



Blockhouse Bay

Primary School

We Seek - We Strive - We Soar

18th May 2017

PRINCIPAL'S SOAPBOX

One of our goals for this year across the school was to increase the engagement of children in their own learning, by giving them the strategies to take more responsibility for making this happen. There are several examples of this including greater involvement in assemblies, explicit exploration of the Key Competencies and introducing our new Writing Pathways so that learners know their next learning steps. The children will discuss these with you at the conferences in July.

The government are in the process of making amendments to the Education Act and we will see the outworking of these changes soon. One of these changes is the allowing of older 4 year olds to attend school. Sadly, every submission from the education sector advised against this in the consultation phase as people who work with children believed that this was not in their best interests, but this was pretty much ignored. One can't help but wonder what the motivation was for the change, if the children's education was not the most important thing. When more details are known about this, the school will discuss the new rules and will communicate any changes to you all.

Have a great week everyone!

Neil Robinson

Principal

Cross Country Event Photos



CALENDAR OF EVENTS-TERM TWO

- Monday 22nd May** - Kauri Assembly 2.00pm
- Awarding of cross country certificates
- Tuesday 23rd May**
- Board of Trustees Meeting (Staffroom)
- ICAS Digital Technologies
- Rooms 18 & 16 to Stardome
- Wednesday 24th May**
- Rooms 15, 17 & 25 to Stardome
- Wednesday 24th May** - Kapa Haka performing at the BHB Library
- Thursday 25th May**
Workshop for parents of special needs chn.
- Monday 29th May**
- Rimu Assembly- 2.00pm
Awarding of cross country certificates
- Tuesday 30th May**
- ICAS Science
- 2018 Year 6 Camp Meeting
- Wednesday 31st May**
- Kowhai Assembly 2.30pm
- Thursday 1st June** - Pohutukawa Assembly
- Monday 5th June** - Queens Birthday Weekend. School closed on Monday.
- Thursday 8th June**
Inter-school tennis for selected students
- Monday 12th June** - Rimu assembly 2pm
- Tuesday 13th June**
- ICAS Writing and ICAS Spelling
- Junior School Cross- Country (Years 0-2)
- Wednesday 14th June** - Inter-school Swimming for selected students
- Kowhai Assembly 2.30pm
- Thursday 15th June** - Junior School Cross-Country savings day (Years 0-2)
- Friday 16th June** - West Auckland Chess Championships for selected students
- Monday 19th June** - Kauri Assembly 2.15pm
- Thursday 22nd June** - Year 3/4 Soccer Tournament for selected students
- Friday 23rd June** - Science in a Van visiting Kauri classes
- Monday 26th June** - Rimu assembly 2pm
- Wed 28th June** - Matariki Assembly 2pm
- Thursday 29th June** - Year 3/4 Soccer postponement day
- Pohutukawa Assembly 2.30pm
- Fri 30th June** - Mid-year reports sent home
- Auckland Girls Inter-School Chess Championships for selected students
- PTA Comedy Night
- Monday 3rd July** - Kauri Assembly 2.15pm
- Wednesday 5th & Thursday 6th July**
- Parent/Child/Teacher Conferences (Note school closes at 12.45pm on Wed 5th)
- Friday 7th July**
- Mufti Day/ Sausage Sizzle
- Last day of Term Two (3.00pm finish)

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STAFFING UPDATE

With a staff as big as ours, there are always changes going on in people's lives that affect what they do at school. There have been several changes made to the staffing of the school recently and these will impact on some classes in the next couple of months.

Mrs Reddell is unable to be at school this term and will be coming back in term three. She will not be returning to teach full time in Room 18 and will be carrying out other duties such as teaching in other rooms. **Miss Innes** and **Mrs Kilpatrick** will be the Room 18 teachers for the remainder of the year.

Mrs Hope is leaving us on Tuesday 6th June and **Mrs Davies** will be teaching in Room 7 until the end of term two. A new teacher to the school **Mrs Angie Cannon**, will be the Room 7 teacher for the remainder of 2017.

As announced previously, **Mrs Tracey Waller** is giving up full time teaching at the end of the term and we have appointed a new teacher to take on this role. **Miss Serene Timoteo** will be the teacher in Room 25 in terms three and four.

Mrs Tracey Bough has been appointed to teach a new class of 5 year olds in Room 19 in term three.

I am very pleased to announce that **Mrs Adlington's** recovery is proceeding well and she is looking forward to doing some day to day relieving at our school next term.

CROSS COUNTRY RESULTS

Last week selected Blockhouse Bay Primary students went to the big annual Interschool Cross Country. In the beginning, almost everyone was very nervous, and the course looked very long and very tiring. During the run some people got injured or hurt but carried on to the finish line. At the end, everyone felt relieved that it had finished. Some students felt like their foreheads were on fire, and lots of faces were bright red. We all trained really hard and all did our very best. *by Maia Leaning (Room 2).*

Results are as follows:

7 Year Old Girls 1 st Emmie Butler			
8 Year Old Girls 8 th Jessie Jackson 9 th Hayley Lohead 10 th Solin Kansil	8 Year Old Boys 7 th Nate Meikle	10 Year Old Girls 5 th Lelya Butler 6 th Nevaeh Rhoades	10 Year Old Boys 5 th Jerry Huang 10 th Jason Xu
9 Year Old Girls 1 st Maia Leaning 5 th Ridsen Brown	9 Year Old Boys 2 nd Ethan Beguely 3 rd Montel-Tupou Matenga	11 Year Old Girls 4 th Lara Powell	11 Year Old Boys 2 nd Hayden Tredgett 4 th Max Marvin

SPEED STACKING ANYONE?

Blockhouse Bay Primary school are hosting its first ever Speed Stacking Club for people aged 7 years old and older and our first meet up is at the Tech Room on Sunday the 28th of May. The club will run most Sunday's and will be run by representatives from Speed Stack NZ. It is \$2 for the entry fee and parents or caregivers are welcome to come and participate. Details of what New Zealand Sports stacking involves can be found on the website <https://www.speedstacks.co.nz/>. If you think you are interested come to Room 23 for a permission slip.

Get stacking!



Whaea Laura is organising a school team to participate at this year's Arahoe School Mud Run. The event is to be held on Sunday 28th May and has been designed to build community spirit, foster family fun and raise funds for Arahoe Primary School. School groups of more than 10 qualify for a group discount, if we can get the group together it should be approximately \$15 per child per entry (depending on numbers).

This is a great, muddy and exciting event where students receive a grab bag of goodies, run for fun over a muddy obstacle course and get muddy and wet. Did we mention, they get really muddy!!!

If you are interested in your child participating please look at the website

<http://lacticturkey.co.nz/ArahoeMudRun/information>. Any questions, please go to Whaea Laura in Room 2. Open to anyone - young or old - the event is held entirely within the Arahoe School grounds, participants will complete laps of the course which will include 10 obstacles. Starting from 9am with age based waves of participants, throughout the morning, starting with the kids and ending with adults! Notices to take home are in the school office

CAMP MEETING - YEAR 6 CAMP FOR CHILDREN IN FEBRUARY 2018

Although this might seem like it is a long time away, there are a number of reasons why we begin talking to parents about this in term two. We would like to meet with all parents of our current year 5 children on **Tuesday 30th May at 7.00pm**. The meeting will last for around an hour and will introduce parents to what happens during these wonderful learning experiences. Parents will be given the opportunity to ask questions during and after the meeting if they prefer. Please make a note of this date if you have a child in Year 5 this year.

WORKSHOP FOR PARENTS OF CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

Our school is hosting a free parent workshop called 'Attuning To Your Child' on Thursday 25th May from 6.00-8.30pm. The presenters from Dance Therapy NZ will cover the following aspects:

- Practical tools to help relate your child's ideas
- Activities to develop relationships using art and dance/movement
- Supportive space to share your stories
- Opportunities to ask questions around challenges/issues at home or school

If you have any questions regarding the workshop or to register, please email Elmarie Pentz at elmariep@blockhousebay.school.nz. Registration closes next Thursday 18th May.

Netball Results -Interschool Saturday Netball

BHB Diamonds (5) vs. Glen Eden Diamonds (8). Player of the Day Harsaihej Kaur
BHB Sapphires (16) vs. Arahoe Rebels (1). Player of the Day Harmaan Mahey



OUT OF ZONE ENROLMENTS

Due to families moving out of the district, for the first time in some years the school is accepting a limited number of out of zone enrolments in years 3-5 in the next ballot. More details can be found in the Western Leader or by contacting the school office. Applications for this ballot close on Wednesday 31st May.

PTA NEWS

1. WHITE ELEPHANT ITEM DROP OFF - THIS SUNDAY 21st, 1pm-3pm

If you've had a clear out and would like to donate items towards our Carnival white elephant, we are holding an early collection this Sunday. We will accept good condition toys, games, homewares, books and very good condition kids clothes. NO electrical items please. Drive onto the netball courts and drop items off to our PTA members at the school pool.

2. FRIDAY LUNCHES

Students can now order Pita Pit, sushi and cafe items each week. Remind them to collect order forms from class. **Any Pita Pit orders this week or next will receive a FREE bag of Pita chips, courtesy of New Lynn Pita Pit.**

3. FRIDAY TREATS

Every Friday lunchtime this term, after students eat their lunch, they can buy treats from the PAC kitchen. Treats are ice blocks (while stocks last) for \$1 or a cup of warm Milo + cookie for \$1.

4. SCHOOL CARNIVAL

We can confirm that our world famous (in Blockhouse Bay) school Carnival will be held on Saturday 2nd December this year so please save the date. We are happy to announce that the exciting Cookie Bear Roadshow rides will be back so start saving your spending money kids!

Community Notices

IONA Scouts meet on Wednesday night under Blockhouse Bay Community Centre (Exminister Street). We provide indoor and outdoor activities and challenges for children, like camping, cycling, tramping and much more. If you are interested please visit us on Wednesday 6-7 pm School years 1-3, 6.30-8.00 pm School years 4-6 and 7.00 - 8.30 pm School years 7 -10. Come and join our group. For more information please phone: Colin 820 4009 , visit: www.ionascouts.webs.com or Facebook Iona Scout Group.


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