



Blockhouse Bay

Primary School

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REMINDER

School is closed Monday 21st November for a Teacher Only Day.

本校定于11月21日（星期一）停课一天进行内部教师交流，届时将不对学生开放。

请各位家长们预先安排好当天孩子的托管。

Thursday 10th November 2016

PRINCIPAL'S SOAPBOX

There is a range of ways that people choose to receive their information these days and our school newsletter is evidence of this. We have made the decision to continue to send out the hard copy of this information each week (at least for the time being) and it can also be accessed on the school website - just go down to the bottom of the page and click on newsletters. Around 80 families have signed up to have the weekly newsletter emailed out to them and you can join this group too by filling in your email address at the bottom of the front page of the school's website.

Around 50 of our talented athletes will be representing us at the annual Inter-School cluster Athletics next week. Good luck to you all and thank you to the parents who have offered to help.

Thank you too to everyone who contributed to the success of the Year 4 sleepover last week. The children had a great time and clearly learnt a lot from the experience.

Sadly, bureaucracy has once again conspired against us and the replacement of our pool fence has needed to be delayed once again. Given that we do not wish to interrupt the short swimming season, this project will now be completed in April 2017.

Have a great week everyone
Neil Robinson
Principal

BRING YOUR OWN DEVICE MEETING

It was great to engage with parents last night about next year's BYOD initiative. There were some great questions asked and points raised and the staff will be giving these some serious thought over the months to come.

Ideally, all of our Year 5 & 6 children will have their own Chromebook at the beginning of 2017 so that we can adjust our classroom teaching programmes to suit. We have negotiated some great deals from two companies so please contact the school office if you would like these details.

If you still have questions about any aspect of BYOD, feel free to ask at the school office and we will pass you on to the person who can best answer these.

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WHO IS WATCHING THE CHILDREN?

There seems to be a growing trend of children being left at school after the 3pm bell and this is concerning to us as staff members have duties after school and cannot commit to looking after them. All pupils need to be either collected or should walk home at the end of the day and parents should not be leaving their children here, hoping that they are safe. Please ensure that you have a safe plan for your child at the end of every school day.

SCHOOL CLOSED FOR INSTRUCTION

A reminder to everyone that there is **NO school on Monday 21st November** as we are having a teacher only day. On this day, the staff will be involved in professional development as well as beginning their planning for 2017. Please note that there is no after school care running on this day.

The school will be open for one extra day at the end of the year to make up for this lost learning time.

FLIPPA BALL RESULTS

BHB Tigersharks (7) MAPS Makos (1)

Player of the Day Isabella Penney.

BHB Mako Sharks (1) vs VAS (2). Player of the Day was Braden Clemett

YEAR 6 PRIZE GIVING AND GRADUATION: Wednesday 14th December 1pm.

To celebrate our current Year 6's time at our school, we are having a prize giving and graduation ceremony for them. Parents of Year 6 students are welcome to attend this event. All children are initially able to have two family members attend, although there is sometimes the opportunity to obtain extra tickets if they are available. Please make a note of this date if you have a child who is in Year 6.

More information will be sent home later in the term.

DO YOU HAVE A NEW ENTRANT (5 YR OLD) WHO WILL BE STARTING BHB PRIMARY IN 2017?

As we are forward planning we need to know numbers now. If you have a child who will be attending our school at any time in 2017, please phone the school office (627-9940).

A reminder if you have a sibling who will be attending Blockhouse Bay Primary and you live out of zone, you will need to get an out of zone application pack which is available from the school office.

PTA NEWS

Thanks to everyone who joined us for our first carnival working bee on Sunday. We have another one on **Saturday 19th November** from 10-12. All help is greatly appreciated.

EXCITING NEWS! Smoothies in Schools are coming in on **Friday lunchtimes** for the rest of term, starting **TOMORROW**. \$4 for a freshly made fruit and veg smoothie. Bring your \$4 directly to the truck on Friday lunchtime for a fruity Friday treat! We are starting with 2 flavours tomorrow - Super Green (spirulina, spinach, mango and pineapple) and Tropic (mango, coconut, pineapple). These are both dairy free, and in case you're wondering, you can hardly taste the spirulina and spinach in the smoothie :))



TOYWORLD EVENT - Toyworld are holding a special shopping evening on **Thursday 17th November** just for our school families. See the Toyworld flyer that will be sent home in the next few days for more info and take it along on the night to receive your extra discounts. Happy shopping!

MUFTI DAY - Friday 18th November - Please send items for our school carnival instead of a gold coin. See the green flyer for more information about what your child needs to bring. If you have more than one child, just send one item. Thanks.

Next PTA carnival meeting - Monday 14th November at 7:30pm in staffroom. All welcome.

Like our Facebook page for more updates - Blockhouse Bay Primary School PTA

CAN YOU HELP? Are you remodelling your kitchen? We are looking for a sink that would serve as a yoghurt pot cleaning station for the Junior classes. If you have a sink you can donate please contact the school office.

TERM FOUR HIGHLIGHTS

We have a very full term planned, so 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. More information will be provided closer to the time of each event.

Friday 11th November	- Whole School Assembly - 2.00pm start. All welcome
Wednesday 16 th November	- Inter-school Athletics Day (postponement day Friday 25 th)
Thursday 17 th November	- Toy World Night - PTA fundraiser. Discounts for Xmas shopping!
Friday 18 th November	- Mufti Day for Carnival
Saturday 19 th November	- PTA Working Bee 10am - midday. All helpers welcome
Monday 21st November	- Teacher Only Day - school closed
Friday 25 th November	- Rimu syndicate assembly 2.00pm start
Monday 28 th November	- Kauri Assembly - Service and Athletics awards
Saturday 3rd December	- School Carnival
Monday 5 th December	- Pohutukawa Camp Day
Wednesday 7 th December	- Kowhai & Pohutukawa Syndicates Athletics
Thursday 8 th December	- Year 6 Student Helpers Rainbow's End Trip
Friday 9 th December	- Rimu Assembly 2.00pm
Friday 9 th December	- End of Year Reports sent home
Monday 12th December	- Show for Year 0-2 children - "The Great Fake Christmas Cake"
Wednesday 14 th December	- Year 2 Trip to Blockhouse Bay Beach Reserve
Wednesday 14 th December	- Year 6 Graduation and Prize Giving Ceremony
Thursday 15 th December	- Mufti / Sausage Sizzle / Movie Day (no charge)
Friday 16 th December	- Last school day of the year. 1.30pm finish.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

NEW WINDSOR MARKET DAY

New Windsor School will be holding a Market Day at their school from 9am to 12.30 on Saturday 12 November.

Tables are available for hire for \$15 for anyone wanting to sell items, be it toys, books, clothes, crafts, food, etc - just contact Karen on 021-0555-909.

EDUCATION FOR ALL RALLY/PICNIC - SATURDAY 12TH NOVEMBER-12.00PM-1.00PM

In front of Rotunda - Auckland Domain.

Every child has the right to fully participate, succeed and benefit from education. Take a picnic and support this rally or sign the petition at <https://www.change.org/p/minister-hekia-parata-education-for-all>
<https://www.facebook.com/EducationForAllNZ/>

OMEGA FAMILY DAY

The Omega Family Day is an initiative that *promotes positive family values that will develop and strengthen families*. A light-hearted, yet fun-filled contest that encourages families to work together to complete an obstacle course that consists of physical and mental challenges for prizes.

An exciting day out with fun activities that engage the entire family, live entertainment, a creative and innovative 'kids' Zone', plus a variety of food stalls, displays and spot prizes.

This event last year saw a crowd of over 2000 people visiting the park, with over 15 acts of live entertainment, and over 40 families joining the Omega Family Challenge. In West Auckland, for the first time ever, we will be holding the Omega Family Day at Riversdale Reserve, Avondale, on Saturday 19th November 2016, from 10.00am-3.00pm.

To Register Families, please contact: Mereana Taorei 021 529922 mez_corey@hotmail.com

LOVE YOUR BIKE

Come along to the first 'Love Your Bike' kids workshops at Eco Matters new cycle hub at next to Olympic Park New Lynn! Three workshops in a row teaching basic maintenance and safe cycling skills for 7-11 year olds.

Learn how to fix a flat tyre, patch an inner tube and learn practical bike riding skills.

Wednesday 16th November, 23rd November, 30th November - 3.30pm-5.30pm

Cost \$5.00 each and every child must be accompanied by an adult.

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