



**Blockhouse Bay**

Primary School

*We Seek - We Strive - We Soar*

Reminder - School Closes at 12.45pm on Thursday 7th July for Parent Conferences  
Please make sure that someone collects your child(ren) from  
school at this time (not the public library)

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下午家长会时间·没有课程·请安排到时有入接孩子。

**Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2016**

#### **PRINCIPAL'S SOAPBOX**

Here at Blockhouse Bay Primary School, one of our main goals is always to provide a wide range of educational experiences which help to excite and motivate the children. Recent sporting examples include interschool events for the older children in tennis, cross country, swimming, netball and gymnastics. We have also had a Futsal (small sided soccer) coach working at the school and I am sure that the children have enjoyed these games as well.

To supplement the children entertaining each other at assemblies, we have had a range of activities designed to raise their awareness of the performing arts. A high number of children have enjoyed taking part in optional lunchtime classes that have given them a taste of dances from around the world. Performing arts groups from the Pacific, India and Vietnam have visited the school and our three Kapa Haka groups are preparing for the annual Matariki assembly which takes place in two weeks' time. Next term's performances will feature our choir at the Bays Music Festival and Kowhai classes presenting their dances at a special concert in early September.

The children love seeing their own art work on display and this is a real feature of making the classrooms look and feel warm and inviting. Every two years, we have an exhibition where the children's art work is framed and presented attractively for families to see. These are then auctioned off which raises money for the school's fundraising targets.

School certainly is a busy place!

Have a great week everyone!  
Neil Robinson - Principal

#### **KNOWLEDGE-A-THON - money due in tomorrow**

Thank you for your support of your child and the school in this fundraising venture. Please help your child(ren) to collect the money from their sponsors and bring it to the school office or to their class teacher, in a named envelope with the child's classroom number on it. We would like all sponsorship money to be in to us by Friday 24 June so that we can work out which children will receive the prizes.

#### **SCHOOL CROSSING**

Thank you to the wonderful group of parents who regularly help us on the school crossing in the mornings. We are in need of someone to supervise the school crossing patrollers on Wednesday mornings. The times for this are 8.10am-8.45am. If you can help please contact the school office or Mrs Addison. Ph:6279940

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## NEW BOARD MEMBERS

It is now public knowledge who was elected onto the school's Board of Trustees and this group are now officially 'in office'. The following parents have been chosen by the community to be part of the group that will govern the school over the next three years: Sheereen Ali, Carly Arghand, Travis Brown, Stephen Dallow, Craig Holt.

Mandy Barrett was elected as the staff representative and Neil Robinson is automatically on the Board as Principal.

Please feel free to contact the office if you wish to talk to a Board member about anything.

## PARENT/CHILD/TEACHER CONFERENCES - have you booked your time yet???

You can book a time to meet with your child's teacher for the mid-year conferences. These take place on one day only, Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> July. If this date does not suit your family, please organise a different time with your child's teacher.

Please note that **school closes at 12.45pm on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> July** so that these meetings can take place.

Online bookings are open. Go to [www.schoolinterviews.co.nz](http://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz) and enter the code **wu6f6**. You will be able to select your child's teacher and a time that will suit you. If you are unable to book your appointment online please fill in your preferred time on the sheet sent home and return it to the school office or just come in and see us and we will do it for you.

Reports go home on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> July, so you get three days to chat to your child about their learning before these conferences take place.

## SOME THINGS TO CONSIDER ABOUT YOUR CONFERENCE IN TWO WEEKS TIME

Please make sure that you are at the meeting venue on time, as we do need to stick to the timetable. Late arrivals will have less time for their conference.

- If something unexpected happens and you cannot come, please let us know as soon as possible by phoning the office
- Please do not leave your child unattended at school when we close at 12.45pm, even if you have one of the earlier meeting times. Because of the conferences, no-one is available to look after the children in the playground.
- Please encourage other children to play away from the meeting venues if they are waiting for their siblings conferences to be completed
- If children are playing at school, we would expect that they would follow all of our usual school rules.
- If either party feels that more discussion is required, a further meeting time can be organised.

Parents will receive their confirmed meeting times either through the email or in hard copy form. It is very unlikely that "on the day requests" for an appointment can be arranged for that day.

## TERM TWO HIGHLIGHTS

Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> June	- Assembly for Pohutukawa and Kowhai teams. 2.15pm start
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> June	- Movie Night in the PAC
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> June	- West Auckland Primary Schools Inter-school Chess Championship
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> June	- Matariki Assembly - 1.50pm start
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> July	- Mid-year reports sent home
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> July	- Kauri Assembly - 2.00pm start
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> July	- Parent / Child / Teacher conferences - <b>school closes at 12.45pm</b>

## 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!**

## INTERSCHOOL NETBALL TEAM RESULTS

BHB Diamonds (15) vs. WCRN Yellow (15). Player of the Day Jessica  
BHB Emeralds (11) vs. St Leonards Kakapo (11). Player of the Day Lia  
BHB Sapphires (3) vs. Oratia Keraru's (38). Player of the Day Vajra  
BHB Rubies (2) vs. Glenora Bears (17). Player of the Day Pearl  
BHB Opals (6) vs. Matipo Stars (5). Player of the Day Nevaeh

## **MATARIKI ASSEMBLY**

This popular annual event takes place next week on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> June in the PAC. Whanau (family members) who wish to come and watch the children take part should arrive around 1.45pm to get a seat. Preschoolers are welcome but we do ask that you take them outside if they become noisy or restless. We will have a number of items to present including the Junior, Rimu and Kauri Kapa Haka groups.

*Matariki looks like seven shiny angels slowly flying silently through the night time sky when it's blue and dark – Sabrina Room 11*

## **GYMNASTICS FUN FESTIVAL**

Last week our school sent a group of well drilled gymnasts to the Annual Tri-Star Gymnastics Fun Festival. All our students did exceptionally well, with everyone coming away from the day with a well-deserved certificate and ribbon. A special thank you to Marina Blong and Lou Bryant who helped immensely with all the organising, and also to all the other parent helpers Nicki Brown, Linda McGill and Leanne Hewett who supported them in the mornings before school with training. Thank you also to Shirley Savathongdy, Martin Fowler, Gloria Suddens and Victoria Penney who helped with transport. We even organised "The Bachelor" Art Green to come in as an added thank you to you all!

## **INTER SCHOOL TENNIS TOURNAMENT**

A few weeks ago our school sent a group of around 20 keen future Wimbledon Tennis stars to this exciting new addition to our sports calendar. This tournament was held at the Blockhouse Bay Tennis Club, and was run exceptionally well by the organizers Wayne from the Tennis Club, and Deepika from Sport Waitakere. Our students took part in either a Competitive or Non Competitive division, and thoroughly enjoyed themselves and improved throughout the day! A huge thank you to our parent helpers Leanne Hewett, Victoria Penney and Chris Fell who supervised our students on the day.

## **PTA NEWS**

### **MOVIE NIGHT THIS FRIDAY 24th JUNE- BRING YOUR TICKETS**

- Tickets on sale **outside office before school** all this week  
If not sold out, there will be some door sales - but please pre-book to avoid disappointment
- Tickets \$5 per child, first adult free then extra adults buy a ticket for \$5.
- Only open to BHB Primary students and immediate family  
*[please note that if siblings who do not attend our school are coming, they too will need to remain in the PAC until the movie is completed]*
- Pre-order pizza at ticket desk before school to guarantee your pizza on the night
- Pizza \$1.50 per slice or 4 slices for \$5- cheese or Hawaiian
- PAC doors open at 5pm to buy food- pizza, chips, lollies, home baking and drinks
- Movie starts at 5:45pm
- Intermission around 6:45-7pm
- Movie ends **7:40pm PICK UP TIME**
- Optional- Dress like a minion and bring a cushion/teddy

If you can help with set up, food stalls and clean up please contact Fiona or Annette at [pta@blockhousebay.school.nz](mailto:pta@blockhousebay.school.nz).

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## **ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS**

There are still a number of entertainment books outstanding. Please return your book to the school office or alternatively please return the payment in the envelope provided. Thank you.

## **CARE 4 KIDZ SCHOOL HOLIDAY CARE**

We are again running a Holiday Programme for children of Blockhouse Bay Primary School. (11 July - 15 July and 18 July - 22 July 2016)

Enrolment forms are available from our supervisor daily after 2:45PM in the Technology Room.

Enrolments will be taken until Monday 4th of July.

Places are limited. Please ring Els for any queries on 027 362 8494

## **PARENT REMINDER**

If you have any issue with the behaviour of a child who is not your own, please inform your child's teacher and we will sort it out for you. We have had issues where parents have tried to sort these matters out themselves and this has led to other consequences which has not been helpful. Thank you.

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