



Island Bay School

NEWSLETTER

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Whānau,

A very warm Island Bay School welcome to all our returning students and staff, and a special welcome to the large number of new students and their families, and our new staff member, Tim Thomson who is joining our Korimako teaching team.

I hope you have all had a safe and happy Christmas and festive season. For me, holidays have been focused on spending quality time with friends and family, visiting some of my favourite places, and getting on top of home and garden maintenance. Over recent weeks, I've also enjoyed spending more time with my immediate and extended family after my beloved Nana passed away, spending time at the beach in Tauranga, hanging out with my new puppy (we are now a two dog family!), and catching up with friends.

I hope that you have enjoyed some quality time with your special people, in your favourite places too. It's the simple things that can bring the most happiness, and these are often the experiences that we remember.

2021 begins with a feeling of optimism and promise after a unique and challenging year in 2020.

We are very much looking forward to seeing you all tomorrow for the meetings with teachers or on Tuesday back at school. The staff are all prepared and excited to begin the new year with your wonderful tamariki. See you soon!

Welcome to our new kids and families

Amber, Arlo, Finlay, Frida, Gabriela, Georgia, Jemima, Jessica, Kayleigh, Lachlan, Maisie, Malia, Marlon, Max, Saphira, Scarlett, Veda, Laurel, Oliver, Wolf, Elizabeth, Keston, Joel, Enzo, Jude, Ava, Blake and Zac. We hope you have a wonderful start to your Island Bay School journey. Welcome to our school family!

Ngā mihi

Deborah Fenton

Island Bay School Principal

IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Term 1 Dates

Please continue to check the Island Bay School App for all upcoming events, or the **Community Calendar**

School starts back at 8.55am on Tuesday 9 February 2021

See 2021 Terms dates, School hours and a School map **here**

- **5 Feb - Whānau Connection time** - book your slots. See below
- **16 Feb - School swimming lessons start for Korimako, Tūi & Rimu hubs**
- **17 Feb - Whole School Whānau Picnic Dinner** - from 5pm at Victory Park turf. See more below.
- **24 Feb - Parent Info Evening "What learning looks like"** - 7-7.30pm in your child's hub. See more below
- **25 Feb - Term 1 Pōwhiri** - 9.15-10.15am in the Hall. All welcome.
- **1 March - Home and School meeting.** All welcome
- **1 April - 6 April - Easter break** - includes Teacher Only Day on Thursday 1 April, Good Friday, Easter Monday and Easter Tuesday)
- **7 April - Y4-6 school swimming sports** - 10am -12.30pm at Kilbirnie Aquatic Centre
- **16 April - Last day of Term 1-** School finishes at 3pm

Book Your 'Whānau Connection time' (meet the kaiako) Slots for 5 Feb 2021

Tomorrow - Friday 5 February, we would like to invite you to meet with your child's new guardian group teacher, before school begins on Tuesday 9 February. This is an opportunity to share information with your child's guardian teacher that will assist them in getting to know your child. This may include likes, dislikes, passions etc. To make a time that suits you for this meeting, please visit www.schoolinterviews.co.nz and enter the code **nrw49**.

From here you can choose your 10-minute time slot to meet with your child's teacher. If you are booking for more than one child, please allow time between to move from one learning space to another. Your child may attend with you, or you can attend without them.

First Day info

Children are welcome in their hubs and the playground from 8.30am. **School starts at 8.55am**. Feel free to accompany your child into class, help them settle in and hang their bag up etc.

Remember to bring:

- stationery
- lunch and morning tea snacks
- drink bottle
- sunhat
- a book for independent reading

Please make sure all belongings are named!

If your child is in Y4-6, please don't bring any digital devices for the first few weeks. Teachers will talk more about this in class and your child will bring home a Digital Citizen Agreement for signing.

See the school map/structure [here](#)

Stationery requirements for first day of school

All stationery requirements can be found at <https://www.myschool.co.nz/>

Please bring your child's stationery to school on the first day. They can name their books, and you can cover them, although this is not a requirement. All other labeling will be done together at school.

Y4-6 BYOD 2021 forms due asap

We still have about 80 students between Year 4-6 who haven't completed the **BYOD form**. We need to start the process of assigning devices to children that need them, so please fill in this form asap. A reminder that all children need a form filled in for 2021, not just kids who are new to BYOD. Many thanks!

Whole school Whānau Picnic dinner - Wed 17 Feb from 5pm

Please mark this date in your calendar for a school-wide BYOD (Bring Your Own Dinner) evening. This whole school event will take place on the turf at Victory Park. Bring a picnic or fish 'n' chips from 5pm and meet some other families in your children's classes.

At 5.50pm, our Principal Deborah Fenton will welcome families and introduce you to the teachers of Island Bay School.

Parent info evening - "What learning looks like" - Wed 24 Feb, 7-7.30pm

Whānau are invited to visit their children's hubs to see our collaborative learning environments in action and hear more about the learning that will be happening in those spaces this year. If you have more than one child at school, you will be able to choose which learning environment you'd like to visit.

Term 1 Pōwhiri - Thurs 25 Feb, 9.15-10.15am

The pōwhiri takes place in the school hall and is to officially welcome our new entrants, their families and other new teachers, students and families to our school. The whole school attends and all are welcome. The ceremony usually takes about 40 minutes.

New families taking part in the pōwhiri should meet Maria Whiting (our Māori leader) in the Learning Hub next to the office at 8.55am to learn more about what happens during a pōwhiri and practice a waiata (song). Please stay on afterwards for some morning tea in the staffroom.

Update your SchoolApp with your child's 2021 class/hub

The School App is the quickest and easiest way to report student absences, access the school calendar and staff contact details, and link to newsletters and the school website. Alert reminders are sent out the night before for things like bake sales, junior school swimming, class trips etc, and in emergencies. If you haven't got it already, use this [link](#) to install it. We will be sending out communication via the App as and when required over the break, so please make sure you have it installed on your phone and update the subscriptions with your child's 2021 class/hub. Thank you!

Term 1 swimming lessons

Rimurimu, Tui, and Korimako will be doing swimming starting on Tuesdays from 16 Feb 2021. There will be 7 sessions. You will receive an App reminder the night before.

Road Patrol adults needed!

We urgently need some adult helpers to assist our senior students with morning and afternoon road patrol. Any offers of help gratefully accepted (you don't need to have a child on patrol). We need two adults per slot (one for the Clyde St crossing and one for the Thames St crossing). The times are 8.30-8.55am and 2.55-3.15pm daily. Please email [Caitlin](#) if you can help.

REMINDERS

Morning Drop Off

Children are welcome in their hubs and the playground from 8.30am. Children who arrive after 9am are required to check in at the office before going to their learning space. We provide a before school care option from 8-8.30am, free of charge, in our school library each day. It is important that this service is only used by families who need it. If you wish your child/ren to be a part of this, please fill in this form and let us know which days you require care. [Click here for Form](#)

School Office Hours

Monday to Friday 8.30am to 3.15pm

Teachers may be contacted by email Monday to Friday between 9am and 5pm.

School Notices & News and Community News

A reminder that all school notices, news and community news are posted in full directly on the [Notices, News & Reminders section of our Island Bay School website](#). This includes info on school events, sports teams etc and school holiday programmes, afterschool activities and lessons for Term 1. It is updated in real time.

Name Your Child's Belongings

Unfortunately we always end up with a large amount of lost property at school. Please name all your child's hats, clothing and other belongings (drink bottles, lunchboxes etc!). Unclaimed items are donated to charity at the end of each term.

Sunhats & Sunscreen

During Terms 1 all children are required to wear a sunhat that covers their forehead and neck when they are outside. Children are welcome to wear a hat from home; Island Bay School sunhats are also available from the office at a reasonable cost. Please ensure your child/ren have a named sunhat in their bag. Sunscreen in their bag is a good idea too. Talk to them about keeping safe in the sun. The School will provide sunscreen for students. Students without a hat will be asked to play in the shade.

Touch rugby

We have a year 1/2 team, a year 3/4 team and several year 5/6 teams. Register with **Alice** before **Wednesday 10 February**. After that date, it is closed, no exceptions as teams will already be enrolled. We also need adults to manage and coach the teams. Please let Alice know if you are available to help.

Dates: 24 Feb - 31 March

Cost: \$25 per player

Venue: Wakefield Park on Wednesdays from 4pm

Floorball (a type of indoor hockey)

Register with **Alice** before **Monday 8 February**. After that date, it is closed, no exceptions as teams will already be enrolled.

Dates: 16th Feb - 13th Apr (no games 23rd March due to ASB event), 8 weeks

Location: ASB Sports Centre

Times: Tuesdays 3:30pm - 7pm, ASB Sports Centre. Younger children have the earlier games and older children have the later games. Y1/2 teams who have to travel from further away will get the 4pm games.

Cost: \$160 per team- \$35 per child

Year 1/2 - we need 3 more children

Year 3 - we need one more

Year 4 - we need 2/3 more

Year 5 - we need 3 more

Year 6 - we need 2 more

Teams are up on the sports noticeboard if families want to see them.

Y4-6 School Swimming Sports

Wednesday 7 April 10am -12.30pm at Kilbirnie Aquatic Centre. More information to follow.

Futsal Tournaments at ASB (during school time)

Years 1-4 - Tuesday 13 April (teams will be year 1/2 and years 3/4)

Years 5/6 - Thursday 15 April.

Teams of 8 (at least 3 girls per team). Kids welcome to make up their own teams.

Please register with **Alice** by 12 February at the latest. We need parents to manage the teams on the day. Please let Alice know if you can help.

Movin' March

Island Bay School will be participating in this again. More information to follow.

Waterpolo

The team is full. Thanks to those who have registered. Registrations closed on Wednesday 3 February.

Junior Netball Y1-4

Mother Earth futureFERNs is now calling for registrations and will be run over 8 weeks at Evans Bay Intermediate School on a Saturday morning. The dates are yet to be decided but it may start around the 20 February.

Year 1&2 – Times range but can be around 10-10.45am or 11-11.45am

Year 3&4 – Times range but can be around 12.15-1.15 pm or 1.30-2.30pm

Please note these times may change due to the number of team entries.

If you would like to register please email your child's name, year group, you contact details (name, email and telephone number) to **Diana Miller**. The closing date for registrations is Monday, 15 February and the cost is \$40 for the term. Please pay on Kindo.

The netball programme depends on parent help so please indicate if you would like to assist players/teams. Check out www.futureferns.co.nz to find out more details.