



Blockhouse Bay

Primary School

We Seek - We Strive - We Soar

Thursday 22nd September 2016

PRINCIPAL'S SOAPBOX

As everyone is no doubt aware, preparations for our biggest fundraiser of the year the annual school Carnival, are hotting up. This event takes place in just 10 weeks' time. One recent development is that the Blockhouse Bay Business Association have recently informed us that the Santa Parade date has been moved one week later and will now take place on the 10th December. They have made this decision because the New Lynn Santa Parade is being held on the 3rd December also.

We were very disappointed about this late notice but after significant discussion we have decided to continue to have our event on the 3rd December. This is because we know that lots of parents and staff members have allocated this day to help with the Carnival and we did not wish to risk not having these people available to help. We also have equipment and activities booked for the day and these bookings could not be moved.

Term three has been filled with highlights across the school and I am sure that everyone has enjoyed the range of learning opportunities that have taken place. Congratulations to all of the children who have taken up these challenges and strived for success!

Have a great holiday everyone!

Neil Robinson - Principal

BLOCKHOUSE BAY-LYNFIELD LIONS CLUB FUNDRAISER

Our school are proud to be able to support our local Lions club with their latest fundraising effort. The club are collecting money to provide equipment for children with severe mobility impairment.

On Sunday 16th October, the Lions club will be running a major event at the school which will include members of the community walking or running 10 laps of our school grounds. Our children are also invited to take part in this event. Participants will be encouraged to sign-up sponsors from other members of the community before the day, and then complete the challenge and collect this money so that it can be used to help children who need these walking frames.

The event will start at 10am that morning and there will be a number of other activities happening to keep everyone fed and busy.

More information can be found on: www.youtube.com/watch?v=oDXyz444P4U

Children can collect a sponsorship form from the school office. Remember that this event takes place at the end of the first week back next term.



BLUE SEPTEMBER

Thank you to everyone who supported the Blue September fundraiser held in the school last week.

We are pleased to advise that \$400.00 was raised to support this cause.



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2017 CHILDREN'S TRIP TO CHINA

Mrs Adlington and Mrs Casse are visiting China this week and one of the reasons for this is to prepare both sides for our trip there in October next year. Early in term 4, we will be having a meeting for parents of year 5 or 6 children who are interested in looking into this idea. This meeting will be held in the school staffroom at 7pm on **Wednesday 19th October**. Please feel free to discuss this trip with either of these two teachers on their return, or with Mr Richmond who took the children there last year.

A reminder that the selection criteria is that:

- The children need to be in year 5 or 6 in 2017
- They need to have not visited China before (we can discuss this if there are special circumstances)
- The children need to be confident enough to spend 9 or so days away from home (under the close supervision of two teachers)
- Parents need to commit to funding the costs of the trip which is around \$3000, with a deposit of \$500 needing to be paid before 10th December 2016.
- Certainly if you are thinking of sending your child on this experience, it would be helpful (but not essential) to host children from Yuyao in February, so that they could reunite in China in October

BRING YOUR OWN DEVICE

We plan to have another meeting about this initiative at 7.00pm on **Wednesday 9th November** and although it is mainly for parents of current Year 4 and 5 children, all parents are welcome to attend.

At the meeting, we aim to provide some information for parents about how we will make best use of the Chromebooks in 2017. Some children will be there again to show how they use the devices to enhance their learning and we will also have some suppliers in the room to answer questions about security and purchasing of Chromebooks. There will be the opportunity for parents to ask questions as well.

Some children in Years 4-6 already have a Chromebook and have asked if they can bring it to school this year. Currently, we have three Kauri classes (Rooms 3, 5 & 6) who are running a more digital programme this year and so if they are in these rooms, children are welcome to bring these devices (Chromebook only) to school if parents agree. Other classes are not yet set up to run these systems so children in other rooms are asked not to bring their devices to school in 2016.

TERM THREE HIGHLIGHTS

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| Friday 23 rd September | - Mufti Day/ Sausage sizzle |
| Friday 23 rd September | - Rimu Assembly 2pm |
| Friday 23 rd September | - Last day of term - 3.00pm finish |

INTER SCHOOL FLIPPA BALL RESULTS (4th/11th/18th September)

- BHB Tiger Sharks (4) vs. VAS Flippers (6). Player of the Day Kate
- BHB Tiger Sharks (5) vs. VAS Flippers (3). Player of the Day Samuel / Alice
- BHB Tiger Sharks (1) vs. Cornwall Jesters (6). Player of the Day Ava

The BHB Tiger Sharks finished the Term 3 Flippa Ball season in Second Place! Well done Tiger Sharks! Mr Bennett will be sending out Flippa Ball notices for any students who would like to play next term. These need to be returned to Room 2 before Friday. The Term 4 season entries need to be in before the end of the Holidays, so if interested make sure you see Mr Bennett and get a notice.

PTA REQUEST FOR CARNIVAL - STAGE ACTS

Do you know anyone who would like to perform on the stage at the school carnival on Saturday 3rd December? Local bands, dance groups or musicians? Contact Annette on pta@blockhousebay.school.nz. Thanks.

Next PTA carnival meeting Monday 10th October at 7:30pm in staffroom. All welcome.

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SEPTEMBER SCHOOL HOLIDAY ADVENTURE CAMP

Monday 26th – Friday 30th September, 8 – 14 year olds \$420pp

TERM FOUR HIGHLIGHTS (Monday 10th October - Friday 16th December **1.30pm finish**)

We have a very full term planned, so please make a note of the term highlights listed in this newsletter. Remember, you can always access these newsletters and the highlights by going to the school website www.blockhousebay.school.nz. More information will be provided closer to the time of each event.

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| Monday 10 th October | - PTA Meeting in the staffroom - 7.30pm start. All welcome |
| Wednesday 12 th October | - Kauri & Rimu Syndicate Athletics Day (Mt Smart Stadium) <i>(Please send in your child's permission form tomorrow if you have not already done so)</i> |
| Friday 14 th October | - Rimu syndicate assembly 2.00pm start |
| Monday 17 th October | - Kauri syndicate assembly 2.00pm start |
| Tuesday 18 th October | - Kowhai trip to Arataki (Rms 21&23) |
| Wednesday 19 th October | - Kowhai trip to Arataki (Rms 20&22) |
| Wednesday 19 th October | - China trip Meeting for interested parents |
| Thursday 20 th October | - Diwali celebrated at school |
| Friday 21 st October | - Pohutukawa/Kowhai assembly 2.15pm start |
| Monday 24 th October | - Labour Day - school closed |
| Thursday 27 th October | - Wacky Hair Day and Mufti Day for the school Carnival <i>Children bring either a gold coin or Jolly Jar (more information provided next term)</i> |
| Friday 28 th October | - Rimu syndicate assembly 2.00pm start |
| Monday 31 st October | - Kauri syndicate assembly 2.00pm start |
| Monday 31 st October | - PTA Meeting in the staffroom - 7.30pm start. All welcome |
| Tues 1 st & Wed 2 nd November | - Photos for classes, individuals, teams and groups |
| Thursday 3 rd November | - Year 4 Sleepover |
| Sunday 6 th November | - PTA Working Bee 10am - midday. All helpers welcome |
| Wednesday 9 th November | - BYOD Meeting - 7.00pm |
| Friday 11 th November | - Whole School Assembly - 2.00pm start. All welcome |
| Wednesday 16 th November | - Inter-school Athletics Day (postponement day Friday 25 th) |
| Thursday 17 th November | - Toy World Night - PTA fundraiser. Discounts for Xmas shopping! |
| Friday 18 th November | - Mufti Day for Carnival |
| Sunday 19 th November | - PTA Working Bee 10am - midday. All helpers welcome |
| Monday 21 st November | - Teacher Only Day - school closed |
| Friday 25 th November | - Rimu syndicate assembly 2.00pm start |
| Monday 28 th November | - Kauri Assembly - Service and Athletics awards |
| Saturday 3 rd December | - School Carnival |
| Wednesday 7 th December | - Kowhai & Pohutukawa Syndicates Athletics |
| Thursday 8 th December | - Year 6 Student Helpers Rainbow's End Trip |
| Friday 9 th December | - Rimu Assembly 2.00pm |
| Friday 9 th December | - End of Year Reports sent home |
| Monday 12 th December | - Show for Year 0-2 children - "The Great Fake Christmas Cake" |
| Wednesday 14 th December | - Year 2 Trip to Blockhouse Bay Beach Reserve |
| Wednesday 14 th December | - Year 6 Graduation and Prize Giving Ceremony |
| Thursday 15 th December | - Mufti / Sausage Sizzle / Movie Day (no charge) |
| Friday 16 th December | - Last school day of the year. 1.30pm finish. |

2017 Term Dates

We always like to let parents know about these dates well in advance, so that holidays can be booked during the holiday breaks. Our dates for next year are:

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| Term One | Tuesday 31 st January | Thursday 13 th April | (11 weeks) |
| Term Two | Monday 1 st May | Friday 7 th July | (10 weeks) |
| Term Three | Monday 24 th July | Friday 29 th September | (10 weeks) |
| Term Four | Monday 16 October | Friday 15 th December | (9 weeks) |

KAPA KOWHAI CONCERT

Photos are now uploaded and the video is underway. Click here to access – [Kapa Kowhai](#)

DON'T MISS THIS SHOW: PROUDLY PRESENTED BY KIDS 4 DRAMA.

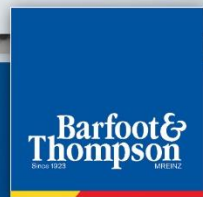
Peter Pan - The Musical will be presented in the Blockhouse Bay Primary School Performing Arts Centre from October 3rd - October 8th. Tickets are available at www.ticketor.com/kids4drama for matinees and evening shows. Adults \$15.00 and Children and Senior Citizens \$12.00

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