



Blockhouse Bay

Primary School

We Seek - We Strive - We Soar

Thursday 18th August 2016

PRINCIPAL'S SOAPBOX

What a wonderful day the Winter Field Day was for our senior children. The children played and behaved outstandingly and really made the most of the sunshine. A big thank you to our netball coaches, Mr Richmond and Mr Bennett for preparing the teams for the event and to all of the parents who helped on the day.

It has been a real privilege to host the Art Above the Bay Exhibition at the school this week. I am sure you were all very impressed with the children's work and enjoyed viewing the collection of masterpieces. A big thank you to Mrs Llewellyn and Miss Lala for planning and coordinating this wonderful event. Please see the information in this newsletter regarding what will happen now with your child's art.

Thank you too, to the PTA who put together the items for the Silent Auction that has been happening at the same time as the exhibition. This too is a great fundraiser for the school.

Next Wednesday, we have a meeting for all parents who are interested in listening to our presentation about year 5 and 6 children bringing their own computers to school from the beginning of next year. This is open to all Blockhouse Bay Primary School parents and we expect that it will take around an hour, 7.00-8.00pm. The presentation will include contributions from adults and children and then parents will be welcome to ask questions at the end. Note too that parking will be available on the netball courts.

Have a great week everyone!

Neil Robinson - Principal

STAFFING UPDATE - Welcome to Miriam

Recent morning visitors to the school office may have noticed a new face behind the counter. Following the departure of Julie Reddy, we needed to secure the services of someone who could help out when required and so we have employed Miriam Muaiava on a casual basis to help in this role. Miriam will be known to a number of you through her work with Kids 4 Drama, but she has also worked in schools in a number of different roles.

HEALTH AND SAFETY

Another recent change in the school office has been the change to using an ipad to record the names and details of all adults who have come on to the school grounds, apart from those who are dropping off children or picking them up at either end of the school day.

We are also using the technology to record the names of children who are late to school so that this information can be used later if required.



DAFFODIL DAY - 26th AUGUST

Every year at Blockhouse Bay Primary we support the Cancer Society Daffodil Day by selling Daffodils at the school office. Children can bring a gold coin donation on this day and receive a daffodil and sticker.

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ART ABOVE THE BAY

Firstly, we would like to thank Mitre 10 Mega New Lynn who supplied the plants for our exhibition. They added a special touch.

Also, a big thank you to all parents who supported this year's Art Exhibition / Art Auction. Children's art work can now be collected from the Performing Arts Centre (PAC) tomorrow morning (8.15-9.30). Please note, we do not have eftpos at the PAC and therefore recommend that parents bring cash.

Any "paid for" art work that has not been picked up by Friday morning will be sent home with your child on Friday afternoon.

Please let your teacher or the school office know if you do not wish this to happen.

Unsold art work will be held in the office until Friday 26 August. Office staff are happy to organise for the purchase of this art work up until next Friday.

Remember that any art that has not been paid for after this date will be used by teachers in the future and does not go home with the children.

2016 WINTER SPORTS FIELD DAY

Great weather produced even greater results from all our teams this year at the Annual South West Sports Cluster Winter Field Day. All our year 5 / 6 Ripa Rugby, Football and Netball teams competed against many other schools in our zone. As always, our students were the epitome of sportsmanship, teamwork, spirit and respect. Hot rugby side stepping, crucial football through balls and finishing, and clean swishing of the netball hoop nets by our students littered the field of play. It was very rewarding to see our students rise to the many CHALLENGES that the day brought. You were all awesome! Also a very big thank you to the many parent helpers who offered to help look after our teams throughout the day, your continued support enables us to provide these sporting opportunities to our students.

NETBALL RESULTS 11th AND 13th AUGUST

- BHB Diamonds (20) vs. Marina View (20). Player of the Day Janae
- BHB Emeralds (8) vs. Kaurilands Magic (18). Player of the Day Kate
- BHB Sapphires (3) vs. Waitakere Waves (9). Player of the Day Kitty
- BHB Rubies (4) vs. Rosebank Rebels (17). Player of the Day Charlotte
- BHB Opals (20) vs. Western Heights (1). Player of the Day Dhruvi

FLIPPA BALL RESULTS

- BHB Tiger Sharks (2) vs. VAS Flippers (3). Player of the Day Joey
- BHB Tiger Sharks (3) vs. Cornwall Crocs (2). Player of the Day Ava
- BHB Tiger Sharks (2) vs. Cornwall Jesters (3). Player of the Day Jayden

UPCOMING EVENTS

JUNIOR SCIENTISTS SET TO IMPRESS

Over the last few months, a dedicated group of young scientists have been meeting at lunchtimes with Whaea Laura (Hillier) to prepare for the 2016 ERro8 Challenge which takes place at Green Bay Primary School next Tuesday. This is an internationally renowned way of developing the scientific thinking for young people and I know that the children selected will thoroughly enjoy this event. Good luck to you all.

BYOD AT BBPS

Last week, we sent home a letter to parents of Year 4 and 5 children saying that we intend to have their children purchase or lease a Chromebook computer for use at school next year. This concept is known as 'Bring Your Own Device' and is used by many schools across New Zealand and the rest of the world to assist children with their learning.

There is no doubt that parents will have lots of questions and concerns about BYOD and so we are having a meeting to discuss these at 7.00pm on Wednesday 24th August in the PAC.

Please note that any parent can attend this meeting (not just those from Year 4 and 5).

NETBALL FUNDRAISING BAKE SALE

Our second bake sale will take place on **Thursday 25th August** and Pohutukawa and Kowhai students will have their chance to purchase these goodies. The money raised will go towards paying for the teams umpire fees plus end of season prize giving expenses. Please make sure you bring a few coins to purchase some delicious home baking on these days. This will take place in the PAC foyer, and prices will be between \$2, \$1, or .50 cents for a single item. Thank you for your support!

BAYS FESTIVAL - 31st August & 1st September

The excitement is no doubt building for our choir who are performing in the Bays Music Festival next week. Tickets are running out fast so contact the school office if you wish to purchase these.

KAPA KOWHAI CONCERT

The Kowhai show is just three weeks away and the children are working hard and looking forward to performing! Shows have been sold out in previous years so get in quickly to secure your tickets, which are priced at \$12 for adults and \$7 for a child. So that it is fair, the seat allocations are worked out like this:

- The family of each Kowhai child will have preferential access to up to 4 seats each from Monday 22nd August to Friday 26th August
- Tickets are available to everyone from 8.15am on Monday 29th August.

Please note that it is very unlikely that there will be door sales

SHOW TIMES:	Wednesday 7 th September	11.30am	Matinee show
	Thursday 8 th September	7.00 pm	Evening show

We would like all parents to sit back and enjoy the show, and not feel like they need to record the event by taking pictures with cameras, phones or iPads/Tablets. For this reason we will be supplying free access to all of the photos and putting the show video on YouTube. If any parents have any issues or concerns about this arrangement, please discuss this with your child's teacher.

TERM THREE HIGHLIGHTS - Monday 25th July- Friday 23rd September (9 weeks)

Tuesday 23 rd August	- Science Group to Epro8 at Green Bay Primary
Wednesday 24 th August	- Year 6's visit Blockhouse Bay Intermediate during the day
Wednesday 24 th August	- BYOD Meeting for parents - 7.00pm in the PAC
Thursday 25 th August	- Netball Bake sale for year 0-2 children
Friday 26 th August	- Daffodil Day
Friday 26 th August	- Rimu Assembly 2pm
Wed 31 st August & Thu 1 st	- Bays Music Festival on these two evenings at Blockhouse Bay Intermediate
Friday 2 nd September	- Whole School Assembly 2pm
Wednesday 7 th September	- Matinee for Kowhai Dance Performance - please be seated by 11.15am.
Thursday 8 th September	- Champion of Champions Gymnastic Competition at Tri Star
Thursday 8 th September	- Evening show for Kowhai Dance Performance - please be seated by 6.45pm
Monday 12 th September	- Testing at our school for Year 6 children going to BBI
Monday 12 th September	- Kauri Assembly 10.50am PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF TIME
Friday 16 th September	- Junior (Pohutukawa & Kowhai) assembly 2.15pm
Friday 16 th September	- Disco -Juniors then Rimu/Kauri
Friday 23 rd September	- Mufti Day/ Sausage sizzle
Friday 23 rd September	- Rimu Assembly 2pm

PTA NEWS

TRADE ME AUCTION FUNDRAISER

The auction is now up and running and the bids are adding up. Type this link into your browser to go directly to our listings - trade.me/bbps. Items include playball voucher, round of golf, designer cake, swim school voucher, scooter, cameras, microwaves and more. Don't miss out - bid now! Auctions close on Sunday night. Good luck to all bidders.

Huge thanks to all of the people and businesses who have donated items for our auction. These include Dean Greenwood Swim School, The Block Cafe, Michael Overend Photography, Toyworld, Circus in a Flash parties, Playball, Sharp, PBTech, MegR Cakes, Bubbaloos, Nicki Brown, Vijay Gurusamy and Monique Hope.

FRIDAY LUNCHES - Pita Pit this week so next week is sushi and cafe lunches. Please send orders to the office before 9am on Thursday morning to guarantee your order. If your child is away sick you may come to school and collect your child's lunch order until the end of the day.

Next PTA meeting - Monday 29th August at 7:30pm in the staffroom. All are welcome. We are starting to plan the carnival so if anyone has food, gazebo or event related contacts we'd love to hear from you!

RAFFLE FOR STARSHIP HOSPITAL

Barfoot and Thomson are helping to raise funds for the Starship Hospital by selling Raffle Tickets. Tickets can be purchased at the school office for \$5.00 each or 3 for \$10.00. Prizes include Cash, Vouchers, 32" Television. Please help us to support a worthy cause.

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