



## Blockhouse Bay

Primary School

*We Seek - We Strive - We Soar*

Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2016

### PRINCIPAL'S SOAPBOX

The teachers enjoyed meeting with you all at our conferences last week. Our next scheduled meetings are at the end of term two, although parents are welcome to organise a meeting with their child's teacher if they have concerns or questions.

Parents sometimes ask teachers how they can help their child to improve their level of mathematics at home. Card and other games often teach many skills that are useful for mathematics and also assist children to learn other skills such as turn taking and being gracious about winning or losing. One website that we would recommend is clicking on the Family Maths tab on [www.nzmaths.co.nz](http://www.nzmaths.co.nz). This has a range of activities and games that families will enjoy playing and the children won't even realise that they are learning!

A reminder to everyone that it is **compulsory for schools to remain closed on Easter Tuesday**. We apologise for the inevitable inconvenience that this will cause.

Note that because of the three day school week next week, there will be no newsletter.

Have a great week everyone.

Neil Robinson - Principal

### INTERSCHOOL NETBALL TRIALS (2016 WINTER LEAGUE)

This week and next week we will conduct trials for all children in years 4 to 6 who wish to play in the 2016 Interschool Netball Winter League. If selected for a team, games will be - Year 4 (Thursdays After School), Years 5 / 6 (Saturday Mornings) at Te Pai Courts in Henderson. The trials will take place during school time. Students wishing to trial will need to bring appropriate shoes and clothing for trials every day over the next few weeks. If you have any questions please see Mr Bennett.

### HOLI - 'The Festival of Colours' at Blockhouse Bay Primary School on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 11.00-3.00pm

When : Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2016

Time : 11am - 3pm

Where : BHB School Grounds

Whats On: DJ Music, Veg Food Stalls, Water/Colour Play, Spot Prizes, Giveaways, Bouncy Castle & more.

Last years' event was a great success and we look forward to another enjoyable day out for the whole family. A designated area for water play will be provided for kids and adults wishing to indulge in a bit of water fun. Invite your family and friends to this event and enjoy a great day out. There will be dances performed by some talented children from our local community! People of all ages and cultures can enjoy the celebrations. Colours and kids water pumps will be sold at the event. For further info, please contact : Glenn D'Souza on 0274 472 454, Roma Kaur on 0212639947 or Bo Singh on 6272145. Alternatively, you could email on :

[bhbevent@mail.com](mailto:bhbevent@mail.com)

### ELECTIONS FOR THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

These elections will be held soon and people who are thinking of being nominated for this role could be thinking about getting more information about what being a Board of Trustees member means. This information can be gained by going onto the NZ School Trustees Association website, picking up a booklet from the school office or by talking to a current Board member. Please feel free to contact our Board Chair on [stephen@kids4drama.co.nz](mailto:stephen@kids4drama.co.nz) to organise a time to get together or simply come to our next meeting on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> April at 7.00pm in the staffroom.

### SCHOOL DONATIONS

The 2016 School Donation is \$200 for one child, \$400 for two children and \$500 for three or more children with an additional donation of \$40 per child for the PTA donation. Please note that **if you pay the entire school donation by the end of March, you can claim back 30% of this money in the current tax year.**

### FLIPPA BALL RESULTS

BHB Tiger Sharks 4 St Cuths 3 Player of the Day: Jayden

BHB Bullsharks 0 v Dio Dolphins 7 Player of the Day: Annabel Harris

## ICAS TESTING 2016

The ICAS assessments will take place in our school on the following dates:

Digital Technologies: - Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> May      Science: - Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> May

Writing & Spelling: - Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> June      English: - Tues 2<sup>nd</sup> August

Maths: Tues 16<sup>th</sup> August.

**Please note the Year 4 Entry Form had some incorrect sitting dates.**

Order forms must be returned to the school office by Friday the 8<sup>th</sup> April.

**Late entries cannot be accepted.**

### SENIOR CROSS COUNTRY FOR YEAR 3-6 CHILDREN

When : Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> April

Time : 1.50-2.50pm

Where : Around the school and in Gill Crescent

Postponement Day: Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> April

The 6 & 7 year olds (just from Kauri and Rimu Syndicates) will run first, followed by the 8 year olds and so on. Students will be required to wear a shirt of a certain colour according to their age group, to help the judges on the finish line. Ages are worked out from what age will the child be on the 1<sup>st</sup> May.

7 yr olds: **Blue Shirts**

8 yr olds: **Green Shirts**

9 yr olds: **Red Shirts**

10 yr olds: **White Shirts**

11 yr olds: **Black Shirts**

Parents, it would be very much appreciated if on the big day you could please stay behind the roped off area, as having other adults on or near the course can confuse or impede the runners. As a small section of the course is on the road, we do **strongly recommend that children wear running shoes.**

With the safety of the students running outside the school grounds in mind, it would be very helpful if you could not pick up your children from Gill Crescent on this day if possible as this forms part of the course. We thank you in advance for your understanding and co-operation.

If you have any questions, please contact your child's teacher.

### TERM ONE HIGHLIGHTS *Term Ends Friday 15th April*

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](http://www.blockhousebay.school.nz).

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> March - Good Friday. School Closed

Mon 28<sup>th</sup> & **Tues 29<sup>th</sup> March** - Easter Break. School Closed (School closed Tuesday as well)

Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> March - T-Ball Field Day Year 3/4 (Postponement Day Thurs 7<sup>th</sup> April) DATE CHANGE

Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> April - Holi celebrated at school (see information in this newsletter)

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> April - Rimu and Kauri School Cross Country

### TERM ONE 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 on the foyer side of the PAC so that this is easy to do**

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April - Rimu Syndicate

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April

- Pohutukawa & Kowhai

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> April - Kauri Syndicate

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> April

- Rimu Syndicate

### PTA NEWS

Thanks to the parents who have contacted me to offer to help with our events including lunch orders, disco and sausage sizzle. We still need more helpers for the disco so please get in touch with Annette

at [pta@blockhousebay.school.nz](mailto:pta@blockhousebay.school.nz) to put your name down. The disco will run on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April from 5-6pm for Years 0-2 and then 6:30-8pm for Years 3-6. The theme is yet to be decided but we will let you know...

Apologies for any misunderstandings with Friday lunch orders. PLEASE NAME ALL GREEN ORDER FORMS to avoid problems. Next week is a short week so order forms are coming home today but you can also pick them up on Wednesday to return on Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> March for food delivered on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April. Bakery options will be changed slightly to offer plain ham only, cheese only or salad only sandwiches for those interested.

The following Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April will be Fruju only and then the last day of term on 15<sup>th</sup> April will be sausage sizzle and Fruju.

More people are "liking" our Facebook page- have you? Search for Blockhouse Bay Primary School PTA for up to date notices.

**Next PTA meeting is Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> April at 7:30pm in the staffroom – All are very welcome**

## POOL KEYS

The Swimming season will end on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2016. A reminder that all Pool Keys should be returned to the school office soon after this date in order to receive your \$50.00 bond back. We hope you have enjoyed the swimming season with the wonderful weather we have experienced.

## 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. Yesterday the Auckland Transport mascot was out and about the school. Flyers were handed out to invite all parents to a special morning tea in the staffroom at 9.00am on Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> March, to find out more about how we could start up Walking School Buses at our school.

## C'mon Guys - Get Travelwise!

## 2016 TERM DATES

We like to publish these well in advance so that parents can organise their time away, outside of school terms. Please make a note of these for future reference.

Term One	Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> February	- Friday 15 April.
Term Two	Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May	- Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> July
Term Three	Monday 25 July	- Friday 23 September
Term Four	Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> October	- Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> December

CARE 4 KIDZ is running a Holiday Programme from 18 till 29 April 2016. Enrolment forms and programme information are now available from our staff, daily after 2.45PM in the Technology Room. No enrolments possible after 11 April 2016. For more information please contact Els on 027 3628494

## EXCITING EXPERIENCE IN TERM TWO

Term One's school wide focus has been Citizenship and we have used the launch of the new school logo to support this learning. Next term's school focus is Diversity and we have a range of activities and learning experiences planned for this.

For the Kauri and Rimu children, one of the big highlights will be visiting Awataha Marae. This programme is a unique opportunity for your child to experience local Maori culture on a working urban Marae. The hands-on and participation based sessions include: traditional Powhiri, protocol, history, artworks, traditional games, waiata (songs), Harakeke (weaving). The children will also get to taste some Maori bread.

The dates for your child's trip will be published in the newsletter before the end of this term and we will be asking for parent support as well.

We believe that this experience will be so valuable for the children that the school is paying half of the cost. This means that the cost for parents will be \$13 per child which will cover the cost of the bus and the visit.

## CHILDREN ENROLLING IN 2016/2017

Do you or anyone you know have a child who lives within our school zone due to start school in 2016/2017? To help with our future planning, please check at the school office that we have all the details for your child.

## UNIFORM SHOP HOURS

The uniform shop is open on the following days and times:

Monday - 8.30am-8.50am  
Wednesday - 3.00pm-3.20pm  
Thursday - 10.20am-10.40am

## LOST PROPERTY

The Lost Property has now been moved to the small room alongside the uniform room. If your child has lost an article of clothing please check there for it. This cupboard will be locked in the evenings. Please see the office if this room is locked and we will open it for you.



**Wishing you and your family a safe  
and Happy Easter.**

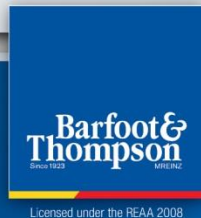
**We look forward to seeing you all back at school next  
Wednesday.**

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