



Blockhouse Bay

Primary School

We Seek - We Strive - We Soar

Reminder - School Closes at 12.45pm on Thursday 7th July for Parent Conferences
Please make sure that someone collects your child(ren) from
school at this time (not the public library)

家长请注意·学校在七月七号周四·中午12:45放学,
下午家长会时间·没有课程·请安排到时有入接孩子。

Thursday 30th June 2016

PRINCIPAL'S SOAPBOX

What a great innovation the Movie Night was! A big thank you to the PTA and teachers who organised and ran this event. Early indications suggest smiles all round and a profit of around \$1500 which was certainly worthwhile. There was also a lot of work that went into organising and running the 2016 Knowledgathon. Thank you to Room 20 teacher Lorraine Sauvarin for putting this all together and to everyone who helped to support this fundraiser. I am pleased to announce a profit of approximately \$10 000 for this venture. Sensational!

Enclosed with this newsletter is the summary sheet for the Education Review Office report that was written following their visit back in term one. We can all feel justifiably proud of this report which highlighted amongst other things, the excellent working relationship that families and the school have and the positive affect that this has on the children, their progress and the way that they feel about learning. The complete report will be on our school website and the ERO site very soon.

We will of course see a big part of this positive relationship at next week's conferences. We traditionally get around 90% parent attendance at these meetings so please organise your time if you have not already done so.

Have a great week everyone!
Neil Robinson - Principal

AIC DIVERSITY PERFORMANCE

Last week the whole of Kapa Kowhai went into the hall to see a diversity performance by the AIC students.

First we saw the Japanese Drums. The drums went Bang! Bang! Bang! And we felt the same rhythm or beat pumping in our hearts. The drums were loud.

The next performance was a Vietnamese girl who played the piano. She sang us a song about a little Vietnamese girl who saw yellow flowers on green land.

Next we heard the Ran. The Ran is a kind of a guitar from China.

We finished with a beautiful dance by the Vietnamese girls. They looked amazing in their ao dai (Vietnamese traditional dress) and nong la (conical hat).

It was astonishing! We loved it. By Room 23



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2016 WEST AUCKLAND PRIMARY SCHOOLS CHESS CHAMPIONSHIPS

Once again Blockhouse Bay Primary School had a powerful showing at this sporting event held yesterday at Henderson North Primary School. Our A Team were victorious and will now go on to represent West Auckland at the National Chess Championships in Palmerston North, held during the September holidays. It was a real team effort with all teams and all students getting vital wins against the other teams throughout the day. Congratulations everyone! A big thank you to Daniel and Miki Prelipceanu, Marianne Patchett, Judy Zhang and Mr Robinson for helping transport students on the day.

MID-YEAR REPORTS

Mid-year reports will be sent home with the children tomorrow and will no doubt be a discussion point for your family. We have had people proof-reading all of the reports, but if there are any typos, please let your child's teacher know and we will correct these and print you a new copy.

PARENT/CHILD/TEACHER CONFERENCES - have you booked your time yet???

You can book a time to meet with your 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.

Online bookings are open. Go to www.schoolinterviews.co.nz and enter the code wu6f6. You will be able to select your child's teacher and a time that will suit you. If you are unable to book your appointment online please fill in your preferred time on the sheet sent home and return it to the school office or just come in and see us and we will do it for you.

Reports go home on Friday 1st July, so you get three days to chat to your child about their learning before these conferences take place.

SOME THINGS TO CONSIDER ABOUT YOUR CONFERENCE IN TWO WEEKS TIME

Please make sure that you are at the meeting venue on time, as we do need to stick to the timetable.

Late arrivals will have less time for their conference.

- If something unexpected happens and you cannot come, please let us know as soon as possible by phoning the office
- **Please do not leave your child unattended at school when we close at 12.45pm, even if you have one of the earlier meeting times. Because of the conferences, no-one is available to look after the children in the playground.**
- Please encourage other children to play away from the meeting venues if they are waiting for their siblings conferences to be completed
- If children are playing at school, we would expect that they would follow all of our usual school rules.
- If either party feels that more discussion is required, a further meeting time can be organised.

Parents will receive their confirmed meeting times either through the email or in hard copy form. It is very unlikely that "on the day requests" for an appointment can be arranged for that day.

TERM TWO HIGHLIGHTS

Friday 1st July - Mid-year reports sent home

Monday 4th July - Kauri Assembly - 2.00pm start

Thursday 7th July - Parent / Child / Teacher conferences - **school closes at 12.45pm**

CHILDREN BEING COLLECTED LATE FROM SCHOOL

Please remember teachers have meetings and classroom lesson preparation after school and they cannot supervise your child. If your child is waiting for you to take them home, the child will be taken to wait at the school office. Recently this has become a daily event and means office staff are currently spending about thirty minutes a day phoning homes and trying to locate parents. Please arrive to collect your children at 3.00pm and if your children are to walk home please make sure they all know this.

INTERSCHOOL NETBALL TEAM RESULTS (23rd and 25th June)

- BHB Diamonds (16) vs. WCYA (2). Player of the Day Matisse
- BHB Emeralds (17) vs. St Doms Pr Angels (10). Player of the Day Sara
- BHB Sapphires (4) vs. Tirimoana Yr 6 (16). Player of the Day Zaria
- BHB Rubies (2) vs. WCRN Titans (38). Player of the Day Jess
- BHB Opals (4) vs. Summer Stars (0). Player of the Day Lucia

REMEMBER: To put a change of clothes in your child's bag for those wet days. This does not need to be school uniform.

PTA NEWS

THANK YOU to everyone involved in the movie night last Friday. That's all the parents, staff, PTA who contributed and attended to make the event so successful. Everyone seemed to have a great time.

Yummy apple stickers- we are collecting these for term 2 and 3. They are found on Yummy apples which are sold at New World, Pac N Save and some fruit and veg shops (Margan Ave fruit world have them). We will exchange the stickers for well needed sports gear for the children so please bring stickers in to add to your class collection sheets.

Next PTA meeting- 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.

Tuesday 26 th July	- Blockhouse Bay Intermediate Principal talks to Year 6 students - 9.45am
<i>Parents are very welcome to attend this meeting, although most go on the evening of the 9th August.</i>	
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
Friday 12 th August	- Rimu Assembly - 2pm
Monday 15 th August	- Kauri Assembly - 2pm
Tuesday 16th August	- Winter Field Day for selected year 6 children - netball, soccer and rugby (postponement day 23rd)
Tuesday 16 th August	- ICAS Mathematics Exam - date to be confirmed
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
Thursday 8 th September	- Champion of Champions Gymnastic Competition at Tri Star
Thursday 8th September	- Evening show for Kowhai Dance Performance
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

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** over the school holidays and if you find that an item is not theirs please return it to the school office. Thank you.

CARE 4 KIDZ SCHOOL HOLIDAY CARE

We are again running a Holiday Programme for children of Blockhouse Bay Primary School. (11 July - 15 July and 18 July - 22 July 2016)

Enrolment forms are available from our supervisor daily after 2:45PM in the Technology Room.

Enrolments will be taken until Monday 4th of July.

Places are limited. Please ring Els for any queries on 027 362 8494

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