



Blockhouse Bay

Primary School

We Seek - We Strive - We Soar

Thursday 2nd June 2016

PRINCIPAL'S SOAPBOX

We are always very appreciative of businesses in the area who provide support for the school in many ways. A recent example of this is local design and printing company 'Just Graphix' who paid for and printed out T-shirts for our PTA with our new school logo, so thank you to Carl and the team at Just Graphix.

Last week we signed up Barfoot and Thompson as our Platinum sponsor with a three-year deal that will be of great benefit to the school. A big thank you to Chris and the team for this generous investment in the education of our children.

Family members have less than 24 hours to vote in this year's election for the Board of Trustees. To be considered, the voting form will need to arrive at school before mid-day tomorrow. This also applies to people who are voting for Board members for most other schools.

With just a few days left until testing, please make sure that your child has collected some sponsors for this year's Knowledgathon. There are some great prizes being offered to the children who raise the most money for the school for this event.

Have a great week everyone!
Neil Robinson - Principal

MEASLES INFORMATION FROM THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

A child attending school while they are infectious with measles is very likely to spread the disease to other students and teachers who are not immune. In an outbreak, the Medical Officer of Health can order that unimmunised children must stay home from school until they are no longer at risk of either catching the disease or passing it on to others. Primary schools maintain an Immunisation Register to help identify children at risk during an outbreak.

Taking action before a measles outbreak can minimise the impact if a student becomes ill. Symptoms of measles can include fever, runny nose, and sore watery red eyes that last for several days before a red blotchy rash appears. Anyone with these symptoms should call ahead before visiting their family doctor, after hours' clinic or emergency department so steps can be taken to reduce the risk of infecting others in the waiting room.

The current measles outbreak is a good reminder for people to check they are fully vaccinated. Measles is highly infectious and can have serious consequences. Around 30 percent of people with measles will develop complications. About 1 in 10 people will require hospital treatment.

- Immunisation is the single most effective measure you can take to protect you and your family from this highly infectious and serious disease. You need to have had two doses of MMR vaccine to be fully protected.
- You can find out if you or family members are up to date with your immunisations by checking your child's Well Child Tamariki Ora or Plunket books, or asking at your General Practice.
- New Zealanders born from 1 January 1969 are eligible for free MMR vaccinations. Those born before the measles vaccine became available in 1969 are considered at lower risk because they were probably exposed to measles as a child.

Further information is available through 0800 IMMUNE (0800 466 863) or Healthline (0800 611 116) on the Ministry of Health website Information about catching up on immunisations is also available on the Ministry of Health website

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HOW DO YOU LIKE TO RECEIVE THE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER?

If you would like to have this newsletter emailed to you, please go to bottom of the front page of the school website and sign up to receive a copy each week. Remember it is always available on the website also.

PARENT/CHILD/TEACHER CONFERENCES

Next week we will send home information about how parents can book a time to meet with their child's teacher for the mid-year conferences. These take place on one day only Thursday 7th July. If this date does not suit your family, please organise a different time with your child's teacher.

Please note that school closes at 12.45pm on Thursday 7th July so that these meetings can take place.

INTERSCHOOL NETBALL TEAM RESULTS (26th-28th May)

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| • BHB Diamonds (17) vs. Te Atatu Yr 6 (9). | Player of the Day Gloria |
| • BHB Emeralds (9) vs. Marist Herne Bay (10). | Player of the Day Serena |
| • BHB Sapphires (9) vs. Bayfield Blue (12). | Player of the Day Charlotte |
| • BHB Rubies (2) vs. Kelston Kerehana (13). | Player of the Day Shachi |
| • BHB Opals (7) vs. Kerehana 3 / 4 (5). | Player of the Day Selitema |

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.

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| Friday 3 rd June | - BOT Elections voting closes 12.00pm - TOMORROW |
| Monday 6 th June | - Queens Birthday weekend. School closed on Monday. |
| Wednesday 8 th June | - Rooms 8, 9 and some Room 12 children to Awataha Marae |
| Wednesday 8 th June | - Inter-school Swimming for selected students |
| Wednesday 15 th June | - ICAS Writing and ICAS Spelling |
| Thursday 16 th June | - Tri Star Gymnastics Fun Festival (Selected Y3-6 children) |
| <i>Date to be confirmed</i> | - Year 3/4 Soccer Tournament |
| Friday 24 th June | - Movie Night in the PAC |
| Thursday 30 th June | - Matariki Assembly |
| Friday 1 st July | - Mid-year reports sent home |
| Thursday 7 th 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

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| Friday 3 rd June | - Rimu Syndicate |
| Friday 10 th June | - Junior Syndicate |
| Friday 17 th June | - Rimu Syndicate |
| Monday 20 th June | - Kauri Syndicate |
| Friday 24 th 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

Testing takes place next week and we 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.

2017 TERM DATES

Parents are asked to note these dates so that they can organise holidays during these breaks.

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

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.

CHANGE OF CLOTHES

With the wet weather we have been experiencing children occasionally slip over and require a change of clothes. It is a good idea to keep a spare change of clothing from home in your child's school bag for such an occasion.

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 15th June 2016. No Eftpos available for this Fundraiser. Cash or Cheque only please.

PTA

Movie night on Friday 24th June for all school ages. The chosen movie is Despicable Me 2. Tickets will be sold in advance as we have a limited number of spaces. Tickets will be \$5.00 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 week's lunch orders for Pita Pit will be sent home on Friday. Please get your orders to the school office with the correct change by Thursday mornings - 9am. No late orders will be accepted.

Next PTA Meeting is being held on Monday 20th June at 7.30pm in the staffroom. All welcome.

Have any ideas for the PTA? Contact us on pta@blockhousebay.school.nz

Like us on Facebook - search Blockhouse Bay Primary School PTA

COMMUNITY NOTICES

IONA Scouts enjoy indoor and outdoor activities and challenges, camping, cycling, tramping, life skills and much more.

We meet Wednesday nights term time under Blockhouse Bay Community Centre (Exminister Street).

Those interested please visit us on a Wednesday evening.

Keas - School years 1-3 from 6-7 pm

Cubs - School years 4-6 from 6.30-8.00 pm

Scouts School years 7-10 from 7.00-8.30 pm

Come and join our group. For more information please phone: Colin 820 4009,

visit: www.ionascouts.webs.com or Facebook Iona Scout Group

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS

If you do not wish to purchase the Entertainment book sent home with your child, could you please return it in the envelope provided to the school office.

DON'T FORGET:

TO GET YOUR VOTING FORMS BACK TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE BY 12.00PM-FRIDAY 3RD JUNE FOR THE BOARD OF TRUSTEE ELECTIONS.

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