

A community empowering life long learners to achieve and make a difference

BOT news

Term 3 2011

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Principal: Lesley Tait

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You are welcome to
attend the Board of

Trustees Meeting

Meeting Room - 3rd Tues

of the month at **7.00pm**

Please feel free to contact

the BOT by email

BOT@redbeach.school.nz

REVIEW

As part of
our annual and three
year cycle we have been
reviewing the following:

- Mid-year achievement
- Health & Safety
- Equal Opportunity
Policy
- Rm 19/20 review
- Property Policy
& Procedure
- Student Support
Programmes

Mid Year Achievement Results

The Senior Management team met with the board this month to present the mid year achievement results. Monitoring student progress against annual targets, is one way in which we ensure the school is 'on track' to improve performance over time.

Goal	Target for 2011	Achieved at July 2011
90% of Y2-Y6 students read at or above the national standard in Reading	90%	86% 83% boys 89% girls
88% of all Y2-Y6 students achieved at or above the national standard in Writing	88%	82% 77% boys 91% girls
88% of all Y2-Y6 students achieve at or above the national standard in Maths	88%	85% 84% boys 86% girls
< 22% of boys will be below the expected levels in writing*	<22%	% Boys @ below 23%
< 20% of the Y3 & Y4 will be below the expected levels in maths*	<20%	% Students @ below Y3 17% Y4 12%

* These targets were set for 2011 in response to much lower than expected levels of achievement in 2010. Data is gathered through a range of assessment and moderation carried out throughout the year, including PAT testing for years 4,5 and 6. PAT allows a child's achievement to be compared to other NZ students at the same year level.

Learning Support Programmes

There are numerous support programmes in place to help a variety of students who are achieving 'below' expected levels. There is also an extension programme in place, introduced this year, for students who are already high achievers in certain areas and would benefit from a further stretch in their learning. You will have had an opportunity to discuss your child's achievement at the end of last term. A further student led conference will take place in week 9. This will be a valuable opportunity to see how your child is progressing.

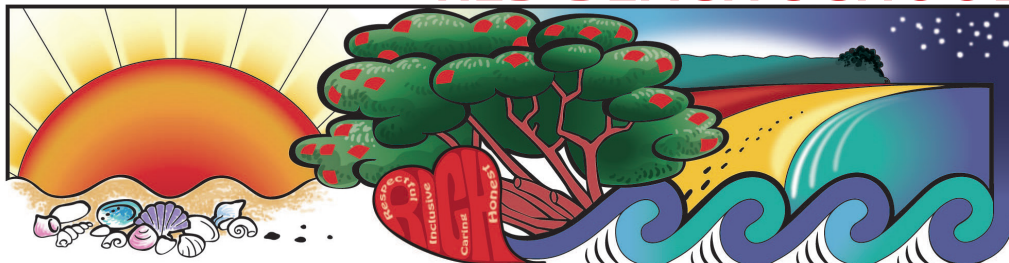
Support programmes include:

- *Talk to Learn* - for students with language delays in Y1-2
- *Spelling Rulz* - peer tutoring Y3-6
- *Rainbow Reading* - reading intervention and enrichment Y4-Y6
- *Reading Club* - reading support for Y1-3
- *Phonics Group* - alphabet and word knowledge support Y2
- *Maths Support* - basic fact and number knowledge support Y3-Y4
- *Horizon Group* - for gifted and talented students

A big **thank you** to our volunteers who help out in the Maths and Reading Club support programmes - your time and support is very much appreciated. We are always looking for extra help in these programmes, please consider lending some time.

To find out more about how to help out email:
hellen@redbeach.school.nz





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Coming UP

- ERO Review
- Indepth review of Life Long Learning principles for 2012
- Strat planning and budgeting for 2012

Motuora: Did you know?

As part of our Support Programme Review the board received a presentation from The Motuora Unit.

Did you know?

- There are 15 students in the Motuora unit and aged 5-12 years.
- Motuora is staffed by two full time and nine part time teachers who have worked at RBS for between 2-13 years.
- The unit is funded by the *Ministry of Education* and the remainder by *Red Beach School*.
- 11 of the students belong to a classroom in the main school and attend that class anywhere from 30 mins a week to four hours a day.
- The Motuora programme is based on Individualised Educational Programmes that cater to each learner's needs and ability. Each student has goals set and their progress is monitored throughout the year.
- With support from their parents the students participate in swimming, riding for the disabled, gymnastics and music therapy.

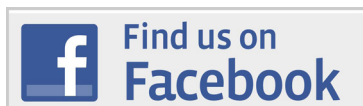
New look website up and running

Our website has recently been invigorated check out
www.redbeach.school.nz

Look out for :

- An events calendar
- General everyday info for those new and not so new to the school.
 - » Information on annual activities such as Gala, Art Attack and Cross Country
 - » The School Vision explained
 - » Current and archived copies of School, Community Committee and Board Newsletters
 - » Community and Board of Trustee information
 - » and much more

A big **thank you**
to Nick and Christine
Frantzen for their time and
effort updating the site.



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