



## Blockhouse Bay

Primary School

*We Seek - We Strive - We Soar*

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2016

### PRINCIPAL'S SOAPBOX

With less than 24 hours to go before nominations close for the Board of Trustees we currently have eight people who have registered for the election. Please contact the office if you wish to put your name forward.

It was great to see how much effort families had gone to for our Diversity Day last week. Tolerance and understanding are truly 21<sup>st</sup> Century skills and we are really enthusiastic about everyone learning about each other's lives, cultures and beliefs. Thank you to everyone who contributed to this wonderful occasion.

Thank you too to parents who have assisted their children to collect their sponsors for the Knowledge-a-thon. This is a great opportunity for friends and relatives to help both with the children learning these facts and for the school to raise the money needed for the hardcourt area. We are currently working through a design process with the potential suppliers for this project and should have more information soon about what the new courts will look like.

Have a great week everyone!

Neil Robinson - Principal

### HEALTH AND SAFETY

It is in everyone's best interests to make sure that our school is a safe and healthy place and we have lots of policies and procedures to help ensure that this is so. One of the requirements is that apart from people dropping off or collecting their children, all adults who come to school must sign in at the school office. We therefore ask that everyone who is coming to school during school hours, signs in at the office.

### INTERSCHOOL NETBALL TEAM RESULTS

BHB Diamonds (15) vs. Holy Cross (21).	Player of the Day Ella-Rae
BHB Emeralds (6) vs. Summerland Ferns (9).	Player of the Day Immy
BHB Sapphires (2) vs. Marist (26).	Player of the Day Mina
BHB Rubies (23) vs WCRN Storm (8).	Player of the Day Nevaeh

### TERM TWO HIGHLIGHTS - Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May- Friday 8<sup>th</sup> July

We have another exciting term planned and here are some of the highlights that everyone needs to know about. Note that there is no teacher only day as there has been in recent years.

Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> May	- Nominations for the Board of Trustees elections close 12.00pm
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	- Inter-school Cross Country prizegiving assembly -2.00pm start
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> May	- Rooms 1, 3 and some Room 2 children to Awataha Marae
Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup> May	- Inter-school tennis for selected students
Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup> May	- ICAS Science
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> June	- Rooms 10, 11 and some Room 12 children to Awataha Marae
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June	- Rooms 13, 14 and some Room 12 children to Awataha Marae
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	- BOT Elections voting closes 12.00pm
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> June	- Queens Birthday weekend. School closed on Monday.
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> June	- Rooms 8, 9 and some Room 12 children to Awataha Marae
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> June	- Inter-school Swimming for selected students
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> June	- ICAS Writing and ICAS Spelling
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> June	- Year 3/4 Soccer Tournament (Postponement day 23 <sup>rd</sup> June)
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> June	- Movie Night in the PAC
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

## 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 20<sup>th</sup> May - Rimu Syndicate

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> May - Kauri Syndicate

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May - Junior Syndicate

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June - Rimu Syndicate

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> June - Kauri Syndicate

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> June - Junior Syndicate

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> June - Rimu Syndicate

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> June - Kauri Syndicate

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> June - Junior Syndicates

## ELECTIONS FOR THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Nominations for the Blockhouse Bay Primary School Board of Trustees close at noon on Friday 20th May. Please contact the school office if you require any further assistance or information.

## WALK TO SCHOOL WEDNESDAY

Every Wednesday until the end of term the Travelwise Ambassadors are encouraging you to walk to 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!**

## BLOCKHOUSE BAY LIBRARY CLOSURE

Blockhouse Bay Library (not the school library) is closed for refurbishment and will reopen again on the 07 June 2016 at 9.00 am.

## KNOWLEDGE - A-THON

The Knowledge-a-thon happens every second year at Blockhouse Bay Primary School and is a joint venture between teachers, students and the PTA. The aims of the venture are:

- To increase the students' knowledge of New Zealand and in the case of Kauri Syndicate to extend students' World knowledge.
- To raise funds through sponsorship for the PTA. This year all monies raised will be put towards the All Weather sports field.

Last week, we sent home all of the information with the children and this included the questions that they need to learn the answers to. Over the next month, we would like the children to learn the answers to these questions in preparation for their test in early June. At the same time, we ask that the children (with your support) collect sponsors who agree to pay money to the school for every question that the children answer correctly. After the test, we ask the children to collect the money and hand it in to the school office. If you have any questions about the Knowledge-a-thon, please talk to your child's teacher.

### 知识智力竞答马拉松

我们学校教师、学生和PTA每两年组织一次知识智力竞答马拉松 ( Knowledge-a-thon)。活动的目的是为了增强学生的普及知识，同时为学校的更新设施项目筹款。今年的筹款项目是改善学校的体育场。

下周一，我们会让学生们把信息和需要学习的课题带回家。学生们有一个月的时间去寻找答案并学习巩固知识。我们希望家长们可以帮助孩子学习。同时支持孩子集资活动（帮助孩子一起寻找赞助人，可以是家人，或是邻居、朋友）。在一个月后，学校会统一考试，在成绩公布之后，希望家长们帮助孩子把收集的款项交到学校办公室。

如果您对此次活动有任何问题，可以向学生的老师寻找解说。

## **PARKING AROUND THE SCHOOL**

Please remember the staff carpark is for staff and deliveries to the school only. Also even brief double parking in Gill Crescent or Blockhouse Bay Rd will earn a ticket should a Safety At The School Gate Warden come by. It simply is not safe for students trying to cross the road if cars double park. Please also remember that Blockhouse Bay Plunket Car Park is not an area for our parents to park and this inconveniences their staff and their visitors.

## **MANNERS REALLY HELP CHILDREN**

Helping your children to 'use their manners' is a great life skill for them and will help them to be polite members of society. At school, we have a little acronym known as 'PETS' to help children remember the basic manners they need for everyday life. **PETS = Please; Excuse me , Thank you and Sorry.** Some students have some of the basic manners in place, a few have excellent manners but many certainly need some help in this area.

We will be working hard to ensure that these manners are automatic for the children and if you could do the same at home it would be ideal. Please listen out for the children's responses, as in this busy world it is all too easy to move on to the next thing, without insisting on these manners. e.g. when we give out certificates at assembly we ensure that the children say "Thank you." This is the age to make these manners automatic and they will have them for the rest of their lives.

## **ENROLMENT 2016**

Do you have a child due to start school in 2016 or 2017? Do you know anyone else who has a child who is going to start at Blockhouse Bay Primary School? We need to know this information to help with our planning. If you or any of your neighbours have children due to start school with us next year please check with the school office to ensure we have your child's details. People can also contact us through email [office@blockhousebay.school.nz](mailto:office@blockhousebay.school.nz)

## **PTA NEWS**

We are collecting Yummy apple stickers in every classroom. Please help us collect as many as we can so that we can swap them for new sports equipment at the end of term 3.

Movie night on Friday 24th June is for the whole school. Tickets will be \$5 per child. Some of the children have been voting for their favourite movie this week and the final results will be announced in next week's newsletter. This event is instead of the disco, which will return in term 3.

Next PTA meeting is being held on Monday 20th 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)

Like us on Facebook- search Blockhouse Bay Primary School PTA

## **NIGEL LATTA WORKSHOP**

Nigel Latta is a popular clinical psychologist and author with many TV programmes to his credit. He is running a parenting workshop in Auckland on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> June from 4.30-6.30pm at a cost of \$70 per person.

Building relationships with your children is a key predictor of success. The workshop will provide an unconventional approach to building bridges when one side is more interested in a divide. To find out more or to register, please go to [www.professionallearningchoices.ac.nz](http://www.professionallearningchoices.ac.nz).

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