



## Blockhouse Bay

Primary School

*We Seek - We Strive - We Soar*

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2016

### PRINCIPAL'S SOAPBOX

We are exceptionally lucky to have such a outstanding list of well-qualified people who have put their names forward as candidates for the Blockhouse Bay Primary School Board of Trustees. Thank you to those people who have allowed themselves to be nominated.

Candidate statements and voting sheets have been sent home to parents so that they can make their selections. If you have not received your forms by Monday, please contact Raewyn Nicholson in the school office urgently. A reminder that these need to have arrived at school by mid-day on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June (end of next week).

The school-wide focus on Diversity is certainly proving to be a very interesting one for the children and I know that they will be getting a lot from this study. To help promote these cultural understandings, we have had visits from the Pacific Mamas for the juniors and Marae visits for the Year 3-6 children. It is great to be able to provide these experiences for the children so that they can build upon their level of cultural understanding.

Have a great week everyone!

Neil Robinson - Principal

### Kids' Lit Quiz- 2016 - By Harry Daniels and Charlotte Smith

On the 5th of May, 23 children had the privilege of traveling to St Cuthbert's College to participate and watch in the Auckland heats of the Kids' Literature Quiz. We entered two teams of four and the other students were there to support us. The thrill of just being there was amazing, but competing was even better. Once we arrived the nerves finally set in. As we walked into the grand hall, swarms of children were eager to find their tables. We flipped open our quiz booklet and decided what our bonus round would be (picture books). The day was long with highs and lows. It was a great experience. Even though we didn't win anything, we thought we did really well. Thank you to the parents and Mrs Barrett who supported us getting there. Also thank you to Miss Murray, the team coach, for her efforts in training us.



### KAPA KOWHAI TRIP - PACIFIC MAMAS

Kapa Kowhai went on a trip to the Pacific Mamas. When we were there we went in our imaginary aeroplane to the Pacific. After that we played the drums. Way back in the olden days the boys played the drums when something dangerous was going to happen. Then we made lei. By Naomi Crookenden.

The chief wears a special lei. By Brooke Le'aso

On Thursday 19th May Team Kowhai went to Corban Art Centre. We got there in a bus. When we got there we saw a dog. It was little. First we ate morning tea. Then we played drums. Next we went to a special room and we made lei. I made patterns. It went blue, green, black, and white at the end. We had a competition and the boys won. I had a blast!! By Caleb Burrows



## PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES

These will be held on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2016. Please note that school will close on this day at 12.45pm. So please ensure you make suitable arrangements for your child to be collected early on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> July. Details on how to book your appointment will be sent home with your child soon.

## INTERSCHOOL NETBALL TEAM RESULTS - (Thursday 19th / Saturday 21st May)

- BHB Diamonds (15) vs. St Leonards (6) Player of the Day Erika
- BHB Emeralds (13) vs. WU Thunder (7) Player of the Day Ava
- BHB Sapphires (3) vs. Glen Eden (13) Player of the Day Harlean
- BHB Rubies (8) vs. Sunnyvale Super Ferns (9) Player of the Day Charlotte
- BHB Opals (0) vs. Kerehana (8) Player of the Day Harmann

## PITA PIT - NEW LYNN - SCHOOL NETBALL TEAMS SUPPORT

Tim and Bidy Wadley, who are the franchise owners of the Pita Pit New Lynn store, have very kindly and generously donated 15 player of the day certificates to each Inter-school Netball team which offer a free kids Pita! They have also given the school a few netballs, signed by Silver Ferns, for us to use as prizes as well. They are willing to continue to offer their support to our school and for that we are very grateful. Thank you Tim and Bidy Wadley at Pita Pit New Lynn!

## TERM TWO HIGHLIGHTS

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.

- 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
- Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> June - Inter-school tennis for selected students
- 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 - Tri Star Gymnastics Fun Festival (Selected Y3-6 children)
- Date to be confirmed* - Year 3/4 Soccer Tournament
- 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 - school closes at 12.45pm

## 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 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

## 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!**

## **KNOWLEDGE - A-THON**

With just a few weeks to go until testing, I know that the children are working hard to learn their facts in preparation for their test. Thank you to all the families who are helping the children to remember this information. There are some great prizes being offered for children who raise the most money, so please help your child(ren) to find people to sponsor them.

If you have any questions about the Knowledge-a-thon, please talk to your child's teacher.

## **SCHOOL UNIFORM**

Please note that some sizes of our school jumper are currently out of stock. If you have not been able to purchase one for your child we do allow them to wear a navy blue or black sweatshirt until we have new stock available. Thank you for your understanding.

## **2017 TERM DATES**

At last night's meeting, the Board of Trustees agreed to the following dates for the school for next year. Parents are asked to note these dates so that they can organise holidays during these breaks.

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

## **PTA NEWS**

Movie night on Friday 24th June for all school ages. The children voted last week and the chosen movie is.....

### **Despicable Me 2!**

Tickets will be sold in advance as we have a limited number of spaces. Tickets will be \$5 per child and food will be for sale before and during the movie. Parents are welcome to drop off and return later, to allow more seats for children. Parent numbers will be limited to one per family group. More information to follow closer to the event.

Next PTA meeting is being held on Monday 20th June at 7:30pm in staffroom. All welcome.

Have any ideas for the PTA? Contact us on [pta@blockhousebay.school.nz](mailto:pta@blockhousebay.school.nz)

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## **SCENT CO FUNDRAISING**

Order forms have been sent home with this newsletter for a Smencils Fundraiser. These are pencils or pens that each have a different scent. Funds raised from this will be used in the school Library. If you would like to take part please have your form and money back to the school office by 15<sup>th</sup> June 2016. No Eftpos available for this Fundraiser. Cash or Cheque only please.

## **STATEMENTS**

A statement of account has been sent home with your child this week. If there is any query with your account please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

**DON'T FORGET TO GET YOUR VOTING FORMS BACK TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE BY 12.00PM FRIDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> JUNE FOR THE BOARD OF TRUSTEE ELECTIONS.**

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