



Blockhouse Bay

Primary School

We Seek - We Strive - We Soar

Thursday 16th March 2017

PRINCIPAL'S SOAPBOX

The arrangements are all in place for the Holi celebration which is due to take place on the rugby field on Saturday between 11-3pm. (see the advertisement in this newsletter). This is always a great occasion where members of the Blockhouse Bay community can come and share this fun cultural experience. If you do come to the event, please make sure that the paints all stay within the designated area.

Some eagle-eyed parents may have noticed some of our surplus furniture leaving the school in a container a couple of weeks ago. These items were added to donations from other schools and being shipped to schools in Vanuatu that do not have any furniture. We are pleased to be able to help those who do not have the same wonderful learning opportunities as New Zealand children. The charity known as 'Furniture 4 Schools' oversees this work and the freight costs are met by the Mormon Church which is very generous.

On that note, it is a big congratulations to the Room 13 children who have decided to help their community by doing a Beach Clean Up next Wednesday. They are looking for additional parents to come and help supervise the children so if you can spare a few hours (9.15-12.35pm), please contact the school office and we will give you the details. Note that you do not have to be the parent of a Rimu child to attend this trip.

Due to a number of complications which have impacted on construction work, we are having to move the opening of the new courts to **Friday 31st March**. All other arrangements remain the same and we apologise for any inconvenience that this may cause.

Have a great week everyone.

Neil Robinson - Principal

SENIOR CROSS COUNTRY FOR YEAR 3-6 CHILDREN

When : Tuesday 11th April

Time : 1.50-2.50pm

Where : Around the school and in Gill Crescent

Postponement Day: Thursday 13th April

The 6 & 7 year olds (just from Kauri and Rimu Syndicates) will run first, followed by the 8 year olds and so on. Students will be required to wear a shirt of a certain colour according to their age group, to help the judges on the finish line. Ages are worked out from what age the child will be on the 1st May.

7 yr olds: **Blue Shirts**

8 yr olds: **Green Shirts**

9 yr olds: **Red Shirts**

10 yr olds: **White Shirts**

11 yr olds: **Black Shirts**

RIMU BEACH CLEAN UP - Wednesday 22nd March

Room 13 are planning a trip for all Rimu children to help keep our community clean and green.

They will be picking up rubbish at Blockhouse Bay and Green Bay Beach and will need:

- A rubbish-free morning tea and lunch
- Drink bottles full of water
- Closed-toe shoes
- Sunhat (please put on sunscreen before you come to school)
- We will be wearing our school uniform (not mufti). Auckland Council will be providing us with gloves. Please can you come to our beach clean up to be a parent helper? You'd be a superhero to help us clean up rubbish!
- Thanks from Dorothy, Nalika, Akarsh, Naomi, Rudra & Room 13



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YEAR 5 & 6 INTER-SCHOOL CRICKET FIELD DAY

The school has not received the final results as yet but as soon as we do we will publish them in the newsletter.

LYNFIELD CLUSTER OF SCHOOLS

HUI FOR PARENTS OF MAORI STUDENTS

Over 100 people came to this event which was held on Tuesday evening. The Lynfield College Kapa Haka performed spectacularly for the whanau and teachers who had come to discuss initiatives that will have a positive effect on their Tamariki in the future.

FONO FOR PARENTS OF PACIFIKA STUDENTS

On the evening of Tuesday 28th March, our cluster of schools will be running a meeting for parents of children who have Pasifika descent. The Fono will be held at our school (Blockhouse Bay Primary) and will start at 6.30pm. Please arrive by 6.15pm so that we can start on time. Next week, we are sending home a letter to parents of Pasifika students about this meeting so please contact the office if you have any questions.

TERM ONE HIGHLIGHTS

Saturday 18th March - Holi Festival celebrated at our school. 11.00am - 3.00pm
Wednesday 22nd March - Year 5/6 Interschool T-Ball Field Day (29th March Postponement Day)
Wednesday 22nd March - Rimu Beach Clean-Up Day
Wednesday 22nd March - Kowhai Assembly 2.30pm
Monday 27th March - Rimu Assembly - 2.00pm
Thursday 30th March - Year 3/4 Interschool T Ball Field Day (6th April Postponement Day)
Friday 31st March - Opening of new astro turf (courts) 5.15-6.30pm. All welcome. NOTE DATE CHANGE
Monday 3rd April - Kauri Assembly - 2.00pm
Tuesday 4th April - Parent Meeting about the use of computers in Kauri classes. 7.00pm
Wednesday 5th April - Kowhai Assembly - 2.30pm
Friday 7th April - Disco. Year 1-2 5.00-6.00pm Year 3-6 6.30-8.00pm
Monday 10th April - Rimu Assembly - 2.00pm
Tuesday 11th April - Kauri and Rimu Cross Country Day (13th April Postponement Day)
Wednesday 12th April - Whole School Assembly. 2.00pm. All welcome.
Thursday 13th April - Last day of term one. 3.00pm finish.

TIME TO ARRIVE AT SCHOOL

We remind parents that unless the children are going to Before School Care, they should not arrive at school before 8.15am. Although the teachers arrive earlier than this, they are having meetings or preparing resources and cannot be looking after the children until after this time.

FLIPPA BALL RESULTS - SUNDAY 12th MARCH

Year 5 & 6 BHB Tiger Sharks (0) vs. Kings (10). Player of the Day Skye Totton

Year 3 & 4 BHB Mako Sharks (6) vs. Monte Marlins (0). Player of the Day Madison Markovina

ICAS ENTRIES:

A reminder that entries for Year 4, 5 and 6 close on Wednesday 29th March.
Please note that late entries will not be accepted.

PTA NEWS

"Food Fridays- please support our fundraising by ordering from our Friday lunch providers. Order forms from class and the office. Pita pit this week and sushi next week.

Disco- this term our awesome disco will be held on Friday 7th April. 5-6pm for years 0-2 and then year 3-6 from 6:30-8. \$5 entry. Save the date!"

Next PTA meeting is **Wednesday** 29th March at 7:30pm in the staffroom (note change of day). Anyone is welcome to join us to share ideas and a few laughs.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Holi - 'The Festival of Colours'

When : Saturday 18th March between 11.00am - 3.00pm (This weekend!)

Where : Blockhouse Bay Primary School Grounds (Rugby Field Only)

The much awaited Festival of Colours is finally here.

The event will run rain or shine, please come prepared.

The organisers of the 'Festival of Colours' are putting together a fun filled event for the whole family. There will be veg. food stalls, DJ music, games and water/colour play.

A designated area will be provided for kids and adults wishing to indulge in a bit of water fun. (Please bring along an extra pair of clothing).

Invite your family and friends to this event and enjoy a day of music and colours.

People of all ages and cultures can enjoy this day and play with colours.

Colours will be sold at the event.

There will be spot prizes and giveaways.

We hope to see you all at the event

For further info, please contact: Glenn D'Souza on 0274 472 454, Roma Kaur on 0212639947 or Bo Singh on 6272145.

Alternatively, you could email on: bhbevent@mail.com

SUBURBS HOLIDAY PROGRAM

Holiday's spent with your clubs very own Gallaher Shield Champions. Stuck for school holiday ideas? Send your kids down for a 3 day rugby camp run by the Suburbs premier players Ages: 7 - 13 Boys and girls welcome

Email registration forms/inquiries: suburbsholidayprog@gmail.com

When? 19th, 20th, 21st of April

Where? Suburbs Rugby Club Time 0830-1530

Cost: \$125.00

DO YOUR CHILDREN GET ENOUGH SLEEP

As we all know, sleep is a vital need, essential to a child's health and growth. Sleep promotes alertness, memory and school performance. Children who get enough sleep are more likely to function better and are less prone to behavioural problems and moodiness. It is also helpful to help ensure that children are ready for school in time each day. That is why it is important for parents to start early to help their children develop good sleep habits.

How much sleep should my child get?

Each child is different and has different sleep needs. Research suggests that while most adults cope with around 7-9 hours per night, children usually need more than this. Although all children are different, a rule of thumb then could be 12 hours per night for 5-6 year olds and a ½ hour less for every two years after this.

It can be difficult to get some children to sleep, especially if it is still daylight or there is something interesting or exciting happening at the time. As a general rule, children need and thrive on routines and this should be applied to developing sleeping habits as well. For example:

Take a bath, brush teeth and put on pyjamas.

- Make sure the room is quiet and at a comfortable temperature.
- Put your child to bed and read a calming story (no devices)
- Say goodnight and leave.

Other helpful tips include:

- Make bedtime the same time every night.
- Make pre-bedtime a positive and relaxing experience without TV, computer games or movies. Screen viewing prior to bed can lead to difficulty falling and staying asleep. Save your child's favourite relaxing, non-stimulating activities until last and have them occur in the child's bedroom.
- Keep the bedtime environment (e.g. light, temperature) the same all night long.
- Encourage children to fall asleep on their own


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