



**Blockhouse Bay**

Primary School

*We Seek - We Strive - We Soar*

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> August 2016

### PRINCIPAL'S SOAPBOX

The winter weather is certainly here and is affecting things like access to fields and an increase in winter colds and flu. Whilst children need to come to school every day, we do appreciate it when parents keep their children at home if they are unwell, as this helps to reduce the spread of these germs.

Another impact of the weather is that parents try and drop their children closer to the school and this can cause issues with traffic congestion around the school. We always advise that parents park at the school end of the Countdown carpark to help reduce the number of vehicles in Gill Crescent and Blockhouse Bay Road and this ultimately makes these areas safer for the children as well.

I also want to point out that there is a no parking zone before and after school that is situated close to the crossing on Blockhouse Bay Road. This is so the children on patrols can see traffic approaching and take the appropriate action. Whilst parking wardens will ticket any cars they see in these areas, parents are asked to take into account that parking in this restricted zone creates a safety risk for children and I am sure that no-one would like to be responsible for a person being knocked down by a car.

Have a safe week everyone!

Neil Robinson - Principal

### HOW ARE WE DOING??

Every three years, we survey our parents to find out what they think about the written reports that we send home. We would appreciate you taking the time to complete this survey which should take less than 5 minutes to complete. We believe that we have sent it out to everyone's email address and have included the link for those people who receive the electronic copy of the weekly newsletter. If you have received none of these, please feel free to ask for a paper copy or come straight to the school office and we will give you a computer to use straight away. The survey closes on Tuesday

16<sup>th</sup> August [https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Student\\_Report\\_Survey](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Student_Report_Survey)

Every three years, we send out a more detailed questionnaire about the rest of the school's operations and this is scheduled to take place in 2017.

### SIR PETER BLAKE LEADERSHIP AWARD

Congratulations to Janae Robinson who was awarded the Sir Peter Blake Leadership Award at the end of last term. This award recognises students across New Zealand who demonstrate outstanding leadership skills. Janae was a very deserving winner of this prestigious award.

### PARENT MEETING AT BLOCKHOUSE BAY INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

A reminder for parents of Year 6 children who are considering sending their children to BBI, there is a meeting for you at BBI next Tuesday evening, starting at 7.00pm.



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## WALKING SCHOOL BUSES

Last term two new Walking School Buses started at Blockhouse Bay with great enthusiasm and positivity. One is run by Hena Farooq (pictured) and departs from Windermere Crescent on Monday and Wednesday mornings arriving at the Community centre parking lot in Exminster Street at 8.30am, where others may join in for the rest of the walk to school.



The other led by William Gu, departs from 14 Kinross Street on Monday and Tuesday mornings - arriving at school at approximately 8.30am.

The children will celebrate the success of these two new ventures with a special Milo and muffins treat next week.

If you would like to join in, either chat to William and Hena as they walk by, or contact Helen Addison - [helena@blockhosuebay.school.nz](mailto:helena@blockhosuebay.school.nz) or better still to start your own bus!

Jackets/ bag covers and rewards are provided by Auckland Transport. C'mon guys - get Travelwise!

## HEAPS OF SPORT!

There certainly is a lot going on sporting wise for the children at the moment.

A large number of our children play Saturday sport and are starting to enter into the 'business end' of their seasons. With only a few weeks to go for the school's netball teams, the children are really enjoying taking part and being active.

The gymnastic and rugby teams represent the school next week and then we have the Winter Field Day for Rippa Rugby, Soccer and Netball the week after that.

We also have some of the Kiwisport coaches working with the classes at the moment in Taekwondo for the seniors and netball for the Year 2's. The Year 3 & 4 children are also out doing physical activities as part of their 'Challenge' focus. Keeping children active in the winter months is really important and great fun!

## ART EXHIBITION AND AUCTION - ART ABOVE THE BAY - 10 days to go

Hopefully, all families received a letter earlier in the week about this event. Please contact the school office if you wish to have a copy sent out to you.

**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.

## 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.

## INTERSCHOOL NETBALL RESULTS (28<sup>th</sup>/30<sup>th</sup> July)

- BHB Diamonds (21) vs Hoani Kiwi (11) - Player of the Day Ella-Rae
- BHB Emeralds (14) vs Titirangi Keas (20) - Player of the Day Millie
- BHB Sapphires (0) vs Oratia Pukekos (13) - Player of the Day Rhianne
- BHB Rubies (3) vs Flanshaw Force (11) - Player of the Day Pearl
- BHB Opals (game abandoned due to weather)

## NETBALL FUNDRAISING BAKE SALE

Because of the amount of money we need to raise, this year we will be doing 2 bake sales and the dates will be

\* **Thursday 11th August** (next week) - for Kauri and Rimu students

\* **Thursday 25th August** - for Pohutukawa and Kowhai students

The money raised from these days will go towards paying teams umpire fees and end of season prize giving expenses. Please make sure you bring a few coins to purchase some delicious home baking on these days. This will take place in the PAC foyer, and prices will be between \$2, \$1, or .50 cents for a single item. Thank you for your support!

## TERM THREE HIGHLIGHTS - Monday 25<sup>th</sup> July- Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> September (9 weeks)

Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> August	- Junior Assembly (Pohutukawa and Kowhai) - 2.15pm
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> August	- Parents meeting at BBI starting at 7pm
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> August	- Bake sale for year 3-6 children
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> August	- Rimu Assembly - 2pm
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> August	- Winter Field Day for selected children - netball, soccer and rugby (postponement day 23 <sup>rd</sup> )
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> August	- ICAS Mathematics Exam
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> August	- Year 6's visit Blockhouse Bay Intermediate during the day
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> August	- Bake sale for year 0-2 children
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> August	- Rimu Assembly 2pm
Wed 31 <sup>st</sup> August & Thu 1 <sup>st</sup>	- Bays Music Festival on these two evenings at Blockhouse Bay Intermediate
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September	- Whole School Assembly 2pm
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> September	- Matinee for Kowhai Dance Performance starting at 11.15am.
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> September	- Champion of Champions Gymnastic Competition at Tri Star
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> September	- Evening show for Kowhai Dance Performance - 6.45pm start
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> September	- Testing at our school for Year 6 children going to BBI
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> September	- Kauri Assembly 2pm
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> September	- Junior (Pohutukawa & Kowhai) assembly 2.15pm
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> September	- Disco - Juniors then Rimu/Kauri
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> September	- Mufti Day/ Sausage sizzle
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> September	- Rimu Assembly 2pm

## PTA NEWS

### DO YOU SHOP AT THE WAREHOUSE?

Our school has successfully applied to Warehouse Mt Roskill for their Customer Choice programme. When you shop at Warehouse Mt Roskill, ask at the checkout for a token and then use the token to vote for our school in their Customer Choice boxes. At the end of 6 months we receive a percentage of their allocated funding. The more votes we get, the bigger the percentage we receive. So support our school and shop at Warehouse Mt Roskill. Thanks.

### TRADE ME AUCTION FUNDRAISER- 10 days to go

We have been busy collecting items for our Trade Me Auction fundraiser and the final countdown has begun. Items include microwaves, instant cameras, a birthday party package, designer backpack, lunchbox package, MGP scooter, bike helmets, an entertainment book, photography packages, vegetable slicers, designer doll, cafe vouchers, swim holiday programme vouchers, and maybe more!

The auctions will run alongside the school Art Auction and start on **Sunday 14th August** but will run for the whole week, closing on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> unless sold earlier with Buy Now. So don't miss out! More details in next week's newsletter including a direct link to our Trade Me listings page.

All profits from our fundraising are going towards the development of a multi-purpose all weather court which will be built on part of the school field.

**Next PTA meeting - Monday 29<sup>th</sup> August at 7:30pm in staffroom. Everyone Welcome**

### AUCKLAND PRIMARY PRINCIPALS ASSOCIATION MUSIC FESTIVAL OPPORTUNITY

The Auckland Primary Principals Association are running three musical instrumental bands for talented students who are 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, 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.

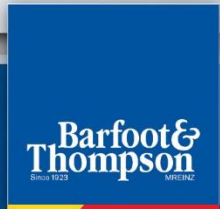
More information can be found on the APPA website: <http://appa.org.nz/appa-music-festival-3-day-course/> Registrations close on **Friday, 26th August**.

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Get moving, get Michael.

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