



Blockhouse Bay

Primary School

We Seek - We Strive - We Soar

Thursday 25th August 2016

BYOD AT BBPS

It was great to see a big turnout of people at our BYOD meeting last night. Thank you everyone for coming out in the rain to find out more. Congratulations to the children who ran information sessions for the parents. You did a superb job of sharing your learning and answering questions.

If you have any further questions about this initiative, please email them through to the school office and we will get the answer to you.

More information about BYOD will be provided to parents soon including options for purchasing or renting a Chromebook.

DAFFODIL DAY - 26th AUGUST - TOMORROW - BRING A GOLD COIN

Every year at Blockhouse Bay Primary we support the Cancer Society Daffodil Day by selling Daffodils at the school office. Children can bring a gold coin donation on this day and receive a daffodil and sticker.



ART SHOW - A reminder to come and pick up any Art that you may have bid on in the school office. Tomorrow will be the last day for collection.

JUNIOR SCIENTISTS

Congratulations to the Science and Engineering group. On Tuesday 23rd of August a select group of Year 5 and 6 students from the Science & Engineering lunch time group went to Green Bay Primary School for the 2016 EPro Interschool Science and Engineering Challenge Day. Our three amazing teams had two and a half hours to complete as many challenges as possible. This competition gave creative students a chance to shine in an exciting environment with live scoreboards and technological equipment. In the end one of our teams "Top Quarks", comprised of Dhiren Vaidya, Eric Diep, Max Marvin and Siddarth Golla, came first place in the event heats. They now will move on to the semi-finals later in the year.



BHB OPALS YEAR 4 GRADE 8 DIVISION WINNERS

Congratulations to our amazing Year 4 netball team who just won the Grade 8 Division on Sunday. The girls represented the school very well and had improved so much over the season, well done to each and everyone one of you. Also a big congratulations and thank you to Pauline Maunsell who coached AND managed the team this year, and to the parents of the team that turned up regularly, rain, hail or shine, to support our girls!



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PRINCIPAL'S SOAPBOX

Thank you to all of the people who have contributed to our review of our report form. We had a very good response to our on-line survey and this has been followed up by focus groups of parents who have helped to guide our thinking about how we can make our mid and end of year report form more useful for parents and children. The teachers are now putting the finishing touches on the end of year form before we send it away to be configured.

We are in the countdown for our final two music and dance performances with Bays Festival happening next week and Kowhai Show the week after. Tickets for these always go quickly so be in first and make sure you arrive early to get a good seat. Please note that children who are performing in the shows do not need to buy a ticket.

Please take time to read the notice at the end of this newsletter. It provides details about why the teachers need to attend an important meeting during school time in a couple of weeks' time and what will be happening to the children because of this.

Have a great week everyone!

Neil Robinson - Principal

INTERSCHOOL NETBALL RESULTS (18th, 20th & 21st August)

- BHB Diamonds (11) vs. Holy Cross Pukekos (14). Player of the Day Erika
- BHB Emeralds (24) vs. GE Primary Stars (7). Player of the Day Ava (Final Game)
- BHB Sapphires (3) vs. Whenuapai Skyhawks (12). Player of the Day Vajra (Final Game)
- BHB Rubies (10) vs. GE Primary Diamonds (13). Player of the Day Whole Team (Final Game)
- BHB Opals (14) vs. Kelston Kerehanas (2). Player of the Day Emma
- BHB Opals (5) vs. Kelston Kerehanas (2). Player of the Day Whole Team (Final Game)

INTERSCHOOL FLIPPA BALL RESULTS

- BHB Tiger Sharks (9) vs. MAPS Makos (0). Player of the Day Charlotte

NETBALL FUNDRAISING BAKE SALE

Thank you to families who were able to support our bake sales, we hope you enjoyed your special treats. Money raised will be spent on paying for the season's umpires and helping to fund the netball prizegiving.

BAYS FESTIVAL

Good luck to the children who are performing at this event next week. Parents, please make sure that the children arrive at their BBI classroom in their 'performance uniform' (see the notice) on **both nights at 6.15pm** so that the teachers can ensure that the children are ready to do their best. We do need all of the children on both nights so please inform Mrs Casse as soon as possible if something unexpected comes up and your child cannot make either of these.

Come along and support our students who will be performing in this year's musical extravaganza! The show, which will be in the Blockhouse Bay Intermediate Hall, will consist of a combined school's choir and band as well as individual musical/dance items from each school involved. Tickets are on sale now at the school office (Adult \$7 / Child \$4). Hope to see you there!

Wednesday 31st August

7pm - 9pm

Thursday 1st September

7pm - 9pm

KAPA KOWHAI CONCERT

The Kowhai show is just two weeks away and the children are working hard and looking forward to performing! The children are practicing together so it is important that everyone is there for every performance. Please let your child's teacher know as soon as possible if you cannot make one of these shows so that allowances can be made for this in the dances. Shows have been sold out in previous years so get in quickly to secure your tickets, which are priced at \$12 for adults and \$7 for a child. So that it is fair, the seat allocations are worked out like this:

- The family of each Kowhai child will have preferential access to up to 4 seats each from Monday 22nd August to Friday 26th August
- Tickets are available to everyone from 8.15am on Monday 29th August.

Please note that it is very unlikely that there will be door sales

SHOW TIMES:

Wednesday 7th September

11.30am

Matinee show

Thursday 8th September

7.00 pm

Evening show

We would like all parents to sit back and enjoy the show, and not feel like they need to record the event by taking pictures with cameras, phones or iPads/tablets. For this reason we will be supplying free access to all of the photos and putting the show video on YouTube. If any parents have any issues or concerns about this arrangement, please discuss this with your child's teacher.

KAURI AND RIMU ATHLETICS

This event takes place early next term (12th October), so today or tomorrow, we are sending a letter home to parents about this exciting event. If you do not receive your notice home either today or tomorrow, please contact your child's teacher to ask for another.

TERM THREE HIGHLIGHTS

Friday 26 th August	- Daffodil Day - TOMORROW
Friday 26 th August	- Rimu Assembly 2pm
Wed 31 st August & Thu 1 st	- Bays Music Festival at Blockhouse Bay Intermediate
Friday 2 nd September	- Whole School Assembly 2pm. All welcome.
Wednesday 7 th September	- Matinee for Kowhai Dance Performance - 11.15am.
Thursday 8 th September	- Champion of Champions Gymnastic Competition at Tri Star
Thursday 8 th September	- Evening show for Kowhai Dance Performance - 6.45pm
Monday 12 th September	- Testing at our school for Year 6 children going to BBI
Monday 12 th September	- Kauri Assembly 10.50am PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF TIME
Monday 12 th September	- Teachers Meeting - see note at the end of this newsletter
Friday 16 th September	- Junior (Pohutukawa & Kowhai) assembly 2.15pm
Friday 16 th September	- Disco - Juniors then Rimu/Kauri
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

PTA NEWS

Thanks to everyone who bid on our Trade Me auction items last week and congratulations to the winners. We have raised over \$1000 through the event which will go in the pot towards our goal of funding an all-weather sports pitch on part of the school field. Thanks also to the PTA members who helped to make this event happen (you know who you are!).

Huge thanks to our Trade Me sponsors and donors- MegR cakes, Toyworld, The Block cafe, Titirangi Golf Club, Dean Greenwood Swim School, Michael Overend Photography, Bubbaloos, Glovers Real Estate, Playball, Circus in a Flash, PBTech, Sharp, Nicki Brown, Vijay Gurusamy and Monique Hope. We really couldn't have done it without your generosity.

Next PTA meeting on Monday 29th August at 7:30pm in the staffroom. All welcome.

UPDATE ON CHANGES TO THE EDUCATION ACT

As reported last week, the Government is proposing significant changes to the Education Act and how schools will operate and be funded in the future. Several groups including the NZ Principal's Federation, and the unions from secondary (PPTA) and primary schools (NZEI) are very concerned about how this will affect our children and wish to have more of a say in crafting these arrangements. There is no evidence that these proposals will affect teacher's pay or conditions, but these groups believe that as they stand, there could be reductions in funding to schools' and/or raising teacher/class ratios, either of which is not good for children.

Because of this, the NZEI want to meet with primary teachers and support staff to discuss these proposals so that they can feed back the views of these groups. They have decided to have these meetings during school time and this is the first time that they have done this for almost four years.

The meeting for NZEI members from Blockhouse Bay Primary School is being held in Henderson on the afternoon of Monday 12th September. Because a lot of the teachers will not be here, if you can come and pick up your children, we would appreciate that. If you are going to arrange for a different parent to collect your child, please let us know through email or a phone call to the office.

However, we are very much aware that some of our parents will have difficulty collecting their children in the afternoon on this day so we will make sure that there are enough staff members left at school to look after them for those who cannot do this.

This means that parents, you have the choice of either:

1. Preferably, collecting your children from school between 12.30 - 3.00pm, or
2. Collecting your children at 3.00pm as usual

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