment



**New to trapping?** No problem! We'll help you get started.

**Koha/donations** welcome to keep this initiative going.

**TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE,**  
Bring your whanau, ask questions, and help protect our local  
taonga. [predatorfreemb@gmail.com](mailto:predatorfreemb@gmail.com)



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Please note - Revised hours - Please disregard the previous poster times.





## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

THE COMMUNITY RESPONSE TEAM (NZ)  
SUPPORTS THE EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS  
IN OUR COMMUNITY.

WE ARE RECRUITING FOR TEAMS  
ACROSS THE WAIROA REGION  
WHERE YOU WILL BE TRAINED  
IN VARIOUS ASPECTS  
OF COMMUNITY RESILIENCE  
AND EMERGENCY RESPONSE.

**WHAT WILL YOU DO?**

- SET UP AND RUN COMMUNITY RESILIENCE SHELTERS
- ASSIST IN PREVENTING PROPERTY DAMAGE (I.E. SANDBAGGING)
- PROVIDE FIRST AID
- PROVIDE SUPPORT TO COMMUNITY MEMBERS THAT NEED OR WANT HELP
- PARTICIPATE IN TRAINING SESSIONS



CRT RESPONSE TRAILER



MEETING THE COMMUNITY LEADERS

**ARE YOU:**

AT LEAST 16 YEARS OLD?  
READY TO LEARN NEW SKILLS?  
KEEN TO GIVE BACK TO YOUR  
COMMUNITY?

SCAN QR CODE TO GO DIRECTLY  
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