



Blockhouse Bay

Primary School

We Seek - We Strive - We Soar

Thursday 28th July 2016

PRINCIPAL'S SOAPBOX

Welcome back to another great term learning at Blockhouse Bay Primary School. I know that the teachers have some really exciting things planned for the next nine weeks so please make sure that you read this newsletter and all of the other information that we send home.

Our school wide focus for term two was Diversity, and we were able to involve the children in large number of learning experiences around this theme. Term Three's focus is CHALLENGE. The upcoming Olympic Games will be just one example of how people can succeed through perseverance and the ability to keep trying, even when things get hard. Parents, feel free to ask your children about what they are doing at school as they learn more about how they are challenging themselves.

The Art Exhibition and Auction is held every two years and is a great opportunity for the children to experience having their masterpieces on display to everyone as well as helping to raise money for the school. Please try and come and see the exhibition and take part in the auction itself.

Each year, the school puts on some kind of production and I have asked the Year 2 children to produce a show this term and they have eagerly accepted this challenge. Rehearsals began this week and I know that they won't let us down! Watch out for the performance dates and times as this will also be a term three must see!

Have a great week everyone!
Neil Robinson - Principal

What a Challenge! Room 9 children Lydia Taylor and Austen Pederson rose to the challenge of doing the Mud Run at the end of last term. Looks like fun!



STAFFING UPDATE

On Monday, Room 19 officially opens with a class of 5 year olds that have been in the Reception Room. Teachers Sally Kilpatrick and Brenna Innes have been working hard to prepare for starting this class and are looking forward to taking this group on the next part of their schooling adventure.

Next week, we welcome back Room 20 teacher Betty Duncan (nee Marie) who returns from her honeymoon in Canada.

It is also a big congratulations to Peter Richmond and his wife Tracey who have announced that they are expecting their first child in January - just in time for the school holidays! Great planning!

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ART EXHIBITION AND AUCTION - ART ABOVE THE BAY

Every two years, the children spend time preparing their best possible piece of art for a special exhibition at school and I would like to invite you all to this special event which is being held in 3 weeks' time. The children's artworks are inspired by our Term Two Inquiry topic of Diversity.

Art Above the Bay provides us with a great opportunity to show our children that we value their Visual Art. Thank you to all parents in advance for entering into the spirit of this special event / fundraiser. All money raised by the Auction will be used to help fund the new hardcourt development that we have planned for the school. This will be a wonderful facility for us and the community to use for years to come.

To help raise this money, parents have the first option to purchase their child's work by paying the \$10 'Buy Now' price. All pieces of Art that are not purchased in this way, are up for bidding and can be purchased by other people.

At the same time as this event, the PTA are running a Trade Me Auction as their Term 3 fundraiser. The items listed on Trade Me will be displayed in the foyer during the Art Auction.

More details about the Art Exhibition and Auction will be provided in a letter that is coming home early next week.

BAY SCHOOLS' MUSIC FESTIVAL

We welcome everyone to support our students at this year's Bay Schools' Music Festival. This musical fiesta is the culmination of two terms of rehearsals from the massed choir and band. Our Kauri Choir is involved, as well as band members from years 3-6, and a Kauri dance group.

Performances will be held on Wednesday 31st August and Thursday 1st September at Blockhouse Bay Intermediate.

Tickets will be on sale in the school office shortly.

WHERE WILL YOUR YEAR 6 CHILD BE GOING TO SCHOOL NEXT YEAR?

We are now moving into the time when parents of Year 6 pupils are deciding which school their children will be going to next year. Which school you end up choosing is totally up to the parents, however all schools like to have children enrolled before the end of September so that they can sort out their staffing and make other plans for the new year. We do recommend that you spend some time over the next month or so looking into this so that you can make up your mind.

This week, the Principal of Blockhouse Bay Intermediate came and talked to the Year 6 children about what their school has to offer and he was joined by some wonderful Year 8 ex-pupils who also spoke to our seniors. BBI has an information evening for families on the 9th August and parents are invited to go and see what the school has to offer. The Year 6 children will also go to an Open Day at BBI on the 24th August.

LOST PROPERTY

There is a large amount of lost property in the cupboard next door to the uniform room. Please check this if your child is missing any items of clothing.

There are also parents who are missing items of clothing that are named. **Please check your child's clothing** and if you find that an item is not theirs, please return it to the school office. Thank you.

SCHOOL UNIFORM UPDATE

Beanies are now available for purchase from the Uniform Shop or school office at a cost of \$15.00.

These look really good with the new logo and we think that they will be really popular.

A new sweatshirt will be available in the next two weeks from the school uniform shop and the cost will remain at \$55.00.

We apologise for the delay in stocking this item.

SCHOOL DONATIONS

Reminder notes are being sent out soon to families who have not yet paid their school donation for the year. The 2016 School Donation is \$200 for one child, \$400 for two children and \$500 for three or more children with an additional charge of \$40 per child for the PTA donation. This money helps us to pay for a lot of the extras that the school provides and we certainly appreciate this assistance from parents.

A reminder that parents can claim 30% of their school donations on next year's tax bill.

LATENESS TO SCHOOL

We now have a new digital system in the office for signing in children who are late to school. This will accurately track and record which children are coming late to school and how often.

Although we accept that this can happen occasionally, it disadvantages the learning of several people when children are late so we ask that all children are here by 8.30am each and every school day.

PTA NEWS

Friday Lunches - start this week with sushi/cafe orders. Next week will be Pita Pit and then they will alternate all term as usual. **Please take orders to the office by 8:50am Thursdays. No late orders will be accepted.**

Yummy Apple Stickers - Please keep sending these to class for your child to add to their collection sheet. The more stickers we collect means more sports equipment for the school.

Events this term - Trade Me Fundraiser Auction - details to come later
Disco - Friday 16th September

Next PTA meeting - NEXT Monday 1st August at 7:30pm in staffroom. Everyone Welcome

TERM THREE HIGHLIGHTS - Monday 25th July- Friday 23rd September (9 weeks)

We have a number of exciting things planned for term three and have made a list of most of these so that family members are aware of what is happening. More details will be provided closer to each event taking place. Please make a note of these dates.

Friday 29 th July	- Rimu Assembly - 2pm
Monday 1st August	- Kauri Assembly - 2pm
Tuesday 2nd August	- ICAS Exam English
Friday 5 th August	- Junior Assembly (Pohutukawa and Kowhai) 2.15pm
Tuesday 9th August	- Blockhouse Bay Intermediate information evening (time to be confirmed)
Friday 12 th August	- Rimu Assembly - 2pm
Tuesday 16th August	- Winter Field Day for selected children - netball, soccer and rugby (postponement day 23rd)
Monday 15 th August	- ICAS Mathematics Exam
Wednesday 24th August	- Year 6's visit Blockhouse Bay Intermediate during the day
Friday 26 th August	- Rimu Assembly 2pm
Wed 31st August & Thu 1st	- Bays Music Festival on these two evenings at Blockhouse Bay Intermediate
Friday 2nd September	- Whole School Assembly 2pm
Wednesday 7th September	- Matinee for Kowhai Dance Performance starting at 11.15am.
Thursday 8 th September	- Champion of Champions Gymnastic Competition at Tri Star
Thursday 8th September	- Evening show for Kowhai Dance Performance - 6.45pm start
Monday 12th September	- Testing at our school for Year 6 children going to BBI
Monday 12 th September	- Kauri Assembly 2pm
Friday 16th September	- Junior (Pohutukawa & Kowhai) assembly 2.15pm
Friday 16 th September	- Disco -Juniors then Rimu/Kauri
Friday 23rd September	- Mufti Day/ Sausage sizzle
Friday 23rd September	- Rimu Assembly 2pm

AUCKLAND PRIMARY PRINCIPALS ASSOCIATION MUSIC FESTIVAL Music Festival Opportunity

This year the APPA (Auckland Primary Principal's Association) will be running three musical instrumental bands for talented students to take part in. This is for accomplished instrument players in years 4 - 8 who wish to develop their musicianship skills in orchestral and band performance, and perform at the Auckland Town Hall as part of the wider APPA festival in November.

Musicians need parental commitment so they can attend the 3 Day Course at the venues below, in the last week of term 3; plus there will also be a few Saturday or Sunday rehearsals, lots of practice at home and one rehearsal in the Town Hall which parents also need to get their child to.

FESTIVAL ORCHESTRA: Rehearsals at Auckland Normal Intermediate

CONCERT BAND: Rehearsals at Blockhouse Bay Intermediate

JAZZ BAND: Rehearsals at Parnell School

More information can be found on the APPA website: <http://appa.org.nz/appa-music-festival-3-day-course/> Registrations close on **Friday, 26th August.**

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