

Beachlands School

Everyday Learning & Growing Together - Me mātau Ra

Week 1, Term 2 2022 - Monday 2 May 2022

From our Principal - Mr Anthony Noble-Campbell

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

Welcome back to school everyone. I hope all families had a relaxing break and enjoyed getting out and about while the weather remained beautiful most of the time.

At COVID-19 Orange traffic light setting, I headed back to Les Mills in Meadowlands enjoying some RPM sessions and a few group cardio classes. I also watched a bit of local sport in our area. In fact, last weekend I watched the Beachlands/Maraetai Football team play against Bucklands Beach. These teams play in the NRFL Division 2 sections so it's a good level of football to enjoy watching from the sidelines.

At COVID-19 Orange traffic light setting, schools are getting back to known systems and programmes. There are no restrictions on gathering numbers, the school gates will be open from 7.55am, parents are welcome back into school, the wearing of masks (while still encouraged) is optional, interschool sports is back on, school/team assemblies will restart and there are no restrictions on how children can play at break times.

We will continue to reinforce good hygiene practices at school and if any children are showing sickness symptoms, they will be sent to the sickbay and parents will be asked to collect them.



Our school has a supply of RAT tests that can also be sent home. There are still high numbers of

COVID-19 being reported daily so please refer to this chart in terms of self-isolation requirements.

In Week 4 we are organising parent/teacher conferences which will again be by Zoom conference. This is the safest approach at this time, due to the high numbers of COVID-19 within the community and the difficulty in finding relief teachers when our own teaching staff contract COVID-19. I hope that we will be offering onsite conferences in Term 3.

Finally, this term of teaching programmes is focusing on **'I am / We are Storytellers'.** This approach fits under our NZ Art Curriculum and at the end of this term we will be holding an Artstravaganza where we will be celebrating children's art.



The enduring ideas for our arts approach will be based on the following outcomes:

- a) By creating visual art, artists challenge our world and provide a window into other people's worlds
- b) Visual art can take on many different forms and be constructed from numerous combinations of media/materials
- c) By using a wide range of artistic media and formats, artisans communicate emotion, events, ideas and story
- d) Learning new artistic techniques enables us to express our emotions, events, concepts and story
- e) Our passion to communicate our rich human experiences drives the intensity of artistic expression
- f) The medium of art enables the artist to communicate with their audience
- g) The visual arts weave emotion, events, concepts, culture and story to create a result that can be interpreted in endless ways
- h) Artistic expression is an effective way to communicate ideas, concepts and conceptual frameworks

If any parents have a passion for art or if you know an artist within our local community, we would love to make contact to see how you could come to school and share your passion and skills with our children. Please let us know by emailing contact information to info@beachlands.school.nz

Staffing Update

Today we welcomed Mr Charl Dreyer, our new Deputy Principal to our school. Mr Dreyer will oversee teaching and learning programmes Years 5-8.

Mr Dreyer was previously Deputy Principal at Redoubt North School and has also been a RTLB (Resource Teacher of Learning & Behaviour). Mr Dreyer loves maths, gardening, is a keen cyclist and he is looking forward to meeting students and families as he commences his leadership at our school. If you see Mr Dreyer around, please come up and introduce yourself to him.

Happy Birthday to you!

Our Beachlands School team would like to wish the following children a very happy birthday during this week and over the school holidays.

We hope you have a wonderful day with family and friends.

Carter, Dominic, Sophia, Esther, Ella, Matthew, James, Toby, Louis, Liam and Regan







Welcome to our FERN-tastic school!

A very special FERN-tastic welcome to...

Emilie, Wilfred, Chloe, Ava, Christiaan, Evodie, Olive, Sam, Sofia, Karwyn, Alexis, Georgia

It is fantastic to have you in our Beachlands School family/whanau.



Tough Guy and Gal Competition - Thursday 30 June 2022

Information on the Tough Guy and Gal competition will be attached with this email.

School Docs Policies for Review

Each year, we review our school policies. These policies are found in our School Docs site and some policies require review by our parents and caregivers. The policies that require reviewing are **Visitors** and **School Closure.** For details on how to access these policies, please follow the instructions below:

- ★ Click for the website <u>SchoolDocs</u>
- \star Enter the user name: **beachlands** and password: **beachlands**
- ★ Type into the search bar, **Visitors** and / or **School Closure**
- \star Read the policy
- ★ Click the Green Comment button at the right hand top corner of the page.
- ★ Your role at the school, i.e. Parent
- ★ Enter your name, email and your comments

We look forward to your feedback **by Friday 6 May 2022**. If you don't have internet access, our school office team can easily provide you with printed copies of the policies. Please email us at <u>info@beachlands.school.nz</u> if you would like this.

Travel Wise News

On Thursday 5 May from 8.10am, Zara the Zebra from Auckland Transport and the TravelWise Team will be at the 'Zebra Crossing' on Bell Road helping the children to cross safely!

Have you seen this scooter?

It was removed from the Wakelin Road side of school last term and the parents would love to see it returned.

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Music in Schools

Would your child like to learn the piano or keyboard? Music In Schools teaches keyboard and piano lessons at Beachlands School during school hours. We now have some spaces available for any interested students. For more information contact Music in Schools Ph 09 273 3411.



Important dates for your diary

Puberty Talks for Years' 5 to 8 - Wednesday 4 and Thursday 5 May 2022

Zara the Zebra on the Bell Road crossing - Thursday 5 May 2022

SchoolDocs Policies Review closes - Friday 6 May 2022

Stu Duval Visit - Monday 9 to Friday 13 May 2022

PTA Fundraiser Pasta Vera Orders Close - Monday 16 May 2022

Pink Shirt Day - Friday 20 May 2022

Term 2 Learning Conferences - Wednesday 25 and Thursday 26 May 2022

Class and Portrait Photos - Monday 30 and Tuesday 31 May 2022

Jammies in June Fundraiser - Tuesday 7 June 2022

Tough Guy and Gal Competition - Thursday 30 June 2022

PTA Treat Friday - Thursday 7 July 2022

PTA News

Pasta Vera

Available to order on Kindo now! Orders close on Monday 16 May 2022.

6x270g Free Flow Frozen Lasagne - Gluten Free & Vegan available Pumpkin, Spinach & Beef 6x270g \$25 Vegetable Smoked Chicken 3kg \$39.95 Feta \$27 525 \$30 Gluten Free **Gluten Free Beef** Gluten Free Vegan Macaroni Cheese Vegetable \$30 Lasagne \$30 \$25 \$30 Tortellini, Pesto's & Gnocchi

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