



Blockhouse Bay

Primary School

We Seek - We Strive - We Soar

Thursday 2nd May 2019

Dear Parents and Caregivers

We would like to welcome everyone back to the new term, especially all the new families who have joined us recently.

We have a very full programme organised for the children over the next 10 weeks and look forward to working with you all to ensure that they make the most of these opportunities.

Tomorrow, we will welcome back a very tired group of Year 6 children (plus parents and teachers) from camp at around 3.00pm. I am sure that this will have been a real highlight for them.

Next week, we host the team from MOTAT (Museum of Transport and Technology) who will be working with all of the children. If you have not yet paid for your child to take part in this programme, please send the money along to school - \$10 per child, \$20 for two children or a maximum of \$25 for three or more children.

Lastly, nominations open tomorrow for the school's Board of Trustees elections and information will be sent to all parents regarding this.

Have a great week everyone!

NEIL ROBINSON
PRINCIPAL

LYNFIELD KAHUI AKO - TEACHERS MEETING - Thursday 16th May - School closes at 1.00pm

On this afternoon all of the local schools will be closing early and the 300 or so teachers will be meeting at Blockhouse Bay Intermediate to look at the new Digital Curriculum. Blockhouse Bay Primary School will be closing at 1.00pm and as no teachers will be left at the school, we ask that parents make alternative arrangements for their children's supervision. We apologise for any inconvenience that this will cause.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS - TERM TWO - 2019

Please check weekly as dates can often change throughout the term.

Fri 3 rd May	Year 6 Camp returns from Lakewood Lodge
Fri 3 rd May	2.15pm - Whole Rimu Assembly
Fri 3 rd May	Year 6 Camp Returns approx 3.00pm
Mon 6 th May	Motat at BHB Primary this week
Tues 7 th May	Paid Union Meeting for teachers. No changes for children, school will finish at 3.00pm
Tues 7 th May	2.30pm-Kowhai Assembly
Fri 10 th May	2.15pm - Rimu-Te Raranga Assembly
Tues 14 th May	Interschool Cross Country for selected students at Blockhouse Bay Reserve
Tues 14 th May	2.30pm-Pohutukawa Assembly
Tues 14 th May	6.00pm - Board of Trustees Meeting
Thurs 16 th May	Lynfield Kahui Ako - Teachers Meeting Children sent home at 1.00pm
Fri 17 th May	9.00am Kauri Assembly
Fri 17 th May	2.15pm - Rimu Kete Whanau Assembly
Tues 21 st May	9.20am - Junior Cross Country
Fri 24 th May	2.15pm - Rimu Te Raranga Assembly
Tues 28 th May	9am - Teddy Bears Picnic - Pohutukawa
Tues 28 th May	2.30pm - Pohutukawa Assembly
Wed 29 th May	Teachers Strike Day (possible)- More details to come
To be advised	Junior Cross Country Postponement Day
Fri 31 st May	9am - Kauri Assembly
Fri 31 st May	2.15pm - Rimu-Kete Whanau Assembly
Mon 3 rd June	Queen's Birthday - No School today
Tues 4 th June	2.30pm - Kowhai Assembly
Fri 7 th June	2.15pm Rimu- Te Raranga Assembly
Tues 11 th June	2.30pm-Pohutukawa Assembly
Wed 12 th June	Inter School Swimming for selected students
Fri 14 th June	9.00am - Kauri Assembly
Fri 14 th June	Interschool Chess Tournament
Fri 14 th June	2.15pm - Rimu- Kete Whanau Assembly
Tues 18 th June	2.30pm Kowhai Assembly
Tues 18 th June	6.00pm - Board of Trustees Meeting
Fri 21 st June	2.15pm - Rimu- Te Raranga Assembly
Tues 25 th June	2.30pm- Pohutukawa Assembly
Wed 26 th June	Gymnastics Comp for selected students
Fri 28 th June	2.00pm Whole School Assembly
Tues 2 nd July	2.30pm Kowhai Assembly
Fri 5 th July	2.15pm - Rimu Whole Team Assembly
Fri 5 th July	End of Term 2 - 3.00pm finish



Blockhouse Bay

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SCHOOL STAFF UPDATE

I am pleased to announce that we have made an appointment to the role of Room 15 teacher when Wendy Spence leaves us at the end of Term Two.
Maya Beechey will take on this position and has already spend some days in Room 15.

PRINCIPALS SOAPBOX

We were very sad to hear the shocking news about the violence in Sri Lanka and our thoughts and condolences go out to the people who are affected by this tragedy.
There can be no justification for these actions and the possibility that they were in some way linked to similar acts in Christchurch or elsewhere is almost beyond belief.
We are very lucky to be living in such a warm and welcoming part of the world and I can assure you that at Blockhouse Bay School, we will continue to encourage and promote cultural understanding and tolerance and we know that our community members feel the same way.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES ELECTION

BOT elections happen every three years and are taking place soon. On our Board, there are 5 elected parent representative positions in addition to the Principal and a staff representative.

The BOT has appointed office staff members Raewyn Nicholson and Lyndal Van Ravenstein as our Returning Officers to run the election process. The time table is as follows:

- Friday 10th May - Call for nominations
- Friday 24th May - Nominations close
- Wednesday 29th May - Voting papers are sent by
- Friday 7th June - Election day
- Thursday 13th June - Results will be given to the school
- Friday 14th June - New Board takes office

Please ensure that the school has up to date contact details so that you can vote. If you are considering standing but have a few questions, please ask one of the office staff and they will put you in touch with either myself or another current board member.

Nga Mihi

Sheereen Ali - Blockhouse Bay School Board of Trustees Chairperson

BLOCKHOUSE BAY PRIMARY SCHOOL 2019 Board of Trustees Election

Nominations are invited for the election of five (5) parent representatives to the Board of Trustees.
A nomination form and notice calling for nominations will be posted to all eligible voters.

You can nominate another person to stand as a candidate, or you can nominate yourself. Both parts of the form must be signed.

Additional nomination forms can be obtained from the school office.

Nominations close at noon on **Friday 24th May 2019** and may be accompanied by a signed candidate statement and photograph.

The voting roll is open for inspection at the school and can be viewed during normal school hours.

There will also be a list of candidates' names, as they come to hand for inspection at the school.

Voting closes at noon on **Friday 7th June 2019**.

Raewyn Nicholson
Returning Officer

CHILDREN RIDING TO SCHOOL

As reported previously, only year 6 children can ride their bikes to school unless they are accompanied by their parent.

Some parents also like their children to ride their scooters to school and this can be great exercise for them. We do not want to stifle these fun physical activities, but we do need to place some rules around this to ensure that all children and visitors on the school grounds are safe.

- The riding of bicycles to and from school can only be done independently by Year 6 students and only after they have permission from the Principal.
- Shoes with wheels cannot be worn at school during school hours
- The rack for scooters and bikes is next to the netball courts and backs on to the pre-school. We strongly advise these are locked during the day to ensure that they are not taken.
- Parents are entirely responsible for children using scooters and any toys with wheels and we accept no responsibility for their use either before/after school or at other times e.g. weekends.
- Parents may wish to provide safety padding/helmets etc. and to tell their children to wear them, but this is up to the parents to enforce.
- Only children who own the toys can use them at school. This means that children who do not have permission from their parents, cannot use them.
- Children using wheel-based toys need to be mindful of other visitors to the school and not to use them at peak times or in areas where there are lots of children or adults.

VANDALISM AT SCHOOL

It takes a special type of person to damage a school and overall, our school get off quite lightly in terms of damage caused by unwelcome visitors. Just lately though, we have had our soccer goals broken and the flying fox removed. Both are in the process of being replaced but this money should be spent on the children. Thank you parents who help us by talking to people who do not respect our school and report any damage that they see.

Fundraisers at Blockhouse Bay Update

Welcome Back to Term 2! We hope you have all had a wonderful break. We are excitedly planning some super fun events in Term 2 which will include a Pie Lunch Day, a Movie Night and a Hot Milo & Cookie pop up stall. Keep your eyes peeled for more details coming soon.

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As always, if you have any questions, suggestions/ideas, or want to find out more about the FAB team, you can contact us at fab@blockhousebay.school.nz.



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7pm - Doors open
7:30-9pm - Joy's presentation
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