



## Blockhouse Bay

Primary School

*We Seek - We Strive - We Soar*

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> April 2016

### PRINCIPAL'S SOAPBOX

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to another wonderful term's learning at Blockhouse Bay School. There have been many highlights over the last 11 weeks and I am sure that we have all enjoyed supporting the children to make the most of these.

Nominations open on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> May for the Board of Trustees who will govern the school for the next three years. See the article later in the newsletter for more information about this.

The PTA are doing a superb job of organising fundraising events for the year. One way that parents can help with these is to see if the company they work for, can donate an item or a service that can be auctioned off in term three. Please contact Annette Bradley if you are able to help in this way. [pta@blockhousebay.school.nz](mailto:pta@blockhousebay.school.nz).

Next term we will welcome Mrs Melinda Narayan who begins teaching at the school. Mrs Narayan will be in the Reception Room for the first week of term and then will open Room 16 in week 2.

### See you at the disco tomorrow!

Have a great holiday everyone.

Neil Robinson - Principal

### From the Board Of Trustee's

This week at our April Board meeting we had the pleasure of a presentation from eight students supported by Helen Addison discussing with the Board their goal of reducing waste in our school. This energetic team talked about the need to make simple changes now that will have a long term impact on the environment for their future.



As a Board we were delighted by their passion and enthusiasm and loved the opportunity for student voice to be heard at a Board level and we thank them for their time and commitment.

We will be discussing with them ways to introduce waste reduction methods and hope as they take charge of new initiatives you the parents will support them. Any direct financial savings from waste reduction will immediately be returned to the students via extra technology or resources for their classes. Watch this space!

Next month is the final Board meeting for this current Board prior to the elections. I wish to take this opportunity to thank the wonderful team we have had in place over the last three years with several of them completing their second term, therefore six years. The entire team have worked hard and being committed to their portfolios, the School vision and mission and I believe have represented the parent community well. We have kept our sense of humour through challenging law changes, ERO visits and policy reviews and they have been a pleasure to work with. Many may stand again but I wish to thank this team for their commitment to Blockhouse Bay Primary.

### ELECTIONS FOR THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

These elections will be held soon and people who are considering 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 onto our school's website, 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](mailto:stephen@kids4drama.co.nz) to organise a time to get together.

Nominations forms will be posted home during the holiday break so it is very important that we have your up to date contact information. If you do not receive your forms by 2<sup>nd</sup> May, please contact the school office or call in to collect yours. Nominations close noon, Friday 20<sup>th</sup> May.

### TERM ONE ASSEMBLIES

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> April - Rimu Syndicate. 2.00pm start. All welcome.

## INTERSCHOOL NETBALL

Trials have taken place and teams have been selected for our inter-school teams. Parents of these players are asked to fill out the permission slips and get them back to the Mr Bennett by tomorrow. Please contact Mr Bennett at school if you have any questions or concerns.

## SENIOR CROSS COUNTRY

Yesterday Rimu and Kauri Syndicates held their annual school cross country race. All students were well drilled as to the course outline thanks to several weeks training. We encourage all students to achieve their personal best and congratulate everyone who did this on the day. Special congratulations to those students who placed 1st, 2nd and 3rd.

We will be taking a large team to compete at the South West Zone Cross Country next term which is being held on the 10<sup>th</sup> May at Blockhouse Bay Reserve. The first twelve students per age/gender group for 7,8,9,10 and 11 year olds will be participating in this event.

Thank you to all parent help and Rimu and Kauri Syndicate teachers who are unrelenting with their commitment to sport at this school. Huge thanks to Mr Richmond for great organization of this event.

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| <b>7 Year Old Boys</b>             | <b>7 Year Old Girls</b>            | <b>8 Year Old Boys</b>               | <b>8 Year Old Girls</b>        |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Jack Harris        | 1 <sup>st</sup> Jessica Jackson    | 1 <sup>st</sup> Ethan Beguely        | 1 <sup>st</sup> Maia Leaning   |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Callum Harty       | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Solin Kansil       | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Montel Tupou-Matenga | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Ridsen Brown   |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sam Whelan         | 3 <sup>rd</sup> Emily Yang         | 3 <sup>rd</sup> Kian Kumar           | 3 <sup>rd</sup> Melissa Hurst  |
| <b>9 Year Old Boys</b>             | <b>9 Year Old Girls</b>            | <b>10 Year Old Boys</b>              | <b>10 Year Old Girls</b>       |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Caleb Mellis       | 1 <sup>st</sup> Leyla Butler       | 1 <sup>st</sup> Otis Wilson          | 1 <sup>st</sup> Petra Chanchui |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Miller van Sambeek | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Nevaeh Rhoades     | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Evan Hewett          | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Ailis Su       |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> Felix Liu          | 3 <sup>rd</sup> Ariana Prelipceanu | 3 <sup>rd</sup> Lewis Woodacre       | 3 <sup>rd</sup> Janae Robinson |
| <b>11 Year Old Girls</b>           | 1 <sup>st</sup> Erika Southgate    |                                      |                                |

## TERM TWO HIGHLIGHTS - Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May- Friday 8<sup>th</sup> July

We have another exciting term planned and here are some of the highlights that everyone needs to know about. Note that there is no teacher only day as there has been in recent years.

- Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> May - Literature Quiz for selected senior students
- Friday 6<sup>th</sup> May - Nominations for the Board of Trustees elections open
- Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May - PTA Meeting 7.30pm in the staffroom - all welcome
- Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May - Knowledge-a-thon questions sent home
- Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> May - Inter-school Cross Country for selected students (17<sup>th</sup> May if wet)
- Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> May - Junior school Cross country for Year 0-2 children (16<sup>th</sup> May if wet)
- Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> May - Diversity Day
- Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> May - ICAS Digital Technologies
- Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> May - 'Pacific Mamas' show performing for Pohutukawa Children
- Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> May - Rooms 4, 5 and some Room 2 children to Awataha Marae
- Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> May - Rooms 6, 7 and some Room 2 children to Awataha Marae
- Friday 20<sup>th</sup> May - Nominations for the Board of Trustees elections close 12.00pm
- Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> May - Rooms 1, 3 and some Room 2 children to Awataha Marae
- Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> May - Inter-school tennis for selected students
- Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> May - ICAS Science
- Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> June - Rooms 10, 11 and some Room 12 children to Awataha Marae
- Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> June - Rooms 13, 14 and some Room 12 children to Awataha Marae
- Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June - BOT Elections voting closes 12.00pm
- Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June - Queens Birthday weekend. School closed on Monday.
- Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> June - Rooms 8, 9 and some Room 12 children to Awataha Marae
- Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> June - Inter-school Swimming for selected students
- Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> June - ICAS Writing and ICAS Spelling
- Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> June - Year 3/4 Soccer Tournament (Postponement day 23<sup>rd</sup> June)
- Friday 1<sup>st</sup> July - Matariki Assembly
- Friday 1<sup>st</sup> July - Mid-year reports sent home
- Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> July - Parent / Child / Teacher conferences

## WINTER UNIFORM

Children do not need to wear their school hats until term four but parents might want to be thinking about purchasing other uniform items to help their children through the winter months. The uniform shop is open on Monday mornings from 8.30am and then again on Wednesday afternoons from 3.00-3.30pm.

Please remember that if children are other items underneath their school uniform, these need to be in one of the school colours (white, black or dark blue).

## TERM TWO 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 so that this is easy to do**

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> May - Rimu Syndicate  
Friday 13<sup>th</sup> May - Junior Syndicate  
Friday 20<sup>th</sup> May - Rimu Syndicate  
Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> May - Kauri Syndicate  
Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May - Junior Syndicate  
Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June - Rimu Syndicate

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> June - Kauri Syndicate  
Friday 10<sup>th</sup> June - Junior Syndicate  
Friday 17<sup>th</sup> June - Rimu Syndicate  
Monday 20<sup>th</sup> June - Kauri Syndicate  
Friday 24<sup>th</sup> June - Junior Syndicates

### Walking School Bus News: We now have 3 fledgling Walking School Buses!

A Walking school bus is an organized group of children walking to and from school under the supervision of adults. Children are collected from stops along a planned route and walk together to the school gate. Along the way they learn road safety, socialize and share stories with friends and neighbours. Families in the community get to know each other. Walking school buses are run by parents/caregivers/grandparents from the school community with the support of the school and Auckland Transport. They can operate from one to five days a week, depending on volunteer commitment.

#### **What a great way to travel to school!**

Currently, Hena Farooq is walking Monday and Wednesday mornings from **Windermere Crescent**, William Gu is walking Monday and Tuesday Mornings from **Kinross Street**. We also have Amanda Burrows walking along **Donovan Street** each morning and this will become a walking School Bus as soon as another adult is able to join this bus. If you would like to join one of these groups or are a walker from another street and would be happy to form a Walking School Bus - please contact Mrs Addison: [helena@blockhousebay.school.nz](mailto:helena@blockhousebay.school.nz) or The Auckland Transport Coordinator Nidhi Suri : [Nidhi.Suri@at.govt.nz](mailto:Nidhi.Suri@at.govt.nz)



## Diversity Day - Term 2

*In Term 2 the whole school is learning about the concept of 'Diversity'. As part of our introduction to this, we will be celebrating our different cultural backgrounds with a 'Diversity Day'.*

**When:** Week 2

**Date:** Thursday 12th May.

**Time:** Parade will be from 9.10 onwards

*We would like the children to come to school wearing clothes that represent their culture. We will have a parade in the morning after roll call. We would love and welcome any parents who would love to join the parade wearing their cultural dress also.*



*On that day, each class will also have a shared lunch, where children are asked to bring a plate of food that represents their culture. We remind you any food brought to school will need to be nut free.*

*Please pop this date in your calendar as we want all children to take part in this exciting event.*

### **Diversity in Dance**

*To add to our Diversity celebrations, we would love to offer lunchtime dance opportunities for our students to participate in. These will be casual and fun 20 minute sessions where students can try out a dance from a different culture eg. ballet, Bollywood, folk dance, tai chi, sasa, salsa, line dancing, hip hop.*

*We are looking for parents who can lead or assist us in demonstrating a particular dance style. If you think you could help us in this way then please pop in and see Mrs Casse (R4) or Mrs Adlington (R5) as we would love to have your input.*

### **POHUTUKAWA DIVERSITY DAY**

As part of our "Diversity" study for Term 2, Pohutukawa has organised the "Pacific Mamas" to visit our classes. We will be having workshops on Music, Drums and Dance and lei making. More information will be coming in a notice in Week 1 of Term 2.

### **PTA NEWS**

**Disco, disco, disco! TOMORROW Friday 15<sup>th</sup> April in the PAC.** Year 0-2 disco is from 5-6pm and Year 3-6 disco is from 6:30-8pm. \$5 entry per child to support our fundraising efforts and to help cover the costs of running the disco. Theme is "free to be me" so kids can wear whatever they feel makes them unique and special! Also tomorrow will be mufti, sausage sizzle and the last Fruju Friday.

**Term 2 Fundraiser - Trade Me Auction.** If you work for anyone who might be able to donate items for us to auction please contact Annette at [pta@blockhousebay.school.nz](mailto:pta@blockhousebay.school.nz).

Finally, a big thank you to everyone who has ordered Friday lunches this term as this all goes towards our fundraising efforts. We may be adding some new options next term so watch this space...



**Get moving, get Michael.**

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