



Blockhouse Bay

Primary School

We Seek - We Strive - We Soar

Wednesday 14th December 2016

SCHOOL CLOSES FOR THE YEAR this Friday 16th December AT 1.30pm

**Please ensure that you have made arrangements
for your children from this time. (no after school care on this day)**

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

With the school year now all but over for 2016, I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their efforts this year. People often talk to me about the school's great reputation and this is very much a team effort with children, parents, staff members and the community combining to create a fun and fulfilling place of learning

Congratulations to the Year 6 students who were recognised at today's Graduation and well done to all of the children who have done their best to achieve so well during 2016.

To those of you who are leaving us for the last time on Friday, good luck to you all. We are very much aware that for some parents, this brings the close to their connection with the school. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for the work you have done over the years to support us to help your child.

We are looking for photos that people might have taken of the Carnival. If you have some that might be suitable for us, please email them to the school office.

A reminder that school closes for the year **Friday 16th December at 1.30p.m.** There will be **no After School Care at all on that day.** The Blockhouse Bay library have once again asked parents not to leave children unattended at the school library and this of course means when school closes early next week as well.

Please note as well that the **school office will close at 1.45pm** on Friday.

Have a great holiday break everyone.

Neil Robinson - Principal

PROPERTY WORK OVER THE HOLIDAYS

We have several things happening at school over the next 6 weeks that visitors to the school need to be aware of. Firstly, we have employed a company to look after the treatment of the school pool and they will be here daily. We also have some minor maintenance work taking place.

Of course the big item is the installation of the new artificial turf. Parents are advised that this will mean that a fair proportion of the school fields will be closed for the next 6 weeks while this is taking place. A big thank you to Countdown who have allowed us extensive access and the use of carpark space during this construction phase.

URGENT URGENT URGENT

In the first week of term one next year, we have 10 students coming from our sister school in Yuyao, China and we need to find homestay accommodation for them. They will be here from the 2nd February to the 13th February and host families will receive \$25 per child per night for this time. Preferably, the children will stay in homes in pairs, which means that families will receive over \$500. Families who have done this have reported to us that their children learn a lot from this experience.

Please contact the school office urgently if you are interested in hosting as we need to have this organised before the end of this year.

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STATIONERY / UNIFORM Sales

Details about how to order your child's stationery for 2017 has been sent home.

The reason that we have gone to a system where everyone buys from the same company is that in previous years when people purchased their own items, we have had items come to school that were of poor quality or books that had lines for the children to write on that were of a different size to their classmates and this presented some problems. To ensure that the children all have stationery with a consistent level of quality, parents can purchase the packs online and this process is very user friendly. If you are unable to purchase the stationery online please see the school office between **10am-2.00pm on 25th - 27th January 2017**.

The Uniform shop will also be open **Wednesday 25th - Friday 27th January 10am to 2pm**.

HIRING OF POOL KEYS

Hiring a pool key gives families the opportunity to swim in the school pool after school, on the weekends, right through the summer holidays until the end of March, at no extra cost. To get a copy of the rules for hiring and to pay your money, please contact the school office staff. Pool keys will be on sale at a cost of \$170 each, with \$50 being returned when the key comes back to school at the end of the season.

LAST CHANCE TO CHECK FOUND PROPERTY TOMORROW

Please check the large group of clothing items that are in the Lost Property room. ***All items left after the 15th December that are un-named, will be given away.***

TERM FOUR HIGHLIGHTS

Thursday 15th December - Mufti / Sausage Sizzle / Movie Day (no charge)
Friday 16th December - Last school day of the year. **1.30pm finish.**

TREAT DAY - Thursday 15th December (no charge)

Tomorrow, we will be giving the children the opportunity to spend time together in a social situation as a reward for all the hard work they have done. The children can wear mufti (they must still bring a hat) and at some stage, they will spend time with their classmates watching a movie. Given the amount of money that parents have given to the school across the year, there is no charge to families for this.

In breaking news, the PTA have some left over sausages from the Carnival and will be giving these away (no charge) to the children on the day. (see PTA note below)

PTA NEWS

Thank you so much to everyone who has supported our fundraising events this year including discos, sausage sizzles, movie night, trade me auction, mufti days and the Carnival. All our profits go directly back to the school for the benefit of our children now and in the future. Together, we have raised almost \$60 000 this year which is a wonderful achievement.

Thank you also to our sponsors and donors this year including our Platinum sponsor Barfoot and Thompson Blockhouse Bay and a special mention to Countdown Blockhouse Bay who have been amazing at supporting our sausage sizzles this year.

If you would like to join the PTA next year, look out for our first meeting date in the first newsletter next year. We would love to see some more new faces. Next year we will be asking if anyone is able to join and take over the role of PTA treasurer as next year is, sadly, our current treasurers last year at the school. Full training provided and our treasurer assures me it is an easy job!

Like our Facebook page - Blockhouse Bay Primary School PTA and email us at pta@blockhousebay.school.nz.

LOOKING FORWARDS TO 2017

SWIMMING

As a result of feedback from PE experts, we will be changing the way that we organise our swimming timetable in 2017. From the first day of Term 1, we will be assessing all of the children's swimming ability in preparation for us teaching them later in the term. Please make sure that they bring their togs and towel (named) every day in the first week of school.

From then on, every class will get two weeks where they will swim every day (as opposed to once or twice a week). Our advice is that the children will learn more from this intensive instruction than spacing it out in the way that we have been doing. Your teacher will let you know which weeks your child will be swimming.

We will review this move at the end of the season and make adjustments to next year's programme if required.

ONLINE SCHOOL SHOP – opening January

Working together with Kindo, Blockhouse Bay School can now bring you a fantastic way to view and pay for your child's school needs online. No cash, no paper, no hassle!

It is our preferred method of payment and we encourage you to set up your account today.

New User

Set up an account easily. All you need is your email address which matches the one held by the school. Visit the school website 'Information Page' on details of how to register.

School Shop

Shop anytime, anywhere with our Kindo online School shop. Visit the school website Information Page on details of how to register & purchase from the School Shop.

You can: view and make full or part payments on your school family account register and pay for sports teams/trips, purchase school uniforms, complete permission forms online.

More items will be added during the year.

Choose to pay-as-you-go or add funds to your Kindo account in advance, using internet banking, account2account or Visa/Mastercard (fees apply).

Questions

Contact the school office on 09 627 9440 / office@blockhousebay.school.nz or

Contact the Kindo helpdesk on freephone 0508 4 KINDO or email helpdesk@tgcl.co.nz

See it in action

We have a tutorial on how to use the shop to help you get started, simply visit the school website 'Information Page' for the link.

It's an easy one-stop shop for all your school costs. **HAPPY SHOPPING!**

OPENING OF THE NEW TURF

If things go to plan the new artificial surface could be available to us to use as early as the first day of school next year. **Please watch the website** for details of the official opening ceremony which will take place in the late afternoon on a yet to be named day.

MEET THE FAMILY MEETINGS

Our traditional 'Meet the Teacher' meeting is changing to a 'MEET THE FAMILY' format so that parents, families and teachers can meet face-to-face early in the new year to get to know one another and share information and priorities for 2017.

We are holding parent/ child/ teacher meetings on Tuesday 14th and Wednesday 15th February and parents will be able to book a 15 minute block of time that suits them.

So that all families can meet the teacher, we will need to close early at 12.45pm on Tuesday 14th February. (Wednesday 15th is normal finish time.)

The goal of this meeting is for everyone to get to know one another and for families to share important information so that we can all work together to help your child learn the best they can in 2017.

COLFERENCE FOR SCHOOLS IN THE LYNFIELD SCHOOLS CLUSTER

One afternoon in March, all of the 300 teachers from this cluster of eight schools will be taking part in a learning conference which will include internationally recognised educator, Helen Timperley. So that this meeting can take place, school will be closing at 1.00pm. **Please note the date for this shortened day - Wednesday 8th March.**

CLASS TEACHERS IN 2017

We did not do a very good job of checking this sheet before this information went out last week and we apologise for any confusion that this caused. Because of this, we have included the amended information below.



Pohutukawa Team - Year 0 and Year 1

Team Leaders - Faye Reddell and Elizabeth Crisp		
Room	Teacher (s)	
15	Mina Lala	
16	Robyn Joyce and Sally Kilpatrick	Mrs Kilpatrick will be in Rm 16 on Fridays as well as some other days
17	Katy Harris	
18	Faye Reddell and Brenna Innes	Miss Innes will be in Rm 18 on Fridays as well as some other days
19	Brenna Innes and Sally Kilpatrick	Opening in Term Three
25	Tracey Waller	



Kowhai Team - Year 1 and Year 2

Team Leader - Helen Addison		
Room	Teacher (s)	
20	Denise Lawson and Wendy Spence	Year 1/2 Miss Spence will be in Rm 20 on Fridays as well as some other days
21	Melinda Narayan	Year 2
22	Breanne Mackinnon and Helen Addison	Year 2 Mrs Addison will be in Rm 22 on Wednesdays as well as some other days
23	Atama Cassidy / Annette McDonald	Year 2 Mrs McDonald will teach in Rm 23 for around one day per week



Rimu Team - Year 3 and Year 4

Team Leaders - Deanne Ellis and Claire Schultz		
Room	Teacher (s)	
7	Monique Hope	Year 4
8	Deanne Ellis / Hayley Davies	Year 3/4 Mrs Davies will be in Rm 8 on Fridays as well as some other days
9	Shelly Brown	Year 4
10	Jan Llewellyn/Natasha Dickson	Year 4 Both teachers will be in Room 10 for 2-3 days per week
<i>(Note - we are swapping the Room numbers for Rooms 10 & 11)</i>		
12	Betty Duncan	Year 3
13	Claire Schultz	Year 3
14	Vivienne Aherne	Year 3



Kauri Team - Year 5 and Year 6

Team Leaders - Felicity Davis and Richard Bennett		
Room	Teacher (s)	
2	Laura Hillier	Year 5
3	Melissa Murray / Hayley Davies	Year 5 Mrs Davies will be in Rm 3 on Wednesdays
4	Richard Bennett	Year 5
5	Mary-Rose Adlington	Year 6
6	Whaea Jasmin / Felicity Davis	Year 6 Felicity Davis will work in the Year 6 area for several days a week and will also be leading the BYOD initiative across the Kauri team
11	Tiffany Ponniah / Felicity Davis	Year 6

TERM ONE HIGHLIGHTS

Tuesday 31 st January	-	Term One begins - 8.50am. Please have the children here by 8.30am.
Monday 13 th February	-	Rimu Syndicate Assembly - 2.00pm
Tuesday 14 th February	-	Meet the Family Conferences - school finishes at 12.45pm
Wednesday 15 th February	-	Meet the Family Conferences - school finishes at 3.00pm
Monday 20 th February	-	Kauri Syndicate Assembly - 2.00pm
Wednesday 22 nd February	-	Pohutukawa - Teddy Bears Picnic
Monday 27 th February	-	Rimu Syndicate Assembly - 2.00pm
Thursday 2 nd March	-	Pohutukawa Syndicate Assembly 2.30pm
Monday 6 th March	-	Kauri Syndicate Assembly - 2.00pm
Tuesday 7 th March	-	Year 5/6 Interschool Cricket Field Day (14 th March Savings Day)
Wednesday 8 th March	-	COLference - School Closes 1.00pm this day
Monday 13 th March	-	Rimu Syndicate Assembly - 2.00pm
Thursday 16 th March	-	Pohutukawa Assembly - 2.30pm
Monday 20 th March	-	Kauri Assembly - 2.00pm
Wednesday 22 nd March	-	Year 5/6 Interschool T-Ball Field Day (29 th March Savings Day)
Monday 27 th March	-	Rimu Syndicate Assembly - 2.00pm
Thursday 30 th March	-	Year 3/4 Interschool T Ball Field Day (6 th April Savings Day)
Monday 3 rd April	-	Kauri Syndicate Assembly - 2.00pm
Monday 10 th April	-	Rimu Syndicate Assembly - 2.00pm
Tuesday 11 th April	-	Kauri and Rimu Cross Country Day (13 th April Savings Day)

COMMUNITY NOTICES

NEEDING HOLIDAY CARE BEFORE CHRISTMAS?

Your Christmas wish come true! Blockhouse Bay Community Centre will be hosting a “POP UP HOLIDAY PROGRAMME” during the busy week leading up to Christmas. As we know most primary and intermediate schools close on or around the 16th of December, however many of you are still working or busy wrapping up last minute Christmas shopping and running errands during this time. Our “POP UP HOLIDAY PROGRAMME” is an exciting, fun-filled week from Monday 19th - Friday 23rd of December. For more information including the daily themes and agenda, cost and enrolment details and forms please email the Blockhouse Bay Community Centre on info@bhbaycommunitycentre.co.nz Don't wait enrol today! Ph 626 4980 for more information

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&
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