



**Blockhouse Bay**

Primary School

*We Seek - We Strive - We Soar*

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> June 2016

### **PRINCIPAL'S SOAPBOX**

Our annual Matariki assembly is scheduled to take place in two weeks' time, on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> June. Parents are very welcome to attend this celebration and we ask that everyone be seated ready to start by 1.50pm as we have a number of wonderful items planned for this gathering.

It is great to hear that so many children did so well in their Knowledgathon tests. Parents, please make sure that all sponsorship money is handed in by next Friday (24<sup>th</sup> June) so that we can work out which children are to receive the prizes that we have organised.

Lastly, congratulations to everyone who gave up things for the Famine weekend. Your commitment to those children who are less fortunate than yourselves was very kind.

Have a great week everyone!  
Neil Robinson - Principal

### **DEPARTING BOARD MEMBERS**

At our next meeting, we will be saying farewell to four Board members who have given great service to the school community in this role.

**Paula Harrison-Luff** was elected to the Board in 2010. Paula has had two important portfolios over this time and was the Board treasurer for her first three years and has held the role of secretary since 2013.

**Mark Hewett** has been a Board member for six years and has held the property portfolio over this time. Mark has spent hours coordinating projects and organising tradesmen in upgrades across the school and everyone who has been here over that time will know how much better it looks because of this.

**Shiree Meikle** also joined the Board in 2010 and has been passionate about improving play spaces for the children, overseeing the installation of shade sails and most recently, the new junior playground equipment. As well as this, Shiree has been an enthusiastic PTA member, helping with several events most notably the organisation of the Entertainment Books.

**Jason Tredgett** was also elected in 2013 and has overseen significant expenditure and upgrades as the Board treasurer since then. Jason has also been a long-time supporter of the PTA and was chairperson of this group before joining the Board.

Being a Board member requires a significant amount of time as well as good judgement and on behalf of the Blockhouse Bay School community, I would like to thank Paula, Mark, Shiree and Jason and their families for their generous time commitment to this school and community.

### **CONTACT DETAILS**

When your child is ill or has had an accident at school we may need to contact you throughout the day. Recently a number of phone numbers that we hold appear to be inactive.

If you have changed any of your details please check at the school office that we have your updated information.

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## PARENT/CHILD/TEACHER CONFERENCES - have you booked your time yet???

You can book a time to meet with your child's teacher for the mid-year conferences. These take place on one day only, Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> July. If this date does not suit your family, please organise a different time with your child's teacher.

Please note that **school closes at 12.45pm on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> July** so that these meetings can take place.

Online bookings are open. Go to [www.schoolinterviews.co.nz](http://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz) and enter the code wu6f6. You will be able to select your child's teacher and a time that will suit you. If you are unable to book your appointment online please fill in your preferred time on the sheet sent home and return it to the school office or just come in and see us and we will do it for you.

## KNOWLEDGE-A-THON

Testing took place last week and all children should have brought home their results sheets. Please ask them for it if it has not made its way to your kitchen table.

Thank you for your support of your child and the school in this fundraising venture. Please help your child(ren) to collect the money from their sponsors and bring it in to the school office or to their class teacher, in a named envelope with the child's classroom number. We would like all sponsorship money to be in to us by Friday 24 June so that we can work out which children will receive the prizes.

Well done to all the students for their hard work in learning their facts and gathering sponsors.

## CELLPHONES AT SCHOOL

A reminder that the children are not permitted to have cell phones in their bags at school. This is to prevent issues around use or security of these valuable items.

If you have an important reason for your child to bring a cell phone to school, they must leave it at the school office when they arrive and collect it at the end of the day.

## TERM TWO HIGHLIGHTS

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> June - Year 3/4 Soccer Tournament  
Friday 24<sup>th</sup> June - Movie Night in the PAC  
Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> June - West Auckland Primary Schools Inter-school Chess Championship  
Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> June - Matariki Assembly  
Friday 1<sup>st</sup> July - Mid-year reports sent home  
Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> July - Parent / Child / Teacher conferences - **school closes at 12.45pm**

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

## WALK TO SCHOOL WEDNESDAY

Every Wednesday until the end of term the Travelwise Ambassadors are encouraging you to walk school (or travel in any way other than a car). If you do this, fill out a slip at one of the desks in the playground. You could win a spot prize or one of the day's prize draws. At the end of the term, the class who had the most walkers will win a special prize. You do not need to walk the whole way to school, only some of the way, but just from Countdown or the public library does not count.



**C'mon Guys – Get Travelwise!**

## INTERSCHOOL NETBALL TEAM RESULTS - (9th and 11th June)

- BHB Diamonds (13) vs. Pt Chev Avocados (8). Player of the Day Petra
- BHB Emeralds (10) vs. Konini Fireflies (15). Player of the Day Porsha
- BHB Sapphires (0) vs. ACG Sunderland (28). Player of the Day Kitty
- BHB Rubies (7) vs. Sunny Super ferns (7). Player of the Day Harsaihej
- BHB Opals (1) vs. Kelston Kerehana (4). Player of the Day Emily

## PTA

### SCHOOL MOVIE NIGHT: DESPICABLE ME 2 -

Movie night is being held on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> June for year 0-6 children. The chosen movie is Despicable Me 2. Screening Time 5.45pm-7.45pm. Pizza will be served in the PAC from 5.00pm-5.45pm. Tickets will be sold outside the school office from 8.30am-8.50am Monday 20<sup>th</sup> June through to Friday 24<sup>th</sup> June - next week. As we have a limited number of spaces there will be no door sales. Tickets will be \$5.00 per child with pizza available to order when you purchase your tickets at \$1.50 per slice. Parents are welcome to drop off and return later, to allow more seats for children. Parent numbers will be limited to one per family group. Helpers required on Movie Night to assist with selling food/ drink before movie and at intermission & clean up afterwards. Please contact the PTA or leave your name at the school office if you want to come join the fun!!

Next week's lunch orders will be for Pita Pit. Please get your orders to the school office with the correct change by Thursday mornings - 9am. No late orders will be accepted.

Next PTA Meeting is being held on **Monday 20<sup>th</sup> June at 7.30pm** in the staffroom. All welcome.

Have any ideas for the PTA? Contact us on [pta@blockhousebay.school.nz](mailto:pta@blockhousebay.school.nz)

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## ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS

If you do not wish to purchase the Entertainment book that was sent home with your child, could you please return it in the envelope provided to the school office.

## CARE 4 KIDZ Out of School Care Programme

We are again running a Holiday Programme for children of Blockhouse Bay Primary School. (11 July - 15 July and 18 July - 22 July 2016)

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

Enrolments will be taken until Monday 4th of July.

Places are limited. Please ring Els for any queries on 027 362 8494

## AUCKLAND TRANSPORT - Tell us how we can get you cycling.

Auckland Transport are asking for public feedback on how to improve the key cycle routes that connect people with their place of work, local shops, schools and other community facilities.

If you would like to help please go to the website [www.AT.govt.nz/haveyoursay](http://www.AT.govt.nz/haveyoursay)

## WHAT SCHOOL WORK CAN MY CHILD DO WHEN WE ARE AWAY ON HOLIDAY?

This question is often asked of teachers, so we have prepared an answer that applies to all children.

Because learning is cumulative and builds on things that have been learnt previously, we prefer children to be at school during term time. However, sometimes parents take children away on holiday and ask the school if we can provide work for the children to do.

As a general rule, we do not provide any set work because:

- a. It takes the teacher time to set up - time that they could be spending preparing for the whole class
- b. The work we have sent in the past is very rarely completed or even attempted
- c. Learning tasks often need to be 'scaffolded' (assistance provided) by a teacher
- d. Any work that is completed then needs to be marked by the teacher, taking time that they could be spending preparing for the whole class.

If parents do wish to take their children away from school during the school terms, we advise that they have the children complete a scrapbook of activities that they have experienced while they are away. This could be a diarised account of what they have done with travel or sightseeing tickets attached. Maths can be added by children including costs of the activity for everyone's tickets and even keeping a running total of the cost of the trip. These accounts can then be shown to their classmates upon their return and can also be a worthwhile memento of their experience.

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