



## Blockhouse Bay

Primary School

*We Seek - We Strive - We Soar*

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2016

### PRINCIPAL'S SOAPBOX

It seems like such a long time since our last newsletter. I hope that you all had a great Easter break.

A reminder to everyone that we needed to reschedule the term one disco to Friday of NEXT WEEK (15<sup>th</sup> April). We fully understand that this will inconvenience some people and we apologise for this late change.

With just over a week to go in term one, there are still a number of things to watch out for including the Year 3-6 Cross Country and the mufti day/sausage sizzle and disco on Friday of next week. Note that we only use Halal lamb sausages for the sausage sizzle. We have also included the Term Two Highlights in this newsletter so that parents can make a note of some of the activities that we have planned for the coming months. More information on these will be sent out soon.

With the board elections nearly upon us, it is critical that parents contact details are up to date. If you have changed anything with your address or phone numbers over the last 12 months and haven't let us know, please send your new information to the school office.

Parents may be aware that a man was reported as 'acting suspiciously near the Taylor Street shops a couple of days ago. He was described as being a NZ European with white hair and a moustache and about 6 feet tall. The police were notified.

Lastly, we have noticed an increase in the number of boy/girl relationships in the Year 3-6 part of the school recently. Whilst this can be considered to be 'cute' they are causing concerns as they do not just distract them from their schoolwork, but also some children are doing things that we would rather not be dealing with at school. If parents think that their children might be involved in these behaviours, we request that you ask them to keep these actions for the weekends or holidays.

Have a great week everyone.

Neil Robinson - Principal

### SENIOR CROSS COUNTRY FOR YEAR 3-6 CHILDREN - next week

When : Tuesday 12th April

Time : 1.50-2.50pm

Where : Around the school and in Gill Crescent

Postponement Day: Thursday 14th April (same times)

The 6 & 7 year olds (just from Kauri and Rimu Syndicates) will run first, followed by the 8 year olds and so on. Students will be required to wear a shirt of a certain colour according to their age group, to help the judges on the finish line. Ages are worked out from what age the child will be on the 1<sup>st</sup> May.

7 yr olds: **Blue Shirts**

8 yr olds: **Green Shirts**

9 yr olds: **Red Shirts**

10 yr olds: **White Shirts**

11 yr olds: **Black Shirts**

Parents, it would be very much appreciated if on the big day you could please stay behind the roped off area, as having other adults on or near the course can confuse or impede the runners. As a small section of the course is on the road, we do **strongly recommend that children wear running shoes.**

With the safety of the students running outside the school grounds in mind, it would be very helpful if you could not pick up your children from Gill Crescent on this day if possible as this forms part of the course. We thank you in advance for your understanding and co-operation.

If you have any questions, please contact your child's teacher.

### ICAS TESTING

Last day to enter your child is tomorrow (8<sup>th</sup> April). Please see the office for details.

### TERM ONE ASSEMBLIES

Parents and families are warmly invited to attend some or all of our syndicate assemblies.

Friday 8th April

- Pohutukawa & Kowhai

Friday 15th April

- Rimu Syndicate

## HOLI - 'The Festival of Colours'

We are sure that everyone who attended this event, had a great time on Saturday. Congratulations to the group of parents who organised and ran this enjoyable day.

## ELECTIONS FOR THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

These elections will be held soon and people who are considering being nominated for this role, could be thinking about getting more information about what being a Board of Trustees member means. This information can be gained by going onto our school's website, the NZ School Trustees Association website, picking up a booklet from the school office or by talking to a current Board member. Please feel free to contact our Board Chair on [stephen@kids4drama.co.nz](mailto:stephen@kids4drama.co.nz) to organise a time to get together or simply come to our next meeting on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> April at 7.00pm in the staffroom.

Nominations forms will be posted home during the holiday break so it is very important that we have your up to date contact information.

If you do not receive your forms by 2<sup>nd</sup> May, please contact the school office or call in to collect yours.

Nominations close noon, Friday 20<sup>th</sup> May.

## INTERSCHOOL NETBALL

Trials have taken place and teams have been selected for our inter-school teams. Letters were sent home yesterday providing full details. Parents of these players are asked to fill out the permission slips and get them back to the Mr Bennett as soon as possible.

Please contact Mr Bennett at school if you have any questions or concerns.

At 5.00pm next Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> April, we will be having a meeting in Room 2 for any parents who might be considering becoming a team coach or manager. At this meeting, we will talk about these roles and what each one entails. If you are thinking of putting your name forward or would just like to know more about Netball 2016, please come and join us.

## FLIPPA BALL RESULTS

BHB Bullsharks 1 v St Cuthbert's Snappers 2 - Player of the day: Adam Totton

BHB Tigersharks (11) Balmoral Dolphins (2) - Players of the day Kate and Joey.

## PTA NEWS

**Disco, disco, disco! Next Friday 15<sup>th</sup> April in the PAC.** Year 0-2 disco is from 5-6pm and Year 3-6 disco is from 6:30-8pm. \$5 entry per child to support our fundraising efforts and to help cover the costs of running the disco. Theme is "free to be me" so kids can wear whatever they feel makes them unique and special!

**Last day of term (Friday 15<sup>th</sup> April) will be mufti, sausage sizzle and the last Fruju Friday.**

**Term 2 Fundraiser - Trade Me Auction.** If you work for anyone who might be able to donate items for us to auction please contact Annette at [pta@blockhousebay.school.nz](mailto:pta@blockhousebay.school.nz).

Finally, a big thank you to everyone who has ordered Friday lunches this term as this all goes towards our fundraising efforts. We may be adding some new options next term so watch this space...

## Walking School Bus News: We now have 3 fledgling Walking School Buses!

**A Walking School Bus is an organized group of children walking to and from school under the supervision of adults.** Children are collected from stops along a planned route and walk together to the school gate. Along the way they learn road safety, socialize and share stories with friends and neighbours. Families in the community get to know each other. Walking school buses are run by parents/caregivers/grandparents from the school community with the support of the school and Auckland Transport. They can operate from one to five days a week, depending on volunteer commitment.

### **What a great way to travel to school!**

Currently, Hena Farooq is walking Monday and Wednesday mornings from **Windermere Crescent**, William Gu is walking Monday and Tuesday Mornings from **Kinross Street**. We also have Amanda Burrows walking along **Donovan Street** each morning and this will become a Walking School Bus as soon as another adult is able to join this bus. If you would like to join one of these groups or are a walker from another street and would be happy to form a Walking School Bus - please contact Mrs Addison: [helena@blockhousebay.school.nz](mailto:helena@blockhousebay.school.nz) or The Auckland Transport Coordinator Nidhii Suri : [Nidhi.Suri@at.govt.nz](mailto:Nidhi.Suri@at.govt.nz)



## POOL KEYS

The Swimming pool is now closed for the winter. A reminder that all Pool Keys should be returned to the school office in order to receive your \$50.00 bond back.

## EXCITING EXPERIENCES IN TERM TWO

Term One's school wide focus has been Citizenship and we have used the launch of the new school logo to support this learning. Next term's school focus is Diversity and we have a range of activities and learning experiences planned for this.

### Diversity Day (all children):

This event will be held on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> May. On this day, we will invite the children to parade in front of the school dressed in clothing that represents their own culture. We will ask them to bring some food from their cultural background so that other children in their class can try.

### Marae Visits (Year 3-6 children):

For the Kauri and Rimu children, one of the big highlights for this study will be visiting Awataha Marae. This will be a unique opportunity for your child to experience local Maori culture on a working urban Marae. The hands-on and participation based sessions include: traditional Powhiri, protocol, history, artworks, traditional games, waiata (songs), Harakeke (weaving). The children will also get to taste some Maori bread.

The dates for your child's trip are included in this newsletter and we will be asking for parent support soon. We believe that this experience will be so valuable for the children that the school is paying half of the total cost. This means that the fee will be \$13 per child which will cover the cost of the bus and the visit.

## TERM TWO HIGHLIGHTS - Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May- Friday 8<sup>th</sup> July

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. Please make a note of any items that you need to know for your child(ren).

- Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> May - Literature Quiz for selected senior students
- Friday 6<sup>th</sup> May - Nominations for the Board of Trustees elections open
- Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May - PTA Meeting 7.30pm in the staffroom - all welcome
- Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> May - Inter-school Cross Country for selected students (17<sup>th</sup> May if wet)
- Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> May - Junior school Cross country for Year 0-2 children (16<sup>th</sup> May if wet)
- Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> May - Diversity Day
- Tues 17<sup>th</sup> May - ICAS Digital Technologies
- Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> May - Rooms 4, 5 and some Room 2 children to Awataha Marae
- Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> May - Rooms 6, 7 and some Room 2 children to Awataha Marae
- Friday 20<sup>th</sup> May - Nominations for the Board of Trustees elections close 12.00pm
- Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> May - Rooms 1, 3 and some Room 2 children to Awataha Marae
- Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June - BOT Elections voting closes 12.00pm
- Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> May - Inter-school tennis for selected students
- Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> May - ICAS Science
- Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> June - Rooms 10, 11 and some Room 12 children to Awataha Marae
- Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> June - Rooms 13, 14 and some Room 12 children to Awataha Marae
- Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June - Queens Birthday weekend. School closed on Monday.
- Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> June - Rooms 8, 9 and some Room 12 children to Awataha Marae
- Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> June - Inter-school Swimming for selected students
- Wed 16<sup>th</sup> June - Year 3/4 Soccer Tournament (Postponement day 23<sup>rd</sup> June)
- Mon 8<sup>th</sup> June - Trials begin for Gymnastic teams
- Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> June - ICAS Writing and ICAS Spelling
- Friday 1<sup>st</sup> July - Matariki Assembly
- Friday 1<sup>st</sup> July - Mid-year reports sent home
- Wed 6<sup>th</sup> & Thurs 7<sup>th</sup> July - Parent / Child / Teacher conferences

CARE 4 KIDZ is running a Holiday Programme from 18 April through to 29 April 2016. Enrolment forms and programme information are now available from our school office or from the Technology Room from 2:45pm onwards.

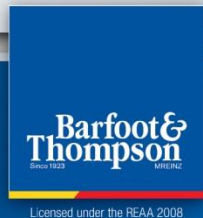
No enrolments possible after 11 April 2016. For more information please contact Els on 027 3628494

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