



**Blockhouse Bay**

Primary School

*We Seek - We Strive - We Soar*

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2016

### PRINCIPAL'S SOAPBOX

There certainly is a lot going on at school at the moment and we are definitely not 'winding down' to the holidays. Thank you to everyone who has committed to helping at the Carnival, but we still need more people. The children are bringing home another letter over the next couple of days asking for more help so that the day can be a real success. Please give some serious thought to helping.

Next Wednesday evening, we are having the second of our BYOD meetings mainly for parents of Year 4 and 5 children although anyone is welcome to attend. The meeting is for parents who:

- Wish to hear more about the idea of BYOD
- Wish to talk to our selected Chromebook suppliers who are offering parents a really good discount
- Did not come to the first meeting or still have unanswered questions about BYOD

The meeting will be held in the staffroom and is likely to take less than an hour.

Yesterday, we had 20 children in the 'no hat lunchtime club' sitting in the PAC foyer because they did not have their school sunhat at school. A reminder that it is the policy of the Board of Trustees that all children have their hat at school every day in terms one and four. We will continue to do these reminders until the children are wearing their hats.

Have a great week everyone

Neil Robinson

Principal

### 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 21<sup>st</sup> 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.

### ROOM 4'S BUNNY BAKE SALE

In Room 4 we have a rabbit called Pippin. Pippin is a cute fuzzy potato with fur. Pippin can get very expensive sometimes so we have to cover the cost of lots of things e.g. toys, hay, food etc. and when she had a vet check-up last term it cost \$65.60. We had to fundraise for her so Room 4 decided to organise a bake sale. We researched recipes and wrote a letter to Countdown to ask them if they could donate some or all of the ingredients we needed. They agreed to give everything to Room 4 for free! On Monday we went to Countdown to do our shopping. We want to thank Blockhouse Bay Countdown for generously donating all of our ingredients. You have helped us a lot. Also we would like to say a big thanks. We also want to thank all the teachers and students who came and supported us at the bake sale!

By Sarah Whitefield & Coco-Sabine Meikle



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## **BRING YOUR OWN DEVICE MEETING - next Wednesday**

We plan to have another meeting about this initiative at 7.00pm on **Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> November** and although it is mainly for parents of current Year 4 and 5 children, all parents are welcome to attend. We expect the meeting to take less than an hour and it will take place in the STAFFROOM.

**This meeting is particularly targeted at those parents of current Year 4 and 5 children who did not come to our first meeting last term, or who still have questions about BYOD.**

At the meeting, we aim to provide some information for parents about how we will make best use of the Chromebooks in 2017. We will 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.

## **LOST PROPERTY**

There is a large amount of Lost Property in the cupboard next to the uniform room. This has been out on display to the children but we ask that all parents please check any items that are left as we will need to have a throw out in the next couple of weeks. It is always helpful if parents name all their child's clothing and articles so we can return them.

## **YEAR 6 PRIZE GIVING AND GRADUATION: Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December 1pm.**

To celebrate our current Year 6's time at our school, we are having a prize giving and graduation ceremony for them. Parents of Year 6 students are welcome to attend this event. All children are initially able to have two family members attend, although there is sometimes the opportunity to obtain extra tickets if they are available. Please make a note of this date if you have a child who is in Year 6. More information will be sent home later in the term.

## **PTA NEWS**

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November- potato chips for sale in PAC kitchen! - Morning tea and lunch time  
While stocks last- \$1 per bag.

The next event in our run up to carnival is our first working bee on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> 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 (3<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto:pta@blockhousebay.school.nz).  
Facebook page- Blockhouse Bay Primary School PTA- like us for up to date notices.

## **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](http://www.blockhousebay.school.nz). More information will be provided closer to the time of each event.

Sunday 6 <sup>th</sup> November	- PTA Working Bee 10am - midday. All helpers welcome
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> November	- BYOD Meeting - 7.00pm
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> November	- Whole School Assembly - 2.00pm start. All welcome
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> November	- Inter-school Athletics Day (postponement day Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> )
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> November	- Toy World Night - PTA fundraiser. Discounts for Xmas shopping!
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> November	- Mufti Day for Carnival
Saturday 19 <sup>th</sup> November	- PTA Working Bee 10am - midday. All helpers welcome
<b>Monday 21<sup>st</sup> November</b>	<b>- Teacher Only Day - school closed</b>
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> November	- Rimu syndicate assembly 2.00pm start
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> November	- Kauri Assembly - Service and Athletics awards
Saturday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December	- School Carnival
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> December	- Pohutukawa Camp Day
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> December	- Kowhai & Pohutukawa Syndicates Athletics
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	- Year 6 Student Helpers Rainbow's End Trip
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> December	- Rimu Assembly 2.00pm
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> December	- End of Year Reports sent home
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	- Show for Year 0-2 children - "The Great Fake Christmas Cake"
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	- Year 2 Trip to Blockhouse Bay Beach Reserve
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	- Year 6 Graduation and Prize Giving Ceremony
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	- Mufti / Sausage Sizzle / Movie Day (no charge)
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> 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 29<sup>th</sup> January to Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2017. Please contact the school office if you think you might be able to help on [lyndal@blockhousebay.school.nz](mailto:lyndal@blockhousebay.school.nz)

### FLIPPA BALL RESULTS

BHB Tigersharks (9) Pt Chev Makos (1) - Player of the day Ava  
The year 4 Mako sharks won their first game against SMCS Dolphins 3-1. Player of the day was Charlie.  
Our second game was a loss 1-4 against St. Cuthberts. Player of the day was Madison Markovina

### OMEGA FAMILY DAY

The Omega Family Day is an initiative that *promotes positive family values that will develop and strengthen families*. A light-hearted, yet fun-filled contest that encourages families to work together to complete an obstacle course that consists of physical and mental challenges for prizes.

An exciting day out with fun activities that engage the entire family, live entertainment, a creative and innovative 'kids' Zone', plus a variety of food stalls, displays and spot prizes.

This event last year saw a crowd of over 2000 people visiting the park, with over 15 acts of live entertainment, and over 40 families joining the Omega Family Challenge. In West Auckland, for the first time ever, we will be holding the Omega Family Day at Riversdale Reserve, Avondale, on Saturday 19th November 2016, from 10:am-3.00pm.

**To Register Families, please contact:** Mereana Taorei 021 529922 [mez\\_corey@hotmail.com](mailto:mez_corey@hotmail.com)

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# CARNIVAL

Saturday 3rd December

# Working Bee



*Many hands make light work*

Come along and give us a hand to sort, label, count & clean carnival items!

**Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> November**  
**10:00 am - 12:00 pm**  
**Staffroom and PAC**



Also bring along your unwanted ceramic plates/bowls/cups for the all new SMASH Palace stall!!

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