



Blockhouse Bay

Primary School

We Seek - We Strive - We Soar

Thursday 7th July 2016

PRINCIPAL'S SOAPBOX

Thank you to everyone who is taking the opportunity to meet with their child's teacher today. This is a critical part of a child's progress at school and the research clearly shows that a strong home/school partnership is essential to on-going learning and success.

Congratulations to all of the children who performed at last week's Matariki assembly. The large audience of children and family members totally enjoyed the show and there was a real buzz in the school the next day.

This week, we rewarded the children who raised the most money for the school as part of the Knowledgathon. The top fundraisers in Rimu and Kauri syndicates went to 'Jump' in Avondale and the juniors went to 'Chipmunks'. The winning classes also received a hot chip lunch. Thanks once again to family members who supported the children to learn their facts and to raise money for the school.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank the PTA for the work they have done for the school this term. The last fundraising venture for the term is tomorrow's mufti day and sausage sizzle

Have a great break everyone!

Neil Robinson - Principal

STAFFING UPDATE

We are pleased to announce that two of our outstanding relieving teachers are combining to team teach in Room 19 for terms 3 & 4. Brenna Innes and Sally Kilpatrick will divide the teaching days for this new entrant class and we are very pleased to have these two experienced teachers who can take on this role.

At the same time, we are saying farewell to long standing staff member Julie Reddy, who is returning to England's sunny shores. Julie has been associated with the school for over 25 years, firstly as a parent helper and then as a member of our support staff, working in the office, with resources and helping literally hundreds of children with their learning. Julie's humour and expertise have really contributed to the culture of the school and she will be sorely missed. We wish Julie, husband Kevin and her family all the best for their journey and relocation to the UK.

PRINCIPALS AWARD WINNERS

These prestigious awards are given out at our once a term whole school assemblies. To qualify for a principal's awards, children must have displayed positive qualities outside of the classroom such as leadership, honesty or high levels of achievement. At last week's assembly, the award winners were: Lia McKay, Miller van Sambeek, Sara Ranchod, Dhiren Vaidya, Savanna van Sambeek and Ciana Hemara.

CHILDREN LEAVING THE SCHOOL IN THE MORNING

We have just discovered a small group of senior children who thought it was ok to go out the front gate to the dairy after they had arrived at school in the morning. This is clearly not ok and we have reinforced this message with all of the senior children. Parents, please reinforce the message with child(ren) that once they have arrived at school, they are not allowed to leave the grounds unless they are with an adult.

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INTERSCHOOL NETBALL TEAM RESULTS (30th June and 2nd July)

- BHB Diamonds (7) vs. St Leonards (13). Player of the Day Ella
- BHB Emeralds (10) vs. Matipo Lightning (6). Player of the day Josephine
- BHB Sapphires (Default)
- BHB Rubies (5) vs. Tirimoana Wildcats (10). Player of the Day Keira
- BHB Opals (11) vs. Woodlands Park Fantails (2). Player of the Day Ciann

WHERE WILL YOUR YEAR 6 CHILD BE GOING TO SCHOOL NEXT YEAR?

We are now moving into the time when parents of Year 6 pupils are deciding which school their children will be going to next year. Which school you end up choosing is totally up to the parents, however all schools like to have children enrolled before the end of September so that they can sort out their staffing and make other plans for the new year. We do recommend that you spend some time next term looking into this so that you can make up your mind.

On the first Tuesday back next term, (26th July) people from Blockhouse Bay Intermediate will come and talk to the Year 6 children about what their school has to offer. Parents are welcome to come to this session which takes place in the PAC, starting at 9.45am.

BBI also has an information evening for families on the 9th August and an open day for children on the 24th August.

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.

SCHOOL UNIFORM UPDATE

We have been waiting for the new school beanies to arrive and these should be here for the start of the new term. These optional item look great with the new logo and will cost the same price as before, \$15 each.

A reminder that for safety reasons, 'studs' are the only earrings that can be worn at school. Looped or dangling earrings can cause harm to children if they get caught or pulled so we ask that these are kept for the weekends and holidays.

PTA NEWS

TOMORROW- last day of term - **MUFTI-** gold coin - **SAUSAGE SIZZLE OR CHEESE TOASTIE- \$2**

Bring your money and your order to your classroom tomorrow morning.

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

LATEST INFORMATION REGARDING MEASLES - Immunisation best way to prevent measles

As the measles outbreak continues the Ministry of Health is recommending immunisation for students, including those attending interschool events or travelling during the holiday break.

As of 30th June, there are 80 confirmed measles cases linked to the outbreak - 47 in Waikato, 21 in Horowhenua and Manawatu, 6 in Northland, 3 in Nelson, 2 in Wellington and 1 in the Auckland region.

Measles is highly infectious. The illness starts with a fever, cough, runny nose and/or sore eyes, followed a few days later by a rash. People are infectious from 5 days before to 5 days after the rash appears. In the current outbreak those aged 10-19 years in particular have been spreading the disease.

Immunisation remains the best way to prevent infection and spread within the community. It is important that people attending inter-school events are fully immunised with 2 doses of the measles/mumps/rubella (MMR) vaccine. Immunisation for measles is free to New Zealand residents who require it.

Unimmunised people exposed to measles will need to be isolated for at least 14 days. This will mean missing school, work, training and inter-school events or competitions for staff, parents, and other event participants

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

ENCOURAGING WORDS

Do you ever feel like the only words that come out of your mouth are direct orders? "Clean your room, be nice to your sister, quit jumping on the couch!!!" A big part of preventing bad behaviour, however, is to provide encouraging words to reinforce good behaviour when you see it.

And a quick "good job" doesn't cut it—in fact, phrases like "good boy," "you're so smart!" and "you're the best on your team!" are not considered encouraging words. Instead of focusing on positive internal qualities, they put the emphasis on outward praise, which does nothing to promote good behaviour in the future.

True encouraging words focus on the deed, not the doer. It motivates a child from the inside to demonstrate similar positive behaviour in the future, and to value things like hard work, improvement, teamwork and perseverance.

List of Encouraging Words and Phrases

Encouraging words can be as simple as, "Thanks for your help!" or "You really worked hard!"

Here are a few more examples to try around your house:

Thank you for your help!

You should be proud of yourself!

Look at your improvement!

That "A" reflects a lot of hard work!

You worked really hard to get this room clean!

Thanks for helping set the table, that made a big difference.

I noticed you were really patient with your little brother.

What do you think about it?

You seem to really enjoy science.

Your hard work paid off!

That's a tough one, but you'll figure it out.

Look how far you've come!

I trust your judgment.

The time you're putting into your homework is really paying off.

I love being with you.

You really put a smile on her face with your kind words!

That's coming along nicely!

You really worked it out!

That's a very good observation.

Thank you for your cooperation.

I see a very thorough job!

That's what we call perseverance!

I can tell you really care.

You make it look easy!

You've really got the hang of it!

I can tell you spent a lot of time thinking this through.

I really feel like a team when we work like this!

The best part about using encouraging words with your kids is the glow of happiness you'll see on their faces. After all, "Your hard work is really paying off!" says you noticed their work, while, "You're so smart," might be hard to live up to next time.

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