



Blockhouse Bay

Primary School

We Seek - We Strive - We Soar

Thursday 10th March 2016

IMPORTANT REMINDER - Parent Meetings
SCHOOL CLOSSES AT 12.45p.m. ON WEDNESDAY 16th MARCH
Please make arrangements to have your children looked after, at this time on Tuesday.
(NOT UNSUPERVISED AT THE PUBLIC LIBRARY)
重要通知：
三月十六日周三学校将于中午12点45分提前放学。

PRINCIPAL'S SOAPBOX

We have had a very productive week working with the reviewers from the Education Review Office. Thank you to all of the children, parents, Board and staff members who have contributed to the review. This process takes a while to 'hit the streets' but we would expect to have our written report available during June.

We have had some complaints about parents 'ducking and diving' around Gill Crescent when dropping off and picking up children from school. We ask all parents who are using this area to be mindful of the fact that young children are present and that extra care is required. Additional courtesy is also needed towards other motorists as we have had several issues with drivers doing u-turns and double parking.

It is great to see the children excited about the new piece of play equipment in the junior area of the school. It is so popular that we have needed to roster the children on! Please feel free to bring your own children down to this part of the school on the weekends to have a go. Let your child Soar!

I look forward to everyone coming in to school next week to meet with the teachers. If you have not booked a time, please do this as soon as possible either on-line or through the school office. A reminder that school finishes early for the day on Wednesday so that these meetings can take place.

Have a great week everyone.

Neil Robinson - Principal

ANNUAL CLUSTER CRICKET TOURNAMENT

Last week 45 students were selected to represent the school at the annual Cluster Cricket Tournament held at Eastdale reserve. These 45 students were a small number of children that trialed to be in a team and we congratulate all students that have the courage and confidence to trial. We hope this continues. All students that travelled had a wonderful day, displaying cricketing prowess that any Black Cap would be proud of. Amongst the on-drives, hook shots and yorkers the students always maintained a sense of fairplay. Well done to the A team for narrowly missing out on 1st in the cup division, but walking away heads held high with a valiant 2nd place and to the C team for also coming 2nd in the shield division.



TRIP TO CHINA FOR SENIOR CHILDREN

Due to a range of circumstances, we are now down to just three children who are willing and able to go on this experience. Sadly, we are not able to go with this number and need at least one more child for this trip to take place. For further information, please feel free to contact Peter Richmond (Room 8 teacher) or Melody Casse (Room 4 teacher) at school.

So that we can start making arrangements, the final confirmation date for this will be Friday 18th March.

ELECTIONS FOR THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

These elections will be held soon and people who are thinking of being nominated for this role could be thinking about getting more information about what being a Board of Trustees member means. This information can be gained by going on to the NZ School Trustees Association website, picking up a booklet from the school office or by talking to a current Board member. Please feel free to contact our Board Chair on stephen@kids4drama.co.nz to organise a time to get together or simply come to our next meeting on Tuesday 22nd March at 7.00pm in the staffroom.

NEW WEBSITE UP AND RUNNING

We are pleased to announce that the new website is now operational. We are very pleased with the new site and look forward to making it even more exciting and interactive in the future.

FLIPPA BALL RESULTS

BHB Bullsharks 0 vs Dio Dolphins 6 - Player of the Day: **Maia Leaning**

BHB Tigersharks 10 vs St Cuths 0 - Player of the Day: **Charlotte**

PARENT/STUDENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES

We are looking forward to having these important meetings with you next week. *A reminder to bring your child with you as there is likely to be things said that they should hear and they might even have important things to say at the meeting.* As always, if either the teacher or parents feel that there are important things to discuss without the child, they can be asked to wait outside for the last part of the meeting. There is a lot to get through at these meetings so we allow 15 minutes for each conference.

The conferences will take place on the afternoons of Wednesday 16th March (1.30-8.00p.m.) and Tuesday 17th March 3.30-6.00pm. Please note that School will close at 12.45p.m. on Wednesday 16th March and 3.00p.m. on Wednesday 4th March so that we have enough time for everyone's conference. Please ensure that your children are safely looked after on Wednesday afternoon.

To book online go to www.schoolinterviews.co.nz enter the school code w67t6 and press the go button.

SOME THINGS TO CONSIDER ABOUT YOUR CONFERENCE NEXT WEEK

Please make sure that you are at the meeting venue on time, as we do need to stick to the timetable. Late arrivals will have less time for their conference.

- If something unexpected happens and you cannot come, please let us know as soon as possible by phoning the office
- No children are to be at school without their parent/caregiver
- Please encourage other children to play away from the meeting venues if they are waiting for their siblings conferences to be completed
- If children are playing at school, we would expect that they would follow all of our usual school rules.
- If either party feels that more discussion is required, a further meeting time can be organised.

Parents will receive their confirmed meeting times either through the email or in hard copy form. It is very unlikely that "on the day requests" for an appointment can be arranged for that day.

SCHOOL DONATIONS

The 2016 School Donation is \$200 for one child, \$400 for two children and \$500 for three or more children with an additional donation of \$40 per child for the PTA donation. *A reminder too that this is a voluntary donation for which we are very grateful.* Please note that **if you pay the entire school donation by the end of March, you can claim back 30% of this money in the current tax year**

TERM ONE HIGHLIGHTS *Term Ends Friday 15th April*

Please make a note of the term highlights listed in this newsletter. Remember, you can always access these newsletters and the highlights by going to the school website www.blockhousebay.school.nz.

Tues 15 th March	- Year 5/6 T-Ball Field Day (Postponement Day 22 nd March)
Wed 16 th March	- Parent/Teacher/Child Conferences 1.30-8.00p.m. (school closes at 12.45pm)
Thurs 17 th March	- Parent/Teacher/Child Conferences 3.30-6.00pm
Tuesday 22 nd March	- Board of Trustees Meeting in the staffroom. Starts at 7.00pm. All welcome.
Friday 25 th March	- Good Friday. School Closed
Mon 28 th & <u>Tues 29th March</u>	- Easter Break. School Closed (School closed on Tuesday as well)
Saturday 2 nd April	- Holi celebrated at school (see information in this newsletter)
Thursday 7 th April	- T-Ball Field Day Year 3/4 (Postponement Day Thurs 13 th April)
Tuesday 12 th April	- Rimu and Kauri School Cross Country (to be confirmed)

COIN TRAIL FOR FIJI

Last Friday the children brought a gold coin to school to help fundraise after the terrible storm that created a lot of damage in Fiji. We are pleased to advise that the total raised was \$342.60 and this will be doubled by the company where Sara Ranchhod's father Sam works. Our thanks to Nivana Health Group for making this generous offer!

TERM ONE ASSEMBLIES

Parents and families are warmly invited to attend some or all of our syndicate assemblies.

Pre-schoolers are very welcome, but we do ask that parents take them outside if they become noisy as this distracts both the children performing and those in the audience. If you do bring a pre-schooler, please sit near to the doors on the foyer side of the PAC so that this is easy to do

Friday 11 th March	- Pohutukawa & Kowhai	Friday 1st April	- Rimu Syndicate
Friday 18 th March	- Rimu Syndicate	Monday 4th April	- Kauri Syndicate
Monday 21st March	- Kauri Syndicate	Friday 8th April	- Pohutukawa & Kowhai
Thursday 24th March	- Pohutukawa & Kowhai	Friday 15th April	- Rimu Syndicate

AFTER SCHOOL CHINESE LANGUAGE AND CULTURE CLASSES

We are pleased to announce that we do have enough parents who are interested in these classes, so they will start next week. They will be held in Room 19 and will begin straight after school. If you are sending your child to the class, please make sure that they go to Room 19 when they are dismissed from their own room at 3.00pm.

Monday's - For children who are not Chinese

Wednesday's - For children who are Chinese. (this is still on during the Conferences)

If you have any questions about this class, or would like your child to join in, please contact Ruby on 0276688466 or on nzzhiying@gmail.com

PTA NEWS

Hello from the PTA. **WE NEED YOU!**

Look out for posters going up outside each classroom soon. We need one wonderful parent from each class to be our "word of mouth". No need to come to PTA meetings, just pass on or collect information for the PTA while you're chatting with other parents at pick up time. If you are keen to be our voice for your classroom please email Annette at pta@blockhousebay.school.nz.

We also still need offers of help for the disco (junior and senior) on 8th April and the sausage sizzle on 15th April. **PLEASE EMAIL ANNETTE IF YOU THINK YOU CAN HELP.**

Check out our Facebook page for up to date reminders- search for Blockhouse Bay Primary school PTA and hit 'like'.

NEXT WEEK: SUSHI AND FRUJU FRIDAY. Please get your order to the office by Thursday morning- 9am. No change will be given. Please ensure your child's order is in a named envelope with the correct money. Thank you.

Next PTA meeting is Monday 14th at 7:30pm in the staffroom – All are very welcome

Holi – 'The Festival of Colours' at Blockhouse Bay Primary School on Saturday 2nd April 11.00-3.00pm

What's on : DJ Music, Veg. Food Stalls, Water/Colour Play, Dancers, Singers, Spot Prizes and more.

After the success of last year's event, the organisers of 'festival of colours' are once again hoping to provide a fun filled event. Any student or groups of students wishing to perform at the event please feel free to contact us.

People of all ages and cultures can enjoy this day. Invite your family and friends to spread love and colour. The event will run rain or shine, please come prepared. Colours and kids water pumps will be sold at the event. We look forward to your support in making our 'Festival of Colours' a bigger and more colourful event. Anyone wishing to contribute in any way, please contact : Roma Kaur on 0212639947, Glenn D'Souza on 0274 472 454 or Bo Singh on 6272145. Alternatively, you could email us on : bhbevent@mail.com

CARE 4 KIDZ - Held in the Tech Room in the Manukau Block.

For a number of years CARE 4 KIDZ is running the After School Care Programme and Holiday Programme at your child(ren)'s school and many parents make use of this service. Please be advised that we also run a "Breakfast Club" between 7:00 and 8:20am every school day.

If you would like information about any of our programmes, please contact Els on 027 3628494

HELP FOR YOUNG BOYS WHO NEED ADDITIONAL MALE ROLE MODELS

An organisation known as the Big Buddy Foundation has asked us to circulate the following amongst our school community. For more information, please go to bigbuddy.org.nz or by phoning 027 207 8662 or by email, martin@bigbuddy.org.nz Big Buddy mentoring works on the simple philosophy that boys need good male role models in their lives to become good men. For many reasons, lots of boys in New Zealand don't have a father and while mothers do a courageous job raising boys alone, they can't model maleness. And above all else, boys learn through modelling!

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