



Blockhouse Bay

Primary School

We Seek - We Strive - We Soar

Thursday 15th September 2016

PRINCIPAL'S SOAPBOX

Firstly, thank you to everyone who was able to collect their children on Monday afternoon as this made it much easier to look after those who needed to be left at school. Please see the note at the end of this newsletter regarding the meeting.

Our apologies for those people who were inconvenienced by the fact that we could not take the children's word for it that they were allowed to walk home. We did not feel that we could be sure that this arrangement had been made for everyone, so erred on the side of safety by having the children stay with us. We certainly wouldn't have wanted to send children home to an empty house!

Much planning has been going on behind the scenes for the proposed all-weather turf area and we would like to thank Annette Bradley, Travis Brown and Stephen Dallow for the work that they have been doing on our behalf. We have selected the company to do the work and have applied to the Lotteries Board for funding assistance. There are some other parts to this project that need to fall in to place for us, but if everything goes to plan, the children will be playing on this area in 2017. We hope to confirm most of these details over the next month or so and will place a diagram of the proposal in the newsletter early next term. Very Exciting! See you at the disco tomorrow!

Neil Robinson - Principal

UNDER 40KG TACKLE RUGBY CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS TOURNAMENT

Yesterday a group of boys took part in the Auckland Champion of Champions Rugby Tournament held at Marist Rugby Club in Point England. The weather and pitch was perfect for running rugby. The boys with no reserves played five games. I am extremely proud of their persistent "never say die" attitude. Against overwhelming odds these boys showed true grit, getting up after each tackle to tackle again. A huge congratulations to Ethan Beaugly for being my player of the tournament, who I am sure will have some sore body parts today! Mr Richmond.



SCHOOL UNIFORM

It is great to see so many students looking so smart in our uniform.

A few reminders

- The BHB school sun hat is compulsory in Term 4
- Long sleeve tops, tights, leggings and socks may be worn but must be plain black, white or navy
- Hair adornments may be black, white, or navy and small in size
- No glitter or patterns are allowed on tights, leggings, socks or shoes

More details are available on our school website- www.blockhousebay.school.nz

If you do need a new item, our uniform shop is fully stocked and is open on the following days:-

Monday- 8.30am-8.50am

Wednesday - 10.20am - 10.40am

Thursday - 3.00pm-3.20pm

If you are unable to come to the uniform shop at these times you can leave an order at the school office and they will get it out and send it home with your child as soon as possible.

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POOL FENCE

If things go to plan, our pool fence will be being replaced over the holiday break. To ensure their safety, please ensure that your children stay away from this construction area.

OFF TO CHINA

Mrs Adlington is very lucky to have been chosen for a sponsored trip to China. On her travels, she will see some of Shanghai before going to the city of Ningbo and Yuyao Experimental School, which is our sister school. Here she will do some teaching and will also discuss how we can forge stronger links with the children from this school. Mrs Casse has decided to go along as well, but will not leave until the holidays.

Yuyao Experimental School will be sending some children here in February 2017 to experience life in New Zealand for a couple of weeks. Next term, we will be asking parents if they can provide homestay accommodation for 2 of these students for 10 days or so in February, so that they see what is like to live in a Blockhouse Bay home.

In other related news, we would love to take some children to China in October next year as we did this in 2015 and these lucky pupils had a great time. The selection criteria is that:

- The children need to be in year 5 or 6 in 2017
- They need to have not visited China before (we can discuss this if there are special circumstances)
- The children need to be confident enough to spend 9 or so days away from home (under the close supervision of two teachers)
- Parents need to commit to funding the costs of the trip which is around \$3000, with a deposit of \$500 needing to be paid before 10th December 2016.
- Certainly if you are thinking of sending your child on this experience, it would be helpful (but not essential) to host children from Yuyao in February, so that they could reunite in China in October

Early next term, we will be having a meeting for any families who are interested in finding out more about this trip.

BRING YOUR OWN DEVICE

We plan to have another meeting about this initiative at 7.00pm on **Wednesday 9th November** and although it is mainly for parents of current Year 4 and 5 children, all parents are welcome to attend.

At the meeting, we aim to provide some information for parents about how we will make best use of the Chromebooks in 2017. Some children will be there again to show how they use the devices to enhance their learning and we will also have some suppliers in the room to answer questions about security and purchasing of Chromebooks. There will be the opportunity for parents to ask questions as well.

BLOCKHOUSE BAY-LYNFIELD LIONS CLUB FUNDRAISER

Our school are proud to be able to support our local Lions club with their latest fundraising effort. The club are collecting money to provide equipment for children with severe mobility impairment.

On Sunday 16th October, the Lions club will be running a major event at the school which will include members of the community walking or running 10 laps of our school grounds. Our children are also invited to take part in this event. Participants will be encouraged to sign-up sponsors from other members of the community before the day, and then complete the challenge and collect this money so that it can be used to help children who need these walking frames.

The event will start at 10am that morning and there will be a number of other activities happening to keep everyone fed and busy. More information will be sent out soon or go to the following: www.youtube.com/watch?v=oDXyz444P4U

TERM THREE HIGHLIGHTS

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| Friday 16 th September | - Junior (Pohutukawa & Kowhai) Assembly 2.15pm |
| Friday 16 th September | - Disco - <i>Juniors</i> 5.00-6.00pm Rimu/Kauri 6.30-8.00pm |
| Friday 23 rd September | - Mufti Day/ Sausage sizzle |
| Friday 23 rd September | - Rimu Assembly 2pm |
| Friday 23 rd September | - Last day of term - 3.00pm finish |

NOTE FOR PARENTS OF YEAR 6 CHILDREN

It is very helpful for intermediate schools to have their enrolments all sorted before the end of September so that they can organise staffing and other details. If you have a child at this level and have not yet enrolled them in a school, please complete this as soon as possible.

Blockhouse Bay Intermediate School - Out of Zone enrolments. Closes on the 12th October 4pm
Please email office@bhshint.school.nz for a pack or contact the school office on 6266414.

INTER SCHOOL FLIPPA BALL RESULTS 4TH AND 11TH SEPTEMBER

- BHB Tiger Sharks (4) vs. VAS Flippers (6). Player of the Day / Kate
- BHB Tiger Sharks (5) vs. VAS Flippers (3). Player of the Day Samuel / Alice

PTA

1. DISCO, DISCO, DISCO!

Tomorrow - Friday 16th September - in the PAC with the awesome DJ Prior. \$5 entry per child. Food, drinks and glow products will be available to buy for around \$1-\$2 per item.

Years 0-2 from 5-6pm

Years 3-6 from 6:30-8pm

HELP NEEDED WITH BOTH DISCOS AND FOR CLEAN UP AFTERWARDS (until 8:30pm). Please email Annette on pta@blockhousebay.school.nz or message us on our Facebook page - Blockhouse Bay Primary School PTA if you can stay and help or would like to donate baked home goodies to sell at the discos.

2. Friday 23rd September - last day of term is Mufti, sausage sizzle and cheese toasties are also going to be available again.

- You will receive a flyer tomorrow with detail for what to bring for mufti INSTEAD of a gold coin. We will be asking for items towards our Carnival so please read the flyer or check our Facebook page for what to send with your child on the last day of term.
- Order forms will go out on Monday to pre-order your halal lamb sausage and/or cheese toastie, just like usual Friday lunch orders, to be returned to the office by 9am Thursday.

Next PTA carnival meeting Monday 10th October at 7:30pm in staffroom. All welcome.

PAID UNION MEETING LAST MONDAY

Thank you once again to those people who were able to collect their children from school on Monday. Three quarters of our teaching staff and some of our support staff were able to go to the meeting and it was valuable to hear from the NZEI and PPTA people about how the 'consultation' has been going with the government on these significant reforms.

One important development is that because of pressure from the education sector, the government is considering dropping their bulk funding proposal. This is a major breakthrough and would not have happened without pressure particularly from the NZEI and PPTA.

I recently read a press release from Hekia Parata about the consultation phase that has been happening about the proposed changes to the Education Act. She seemed quite pleased about saying that:

Reflecting the significance of the review this was only the second time that education leaders have had the opportunity to be involved in discussions before policy development.

Now I might be missing something here but in my opinion, saying that this is only the second time she has engaged with the education sector about changes to the system is actually something to be embarrassed about. A reasonable comparison I heard from a Principal about this situation was that if I was going to change the drainage system at my school, I would probably asked someone with some knowledge about plumbing and drainage, before I drew up the plans and engaged the contractors to do the work. Makes sense to me.

CARE 4 KIDZ Out of School Care Programme

We are again running a Holiday Programme for children of Blockhouse Bay Primary School.

(26 - 30 September and 3 - 7 October)

Enrolment forms are available from our supervisor daily after 2:45PM in the Technology Room.

Enrolments will be taken until Monday 19 September.

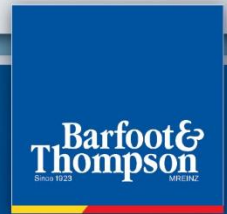
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