



Blockhouse Bay

Primary School

We Seek - We Strive - We Soar

Thursday 27th October 2016

PRINCIPAL'S SOAPBOX

Thank you to those people who have already sent in their letters offering help for the school Carnival which is taking place in a little over 5 weeks' time. Over the next few weeks, the organising committee will be coordinating this information and the sooner they know who is available, the easier it is to work everything out.

With the warmer weather now just around the corner, it is essential that all children have their school hats at school every day. Next week, we will have the children without hats in the PAC at break times so that they are kept out of the sun. It would be helpful if parents could reinforce with their children that they have their hats at school and on their heads when they are outside.

Cybersafety is an issue in the media quite a lot and will no doubt be of concern to our parents as well. Someone suggested an internet resource to me where adults can go to find ideas on how to keep their children safe on the net. I have had a quick look at it and it does look useful and has suggestions for parents of children of different ages which is a great idea because needs change as they get older. Just google -

Digital parenting checklist ibrowse safely.

Other possibilities for assistance or ideas are just to go to 'Netsafe' or Kidsafe -

<http://www.kidssafe.co.nz/pages/resources>

Have a great week everyone

Neil Robinson

Principal

MADE AWARDS

This year we entered more students into the Made Awards (Media & Design Education). They had the most entries ever over 450 from all over NZ.

Ntiara Manjrekar from Room 6 has been selected in the Top 5 in NZ a huge achievement.

Mrs Davis, Ntiara and her family will be attending the big ceremony in Tauranga on November 11th.

DIWALI

It was great to be able to recognise this important event last week. We enjoy being able to celebrate the rich cultural backgrounds that make up Blockhouse Bay School.

I regret to inform you that our local events community group have informed me that they are unable to run the Diwali celebration at the school this year.



THE BEE LADY



On Tuesday of this week Pohutukawa syndicate were fortunate to have the "Bee Lady" come to talk to the children as part of our inquiry "Change". She brought with her a real section of a bee hive, she gave a wonderful talk, and then organised some fantastic activities such as candle making using bees' wax. The children learnt so much from this visit, and are now well aware of the good that bees do in pollinating our plants

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FOOTPATH REPAIRS

We are sure you have noticed that many of the footpaths around Blockhouse Bay are currently being upgraded.

We have been informed that over this coming weekend (weather permitting) they hope to replace the footpath between Gill Crescent and The Block Café.

It would help them greatly to achieve this if all traffic could avoid this area over the weekend.

SCHOOL CLOSED FOR INSTRUCTION

If you haven't picked it up from the highlights, this is a reminder to everyone that there is **NO** school on Monday 21st November as we are having a teacher only day. On this day, the staff will be involved in professional development as well as beginning their planning for 2017.

Please note that there is no after school care running on that day. The school will be open for one extra day at the end of the year to make up for this lost learning time.

YEAR 4 or 5 CHILDREN OFF TO CHINA? - last chance to register your interest

We have met with a number of parents who are interested in their child going on a school trip to China in October 2017. This trip would need to be paid for by the parents and at least two of our teachers would accompany the group. Please contact Mr Richmond if you would like to register or have any questions.

BRING YOUR OWN DEVICE MEETING

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.

PTA NEWS

Thanks to everyone for supporting our carnival by sending in your jolly jars today. The next event in our run up to carnival is our first working bee on Sunday 6th November (from 10am-12noon in the staffroom and/or the PAC). This is another way you can support our carnival even if you are unable to help on the actual carnival day (3rd December). At this working bee we will be sorting and pricing jolly jars, sticking and labelling cake boxes, and other easy, odd jobs. You can also come along and drop off any chipped or unwanted ceramic plates, cups, bowls, saucers as we are collecting them for our new smash palace stall. Any help would be very much appreciated.

Do you know anyone who would like to sponsor a stall at carnival? Any donation is appreciated and will be listed on our event sponsor board and stall if applicable. Email Annette- pta@blockhousebay.school.nz.

Next PTA carnival meeting in staffroom **Tuesday 1st November** at 7:30pm. All welcome.

Facebook page- Blockhouse Bay Primary School PTA- like us for up to date notices.

SCHOOL DONATIONS- have you paid yours yet?

Thank you to everyone who has paid or who is paying their school donation for 2016.

A reminder that this 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. Statements will be sent home early next week. Please note that when you have paid the school donation, **you can claim back 30% of this money against your income in the current tax year.**

TERM FOUR HIGHLIGHTS

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.

Friday 28 th October	- 11 a-side Soccer Tournament for selected students
Friday 28 th October	- Rimu syndicate assembly 2.00pm start
Monday 31 st October	- Kauri syndicate assembly 2.00pm start
Tuesday 1 st November	- 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
Saturday 19 th November	- PTA Working Bee 10am - midday. All helpers welcome
Monday 21st 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.

MOBILE PHONE RECYCLING SCHEME

Bring in your old mobile phones to the school office and help raise funds for Sustainable Coastlines. Swapkit will accept mobile phones and accessories to help keep rubbish away from landfills and recover usable material that can be used to create other products. The school will receive rewards by donating your old mobile phone.

HOMESTAY ACCOMODATION WANTED

Two families each with a 9 year old boy are looking to rent a property with 3 bedrooms from around Sunday 29th January to Sunday 12th February 2017. Please contact the school office if you think you might be able to help on lyndal@blockhousebay.school.nz

PHOTOLIFE

Photolife Studios will be taking photos in the school on the 1st and 2nd November (next Tuesday and Wednesday) They will be taking class photos and family/sibling photos. Sibling photo request forms are available from the office and must be returned to school on Monday. Orders are on line however envelopes will be available from the school office.



PRESENTING..

move it youth
Whāu

When
Saturdays
29th Oct - 17th Dec 2016

Time
2-4pm

Where
Olympic Park
Portage Road, New Lynn

Cost
FREE

Grades
Mixed, Girls, Youth

Enter as a team or individual!
Contact:
Ilai Manu 0226390619
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