



**Blockhouse Bay**

Primary School

*We Seek - We Strive - We Soar*

## REMINDER

**School is closed Monday 21<sup>st</sup> November for a Teacher Only Day.**

本校定于11月21日（星期一）停课一天进行内部教师交流，届时将不对学生开放。

请各位家长们预先安排好当天孩子的托管。

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2016

### PRINCIPAL'S SOAPBOX

I really enjoyed our whole school assembly last Friday and it was great to see so many parents and family members who could join us for this event. The range of performance items really displayed the high levels of initiative, talent and ability that our children have and I am sure that the younger ones were inspired to 'be like the big kids' in the future.

Congratulations to all the children who picked up the special certificates that were given out.

The PTA are going from strength to strength and have two events over the next couple of days to help prepare for our school Carnival which is now just a little over 2 weeks away. Thank you to everyone who is supporting this group by sending along the designated items for the mufti day tomorrow or helping with the working bee on Saturday from 10-12pm.

On our Teacher Only Day next Monday, the teachers are looking forward to continuing their preparations for 2017 and thank all families for having their children looked after on this day so that this can take place. The teachers are visiting other leading schools and pre-schools to see how others run their programmes, so that we can reflect upon and make changes to ours where we feel that there will be benefits to the children for us to do so.

Have a great week everyone

Neil Robinson

Principal

### PHOTO FINALIST WINS SECOND PLACE

Congratulations to Ntiara Manjrekar who was selected to represent the school at the Movie and Digital Excellence awards in Tauranga on Friday. She was one of only five finalists nationally that were selected from over 500 entries which was a wonderful achievement. We are thrilled to announce too that Ntiara was awarded second place in this competition - how good is that? Well done Ntiara



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## **SCHOOL CLOSED FOR INSTRUCTION NEXT MONDAY**

A reminder to everyone that there is **NO school on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> November** as we are having a teacher only day. On this day, the staff will be involved in professional development as well as beginning their planning for 2017. Please note that there is no after school care running on this day. The school will be open for one extra day at the end of the year to make up for this lost learning time.

## **CHINESE VISITORS**

We have received notification from our sister school Yuyao No.1 Experimental School in Ningbo, China that they wish to send some children to New Zealand in February 2017. To broaden their experience we will be hosting them in the school and hopefully, will be able to have them stay in homes of our children for a few days. As they are under the age of 13, we like to have them stay in pairs in each home and parents receive an amount of money per night for this. Once we have the details finalised, we will send home more information so parents can consider whether or not they wish to host these children in their homes.

## **FLIPPA BALL RESULTS**

BHB Tigersharks (8) Cornwall Park Jesters (1)  
Player of the day Imogen.

## **YEAR 6 PRIZE GIVING AND GRADUATION: Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December 1pm.**

To celebrate our current Year 6's time at our school, we are having a prize giving and graduation ceremony for them. Parents of Year 6 students are welcome to attend this event. All children are initially able to have two family members attend, although there is sometimes the opportunity to obtain extra tickets if they are available. Please make a note of this date if you have a child who is in Year 6. A letter is being sent out that provides more details of this major event.

## **ST DOMINIC'S AT BHB PRIMARY**

We are pleased to be hosting St Dom's at our school over the next week or so as they are using our facilities for their end of year show. All part of being a good neighbour!

## **PTA NEWS**

**Toyworld BHB Primary Exclusive evening tonight!** From 6:30-8:30pm tonight at Toyworld Lynmall, enjoy exclusive discounts to our school families only. Take the poster which was sent home last week, or show our Facebook post with it on, for your discount.

**Smoothies in schools** was super popular last Friday. Thanks to all who came and tried the delicious fruit smoothies from the Mango Madness truck. This week we will make things faster by only offering one flavour - Tropic (mango, pineapple and coconut). Bring your \$4 to the truck at lunchtime for a cool fresh fruit smoothie.

**Pita Pit** lunches are tomorrow so sushi will be next week. Please get your order forms to the office before Thursday 8:50am.

**Mufti Day is tomorrow!** In exchange for wearing mufti, Year 0-2s please bring a bottle of fizzy soft drink, Year 3-4s bring a jar/bottle of anything from kitchen or bathroom and Year 5-6s bring a chocolate block/bar please. Thanks.

**Carnival working bee is this Saturday 19th** from 10am-12noon. We will be in the staffroom or the sports shed so come along and help sort, count, price items for carnival please. Thanks again for the continued support which will make our carnival the best around!

**White elephant** items can be dropped off to the PAC from Sunday 27th November 2-4pm and every morning before school starting Monday 28th. We will accept any good condition toys, books, games, house hold items AND ceramic plates, bowls, saucers, cups for our new Smash Palace stall. Flyer accompanies this newsletter with more information.

## **PARENT HELP FOR CARNIVAL**

We had planned to have the letters for confirmed times and stalls out this week but we cannot complete these until we have more offers of help for the big day. Please contact your child's teacher if you can spare us a couple of hours on the 3<sup>rd</sup> December so that we can pay for the new artificial turf and use it in 2017.

## ZERO WASTE UPDATE

In order to promote our zero waste goal for 2016, we now have daily 'zero waste lunch box checks'. If your child has no gladwrap/ foil/ chippie bags etc. they get a click on a card - after 5 clicks they go into a weekly prize draw to win cool lunch boxes or drink bottles donated by Sistema.

We will be encouraging the children to bring any waste products home with them in order to reduce the amount of waste we have to pay to remove each month. Please check the website in the upcoming weeks for handy hints as to how to create waste free lunches.

If you have great ideas to share, please email Helen Addison: [helena@blockhousebay.school.nz](mailto:helena@blockhousebay.school.nz)



## SCHOOL PAYMENTS ONLINE - coming soon!

Do your working hours make it hard for you to visit the school office?

For some months, we have been searching for an online payment system that we could integrate with our own systems at school and we now believe that we have found one!

We are excited to let you know about our online school shop opening at the end of this term. Families will be able to pay for more of your child's school needs online - School Trips, Donations, Fees, Uniform - whenever it suits you - 24/7. It's never been easier - pay anywhere, anytime! More information will be coming soon.

## TERM FOUR HIGHLIGHTS

More information will be provided closer to the time of each event.

**Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> November** - Toy World Night - PTA fundraiser. Discounts for Xmas shopping!

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November** - Mufti Day for Carnival - TOMORROW

**Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> November** - PTA Working Bee 10am - midday. All helpers welcome

**Monday 21<sup>st</sup> November** - Teacher Only Day - school closed

**Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November** - Rimu syndicate assembly 2.00pm start

**Monday 28<sup>th</sup> November** - Kauri Assembly - Service and Athletics awards

**Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> December** - School Carnival

**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December** - Pohutukawa Camp Day

**Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December** - Kowhai & Pohutukawa Syndicates Athletics

**Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December** - Year 6 Student Helpers Rainbow's End Trip

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December** - Rimu Assembly 2.00pm

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December** - End of Year Reports sent home

**Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December** - Show for Year 0-2 children - "The Great Fake Christmas Cake"

**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December** - Year 2 Trip to Blockhouse Bay Beach Reserve

**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December** - Year 6 Graduation and Prize Giving Ceremony

**Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December** - Mufti / Sausage Sizzle / Movie Day (no charge)

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December** - Last school day of the year. 1.30pm finish.

## COMMUNITY NOTICES

### OMEGA FAMILY DAY

The Omega Family Day is an initiative that *promotes positive family values that will develop and strengthen families*. A light-hearted, yet fun-filled contest that encourages families to work together to complete an obstacle course that consists of physical and mental challenges for prizes.

An exciting day out with fun activities that engage the entire family, live entertainment, a creative and innovative 'kids' Zone', plus a variety of food stalls, displays and spot prizes.

This event last year saw a crowd of over 2000 people visiting the park, with over 15 acts of live entertainment, and over 40 families joining the Omega Family Challenge. In West Auckland, for the first time ever, we will be holding the Omega Family Day at Riversdale Reserve, Avondale, on Saturday 19th November 2016, from 10.00am-3.00pm.

**To Register Families, please contact:** Mereana Taorei 021 529922 [mez\\_corey@hotmail.com](mailto:mez_corey@hotmail.com)

### LOVE YOUR BIKE

Come along to the first 'Love Your Bike' kids workshops at Eco Matters new cycle hub at next to Olympic Park New Lynn! Three workshops in a row teaching basic maintenance and safe cycling skills for 7-11 year olds. Learn how to fix a flat tyre, patch an inner tube and learn practical bike riding skills.

Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November, 30<sup>th</sup> November - 3.30pm-5.30pm

Cost \$5.00 each and every child must be accompanied by an adult.

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