

Beachlands School

Everyday Learning & Growing Together - Me mātau Ra

Week 1, Term 3 2025 - Monday 14 July 2025

From our Principal - Mrs Lisa Bethune

Kia ora koutou Beachlands School parents, caregivers, students and whānau,

Welcome back to school! It's so lovely to see the sunshine and to have been greeted by so many smiling faces this morning before school. I also arrived to my office filled with beautifully written letters, posters and art works from our wonderful students - a very special return to school for me.

Today I have visited all classrooms and have been so impressed with how everyone has transitioned back into learning and was able to see speeches underway in the Rimu team, algebra in action in our intermediate classes and handwriting in the Totara team - all within the first hour of school!



Thank you to all our wonderful parents and whānau for taking the time to attend the parent conferences at the end of Term 2. Your ongoing support and engagement play a vital role in your child's learning journey, and we truly value the strong partnerships we share with you.

However it is not all work at Beachlands we do have lots of fun, as you can see from our staff photo below from the last day of term 2. A hard working team that I am very proud of.



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.

Arlo, Bonnie, Elina, Estelle, Ezra, Georgia, Hunter, Isabel, Kaea, Liam, Luna, Madeline, Marcella, Nixie, Nour and Otis

School Board Elections - Wednesday 10 September 2025

Our school board elections are being held on Wednesday 10 September 2025. The school board is a key part of our school and they do a lot of important things behind the scenes that, while they may not be visible, are really important to keeping our school running. Our board is made up of 5 parents, the principal and a staff representative elected by the staff.

At each election, the board appoints a Returning Officer, who is responsible for the running of the election and this year Beachlands School has appointed Schooled Election Pilot to run our election online.

Nomination and voting forms will be sent to you by email directly by Election Pilot. If our school does not hold an email address for you, Election Pilot will send the forms out to you by post. There are a lot of rules around School Board elections that need to be followed and the main ones are the Education and Training Act 2020 and the Education (Board Elections) Regulations 2022. Your name and contact details have been provided to Election Pilot to enable them to deliver elections services for Beachlands School as required by legislation. They will use your contact details for the provision of election services for Beachlands School only and your details will be deleted 60 days after the election date as required by legislation. If you have any questions about the election process, then the best people to talk to are the team at Schooled Election Pilot. You can contact the Returning Officer directly on **0800 VOTENZ (0800 868 369)** or election@electionpilot.nz

Kōrari for Aspiring Board Members

Curious about what it means to be a school board member and how you can make a difference? Explore what school boards do, how members are elected, what's involved in the role, and where to find more info and support.

Designed for those curious about joining a board, Kōrari sessions provide an opportunity to ask questions and learn what the role involves. Kōrari events are held both online and nationwide in the lead-up to elections.

Check if there's a <u>Kōrari event</u> coming up, or contact us to arrange one for your school or kura.



Happy Birthday to you!

May the following students who have upcoming birthdays this week or who celebrated over the holidays, we hope you have a wonderful day filled with happiness, excitement & fun with family and friends!



Isabel, Brooke, Lucy, Harry, Mason, Noah, Luna, Daniel, Oliver, Emily, Sophie, Cohen, Shawn, Hunter, Vydia, Payjing, Thadie, Thomas, Isabelle, Evan, Jackson, Macey, Julian, Ben, Kelsea, Elsie, Ashlee, Danni, Phoebe, Matteo, Esther



Book Week - Character Day

In Week 9, Beachlands School came alive with wonderful book-themed activities as we celebrated the joy of reading. A highlight of the week was the vibrant book fair, where parents and students visited the library during parent conferences. Throughout the school, students took part in exciting activities such as the popsicle stick bookmark competition, the Matariki Star Scavenger Hunt, and designing stars inspired by their favourite books - these were proudly displayed in the library. Congratulations to those who received prizes for their creative efforts! On Friday, students swapped their uniforms for imaginative book character costumes. Despite the wet weather, the enthusiasm and creativity from both staff and students shone through, making it a memorable end to a fantastic week celebrating books and storytelling. A huge thank you to our wonderful Librarian, Tina Brown and Year 4 teacher Miss Currie for making the week so successful.







ICAS Exam Registration - ONLY TWO WEEKS TO REGISTER!!

This year, Beachlands School will be offering our Years' 5 to 8 students the opportunity to enter ICAS examinations in a variety of curriculum areas. Exams will be sat at school, in Term 3, in August. If you would like your child or children to be part of the ICAS examinations, please register no later than **11.59pm on Monday 28 July 2025** and make payments via the parent portal. The link to the parent portal is:

https://shop.icasassessments.com/pages/parent-payment/EJN927

Our school access code is: EJN927

Bike Container Update

We were very lucky to have some parents volunteer their time. Jon Royal and Cecilia Box joined us in Term 2 and spent a few hours pumping tyres, oiling chains and generally tidying up the container!

We are so very grateful to Jon and Cecilia!

All our bikes are now in full working order, and the children are enjoying using them during break times.

Call for Yearbook Art - due on Friday!





Last term, on Wednesday 11 and 25 June, fine weather coincided with the competition days at the William Green Domain. Gemma, Paige, Zoe, Mackenzie, Riley-Jade, Maddy, Annabelle, Nirlep, Scarlet and Maia were all so awesome by showing their sportsmanship and the Beachlands FERN way at the competition.

Although Beachlands was not part of the final top three winners of the competition, Beachlands started off well with a 3 - 0 win. Following on were a couple of losses, wins and a couple of draws. We must commend our Beachlands team for scoring some really great goals!



The team would like to thank Gemma's mum, Charlene and Paige's mum, Charlotte, for their help with transporting the team to and from the competition.



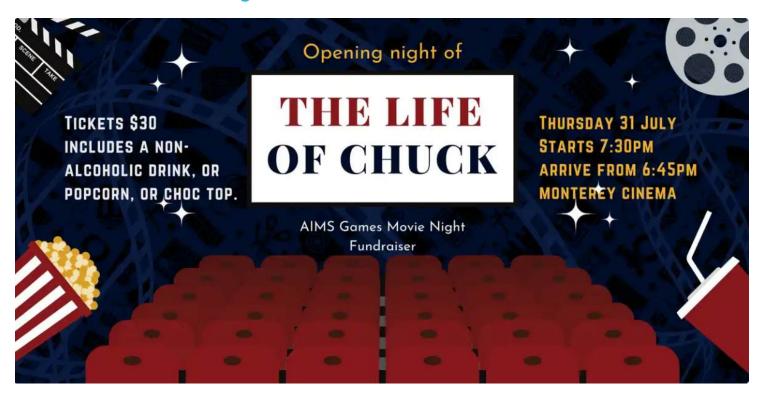
AIMS Fundraiser update: Nothing Naughty Protein Bars

Thank you so much to all those that supported our Nothing Naughty Bar initiative. We have placed the order and are awaiting delivery. We will be in contact via email with instructions on how to collect your purchases. We aim to provide a couple of days before and afterschool for you to collect them from the office.





AIMS Fundraiser Movie Night



Join us for an unforgettable movie night! Be part of the opening night of *The Life of Chuck (rated M)*, based on Stephen King's moving story about an ordinary man's extraordinary life. This unique film blends humour, heart, and a touch of mystery to celebrate the moments that make us who we are.

When - Thursday, 31 July 2025

Where - Monterey Cinema, Howick

Time - Arrive from 6:45pm - Movie starts at 7:30pm

Price - Tickets \$30

Your ticket includes your choice of a non-alcoholic drink, popcorn, or a choc top ice cream.

Spot prizes on the night! Thanks to AF Drinks, No Plan Bee Honey, and more amazing local supporters.

Gather your friends, plan a date night, or just treat yourself - all while supporting the Beachlands School AIMS Games netball and rippa rugby teams. Spaces are limited so don't miss this feel-good night out for a great cause!



PTA Quiz Night - Saturday 2 August 2025

Tickets are on sale now! Order on Kindo or from the school office. You can buy groups of 8 for \$200 or buy single tickets for \$25 each.

The theme of the night is 'B' - Will you come as Bumblebees, Builders, Barbies or something Blue? There will be prizes for the best costume on the night!

We will have food available for sale on the night, however cheese platters are pre-order only!





Intermediate Ball





IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Term 3 Dates

Week 3, Term 3

Yearbook Art Challenge Closes: Friday 18 July 2025

Scholastic Classroom Orders Close: Friday 25 July 2025

ICAS Closing Date: Monday 28 July 2025

AIMS Games Fundraiser Movie Night: Thursday 31 July 2025

Scholastic Parent LOOP Orders Close: Friday 1 August 2025

PTA Quiz Night: Saturday 2 August 2025

Week 5, Term 3

Intermediate School Ball: Friday 15 August 2025

2025 Term Dates

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 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

COMMUNITY NEWS

