



**Blockhouse Bay**

Primary School

*We Seek - We Strive - We Soar*

### PAID UNION MEETING FOR TEACHERS AND SUPPORT STAFF

This meeting will take place in Henderson next week, on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> September.

As there will only be a few staff members remaining at school, we would appreciate parents collecting their children as soon as possible after 12.30pm.

If you cannot collect your child(ren) or arrange for another parent to do so, we will be looking after them at school until 3.00pm. If you do arrange for another parent to collect your child, please let the office know as we cannot rely on that person to tell us. Thank you.

家长请注意·九月十二日周一·教师工组织在校外 (Henderson)开会, 很多老师需要离开学校前去参加会议。当天请家长们在12:30来接孩子。

会议当天学校会人手不够。如果您当天不能提早来接孩子, 请提前告诉老师, 我们安排老师照顾你的孩子。您可以在3点钟接。

感谢您的配合。

**Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2016**

#### PRINCIPAL'S SOAPBOX

Congratulations to all of the Year 2 children who took part in the Kapa Kowhai show this week. Your performances were outstanding and I am sure you all enjoyed being in a big show. Thank you to all of the parents, staff members and senior students who contributed to and supported this event. Your generous donation of time and expertise really helped our children to strive and soar!

Planning for our end of year Carnival is well and truly up and running with some great new features being discussed by our hardworking organising committee. Parents can help in many ways including:

- Supporting mufti days - at this time of the year, we ask parents to send along items that will help us to keep costs down and profits up, at the Carnival. More details out soon
- Offering your help for the Carnival on the 3<sup>rd</sup> December or by helping us to set up the night before

Please see my note at the end of this newsletter regarding the Paid Union Meeting next week.

Have a great week everyone!  
Neil Robinson - Principal

#### KAPA KOWHAI CONCERT- tonight at 7.00pm!

The dress rehearsal for the school and matinee show have both gone really well this week and we are looking forward to another great performance this evening. There will be car parking available on the courts. Be there early to get a good seat.



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## BLOCKHOUSE BAY-LYNFIELD LIONS CLUB FUNDRAISER

Our school are proud to be able to support our local Lions club with their latest fundraising effort. The club are collecting money to provide equipment for children with severe mobility impairment.

On Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> October, the Lions club will be running a major event at the school which will include members of the community walking or running 10 laps of our school grounds. Our children are also invited to take part in this event. Participants will be encouraged to sign-up sponsors from other members of the community before the day, and then complete the challenge and collect this money so that it can be used to help children who need these walking frames.

The event will start at 10am that morning and there will be a number of other activities happening to keep everyone fed and busy. More information will be sent out soon or go to the following: [www.youtube.com/watch?v=oDXyz444P4U](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oDXyz444P4U)

## TERM THREE HIGHLIGHTS

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> September - Evening show for Kowhai Dance Performance - be seated by 6.45pm

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> September - Assessment at our school for Year 6 children going to BBI

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> September - Kauri Assembly **11.20am PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF TIME**  
(note, parents can take children home after this assembly if they wish)

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> September - Teachers Meeting - see note at the top of this newsletter.  
(Please collect children as soon as possible after 12.30pm)

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> September - Junior (Pohutukawa & Kowhai) assembly 2.15pm

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> September - Disco - Juniors 5.00-6.00pm Rimu/Kauri 6.30-8.00pm

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> September - Mufti Day/ Sausage sizzle

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> September - Rimu Assembly 2pm

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> September - Last day of term - 3.00pm finish

## BLOCKHOUSE BAY INTERMEDIATE OUT OF ZONE BALLOT

Blockhouse Bay Intermediate School - Out of Zone enrolments. Closes on the 12<sup>th</sup> October 4pm

Please email [office@bhbint.school.nz](mailto:office@bhbint.school.nz) for a pack or contact the school office on 6266414.

Thank you.

## PTA NEWS

This week we just have a couple of notices from Pita Pit:

1. It's a Pita Pit prize week on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> September.

Just order your Pita Pit lunch next week and be in the draw to win...

- A Reading Cinema double movie pass
- Pita Pit summer stash sacks
- Pita Pit sipper bottle
- Touch rugby ball
- Silver Ferns Netball
- Free kids pitas

2. Hi School Netballers,

Pita Pit New Lynn have had a few queries by parents and players unable to get down to the store to redeem their free Player of the Day Pita vouchers by the September 4th expiry on their certificates.

No problem!! We have extended this expiry out to the end of the Term 3 school holiday break (Sunday October 9th). We look forward to seeing you in the store over the break.

Next PTA Carnival meeting - Monday 10th October at 7:30pm in staffroom - All welcome to come and lend a hand in planning our main fundraising event of the year.

**School disco- Friday 16th September- Next week!**

Years 0-2 from 5-6pm followed by Years 3-6 from 6:30-8pm

Parent helpers needed for both discos please. Email Annette at [pta@blockhousebay.school.nz](mailto:pta@blockhousebay.school.nz) if you are able to stay and help sell food/drinks OR if you are willing to donate home baked goodies to sell on the evening.

## **YEAR 4 SLEEPOVER - Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> November**

As we usually do this each year we booked to have the event take place at Motu Moana, but because of the use of the camp by the army, we were not able to do this.

We have decided then to have the sleepover at school. We still think the sleepover is an important event for a number of reasons including that it gives children a taste of this before they go to the Year 5 and 6 camp. Having the sleepover at school gives us the ability to reduce costs too as we are mindful of our request that families purchase a Chromebook for 2017. We estimate the cost of the sleepover will be no more than \$10.00 per child.

## **CARE 4 KIDZ Out of School Care Programme**

We are again running a Holiday Programme for children of Blockhouse Bay Primary School.

(26 - 30 September and 3 - 7 October)

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

Enrolments will be taken until Monday 19 September.

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

## **PAID UNION MEETING ON MONDAY - the key points**

As you know, we are asking parents to collect their children early from school next Monday so that teachers can attend their Paid Union Meeting. Please do not be convinced by the media who are reporting that this is a Stop Work Meeting with school closures. Paid Union Meetings are allowed for in legislation but schools cannot be closed for them. It is totally misleading that some media outlets are implying that this is a strike.

I attended a similar meeting on Monday so that I could be here at school with the children next week. The key points I took out of this meeting were:

- There is nothing for teachers to personally gain from disagreeing with these proposed changes. They are prepared to complain though because the way the changes are written, will not be good for children.
- Early Childhood Centres have been 'Globally Funded' (new term for bulk funding) since 2009. They have not received a real increase in funding since 2010.
- Schools do not want to be in this position because things like wages and other expenses like paying for property work or other resources are all increasing in cost. If we are bulk funded, the only way we could cut costs would be through less spending on children, reducing support for children (teacher aides) or raising class sizes - none of which helps learning
- If you think this won't happen to us, it already is. School funding is frozen for 2016.
- This is the first time in a generation that the Secondary teachers union (PPTA) and the Primary Teachers and Support Staff Union (NZEI), have been appealing together on something. This surely shows people how serious this situation could end up?
- Other recommended changes to the Education Act paves the way for a number of schools to be run by the same Board of Trustees. We believe that the current system works very well and would be totally against this.

Next Monday, a large number of our teachers will be attending their meeting to discuss these and other matters. **If you can come and pick up your children, we would appreciate that. If you are going to arrange for a different parent to collect your child, please let us know through email or a phone call to the office.**

**However, we are very much aware that some of our parents will have difficulty collecting their children in the afternoon on this day so we will make sure that there are enough staff members left at school to look after them for those who cannot do this.**

This means that parents, you have the choice of either:

1. Preferably, collecting your children from school between 12.30 - 3.00pm, or
2. Collecting your children at 3.00pm as usual

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