

Newsletter- 26th May 2014

Calendar

Coming Events:

- **Senior Ball – Friday 1st August**
- **Community Ball – Saturday 9th August**
- **Beachlands School 80th Jubilee 21/22 November**

Terms and Holidays

Term 2:

Monday 5th May –

Friday 4th July

Term 3:

Monday 21st July -

Friday 26th September

Term 4:

Monday 13th October -

Wednesday 17th December

From the Principal –

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Welcome to week 4

As we head in to the winter months and we naturally have an increase in absentees or you have planned an overseas trip, it is important that we keep an accurate record of your child's attendance. If you are notifying the school by email regarding your child's absence please not only let your teacher know but also the office. Janice Brown does a wonderful job on checking on all the absentees every day. Her e-mail address is jbrown@beachlands.school.nz and classroom teachers' addresses are available on our school website.

Headphones:

With the increased use of ICT at Beachlands School the use of headphones by students is also increasing. Headphones are used so when they are listening or researching on the computer they do not interrupt the rest of the class. If your child requires the use of headphones we wish to ask you to provide them with their name or initials on them. In this way we will be able to be more hygienic and I am sure the students will take good care of them if they own them. We have provided headphones to the children who require them but the numbers have increased to such a point that we can no longer do so.

Countdown Collectors Cards

We have had requests from a lot of students asking if we can have an organised swap day for the Countdown cards. What we would like the students to do is the following:

Only bring along the cards they want to swap. (This will avoid the wrong cards being inadvertently swapped!) Put them in a container or zip lock bag. Write a list of the card numbers they would like to swap for. We will supervise the swap after the eating bell on Friday lunch time. We ask that these cards be kept safe at home until the swap day.

Kia Ora Kotou

This term the Kapa Haka has had several new students join up and we are currently sitting with numbers around 60 students. This is a large increase on the 25 from last term. So we need your help!

We are needing to make more poi and rakau to accommodate these new students. If you have any old magazines, plastic bags, blue and yellow wool, stuffing or old broom handles please send these to school with your tamariki (children) and ask them to deliver these to Room 15. Kia Ora whanau

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HPPA Soccer Fun Day

On Tuesday the Year 5&6 had a Soccer Fun Day at Meadowlands. The Soccer Fun Day was about having fun and demonstrating sportsmanship. Everybody had a great time; luckily no kids got seriously injured! Some teams were really tough to play and it was a great day for the kids. It was awesome because people from different sports participated in the Soccer Fun Day. It didn't matter if you had played before or not. There were a quite a few talented people who scored some excellent goals. Overall we had a really enjoyable day.

Riley and Riley

ECCS Soccer

Last week we had 7 Intermediate students represent ECCS at the counties soccer tournament. Both the Year 7 and Year 8 team won their competitions meaning they will be representing Counties at the Auckland Interzone tournament later in the term.

Congratulations boys



PTA News

Date for the Senior Ball is Friday 1st August, the Community Ball is Saturday 9th August – Book the date.

PTA Fundraisers and Events

- **Sushi Orders** – Order by Tuesday 9.00am, for Wednesday lunchtime, please check you have filled out the sushi order correctly, no change given. If there are no sushi bags available then fill out a blank envelope and order form - <http://www.beachlands.school.nz/WebSpace/556/>
- **Next PTA and Ball committee meeting** - Tuesday 3rd June 7.00pm, If you are interested in being part of the Ball committee this year then come along to Maria's house - 3 Pony Park, Contact Tania: tanya@beanies2u.co.nz or 5366297
- **Don't forget** that you can claim a tax credit (33.33% cash refund) for the donation made to the school annually. To do this you can download an IRD form (IR526) at the link below (there are guidance notes included in the form). You will also need your receipt from the school. This also applies for donations to kindy or any other charities. <http://www.ird.govt.nz/forms-guides/title/forms-t/ir526-form-claim-rebate-2014.html?id=homepage>

BALL NEWS

Last year we were able to raise \$15,000 for the school from the senior and community Ball, this year we are aiming for \$20,000! This is a massive undertaking, which we can only achieve with a lot of help and support from the community.

WE NEED YOUR HELP...

Can you, or do you know anyone who could donate any of the following? Rolls of curtain material, large cardboard sheets, food items, ball prizes, party hire and offers of help, contact Maria - macorboy@gmail.com or 536 5563. This is a great way to advertise your local business and help the community. Please 'like and share' our Facebook page to get the word out 'Beachlands Fundraiser Community Ball 2014'.

Howick College Open Evening July 3rd at Howick College. It will run from 7 pm – 9 pm.

Community Notices

Volunteers needed to join **Beachlands-Maraetai First Response Team**. Do you think you have what it takes to be a volunteer ambulance officer? We need more volunteers – full training given by St John. No experience required although first aid, nursing or emergency response experience would be an advantage.

If you would like to know more please contact Tracey Swinehart – Team Leader on 021 773837

Are you interested in learning the flute or ukulele? I am a flute and ukulele teacher who lives in the Beachlands area. I teach with a focus on enjoyment and encouragement at \$15 per half hour for group lessons or \$20 for individual. If you are interested please contact Isla Norman on 0278469136 or islanorman@hotmail.com. I look forwards to hearing from you!"

Teen art classes (age 13 and over) at the Log Cabin Mondays 5.30pm – 7.00pm. Cost \$8.00 per class.

Kids art classes Wednesdays 3.30pm - 4.30pm \$5.00 per class. Contact Christina Rodriguez 022-184-2270.