



Blockhouse Bay

Primary School

We Seek - We Strive - We Soar

10th August 2017

PRINCIPAL'S SOAPBOX

Parents may have noticed that we have once again installed outside speakers at school. This is not a cheap exercise but they do allow us to contact children and visitors to the school in a much more efficient way. We certainly hope that these speakers are left alone by thieves who have taken them in the past. We ask family members and visitors to our school to report any suspicious behaviour that is seen at the school, straight to the police.

Have a great week everyone!
Neil Robinson
Principal



CALENDAR OF EVENTS TERM THREE

Fri 11th August - Rimu Assembly - 2pm
Mon 14th August - Kauri Assembly - 2.15pm
Tues 15th August - ICAS Maths
Wed 16th August - Y5/6 Winter Sports Day
Thurs 17th August - Gymnastics Competition for selected pupils
Fri 18th August - Green Mufti Day & Turf Opening
Mon 21st August - Year Six students visit BBI
Thurs 24th August - Whole School Assembly-2pm
Fri 25th August - Daffodil Day
Fri 25th August - Rimu Assembly - 2pm
Mon 28th August - Kauri Assembly - 2.15pm
Thurs 31st August - Pohutukawa Assembly - 2.30pm
Fri 1st September - PTA Disco evening
Year 0-2 5.00-6.00pm, Year 3-6 6.30-8.00pm
Mon 11th Sept - Kauri Assembly - 2.15pm
Thurs 14th Sept - Pohutukawa Assembly - 2.30pm
Fri 15th Sept - Gymnastics Champion of Champions
Tues 19th Sept - Rimu Production Matinee 11.30am
Wed 20th Sept - Rimu Production Evening Show 7.00pm
Thurs 21st Sept - Rimu Production Show - 7.00pm
Mon 25th & Tuesday 26th Sept - School Photos
Thurs 28th Sept - Pohutukawa Assembly - 2.30pm
Fri 29th Sept - Mufti Day / Sausage Sizzle
Last day of Term 3 - 3.00pm finish

OPENING OF NEW TURF – Friday 18th August

It didn't happen overnight but it is about to happen!

The completion of this project is nearly upon us and we are going to recognise this achievement in a way that recognises how significant the new turf will be to the school and community, both now and in the future.

- 'Green' Mufti Day - children are encouraged to wear mufti on this day and if possible, wear something green - to match the main colour of the new turf. There is no charge as we just want to celebrate the day in a fun way.
- There will be a 'School Opening Ceremony' for the children during the day.
- 4.00pm - 'Official Opening Ceremony' - this is an opportunity for all families to join us for an event that truly celebrates the occasion. The schedule for the afternoon will be:
 - 4.00pm Staff from Sport Waitakere will organise fun events for the children
 - 4.45pm Speeches and ribbon cutting
 - 5.00pm End of opening, but families are welcome to 'play on'

Some food trucks will be there for snacks if people are interested.

Hope to see you there!

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STAFFING UPDATE

Tomorrow will be the last day for Room 10 teacher Natasha Dickson who is off to start a new life with her family in Rotorua. Natasha has been a loyal servant to the school for nearly 14 years working mostly in the year 3/4 Rimu team. As well as being a wonderful teacher, she has led a number of initiatives including mathematics, sports and leading the implementation of the new Health and Safety legislation at the school. We wish Natasha all the best of luck for this exciting new chapter in her life.

In a couple of weeks' time, one of our Learning Assistants, Pia Van Weelie will also be leaving the school. Pia has worked at Blockhouse Bay Primary School in a range of positions for over 17 years which is a remarkable achievement. She has always put the needs of the children at the forefront of everything she has done and the large number of children she has worked with would certainly agree with this. Pia is looking forward to spending more time with family both here and overseas and we wish her too, all the best of luck in the future.

We are very pleased to announce the appointment of a teacher to the school who will open a new class of 5 year olds in Room 24 in term four. Megan Le Gallais is currently teaching in a South Auckland primary school and is looking forward to joining us for this new phase of her career.

MATH-A-THON 2017

Students have been tested by their class teacher to set basic fact challenges appropriate for your child. Tomorrow children will be given practice sheets to learn as well as a sponsor sheet to start collecting sponsors and money. Math tests will take place during the week of September 4th. All sponsorship forms must be returned by Friday 22nd September to be eligible for prizes. There will be spot prizes, class prizes and prizes for children who collect the most money. Thank you for supporting this fundraiser. Funds will be used to upgrade the playground area in front of Rooms 12-15 into a new play and learning area.



WORM JUICE - GREAT FOR YOUR GARDEN!

2 litres of undiluted worm juice, gathered by our wonderful Green Crusaders, is available from the office for an amazing price of just \$2.00. This will make up at least 20 litres of diluted feed for your garden! Please collect from the school office.

GYMNASTICS FINALS - West Central Zones (Thursday 17th August)

Students who qualified for the West / Central Zones Gymnastics Competition will need to make sure that they return their permission slip and money for this event to Mr Bennett in Room 4 as soon as possible! Reminder that training for everyone is on Wednesdays, 8:00am sharp in the PAC.

INTER-SCHOOL NETBALL RESULTS (Previous 3 games)

BHB Diamonds vs Prospect Panthers (Loss).	Player of the Day Pearl Ticharwa
BHB Diamonds (7) vs Marina View Steel (1).	Player of the Day Jessica Knight
BHB Diamonds - Default	

BHB Sapphires (9) vs. Flanshaw Moonwalkers (3).	Player of the Day Emma Wagner
BHB Sapphires (13) vs. Konini Kiwis (10).	Player of the Day Selitema Gallaher
BHB Sapphires (14) vs Titirangi Fantails (4).	Player of the Day Harmaan Mahey

2017 Winter Field Day (Year 5 & 6 Students)

Next week Wednesday 16th August, weather permitting, the annual 'Inter-school Winter Field Day Sports Exchange' will be happening. This is a huge event for our sports cluster with around 14 schools participating on the day. Notices have gone home already on Monday to all students involved. Every student who has turned up to trials and training for Rippa Rugby, Hockey and Football have made it into a team which is great!

For this huge event, where we have a lot of students participating, parent help is needed. Each team MUST have a parent supervising them for the day. You don't need to umpire or referee, just supervise the students. If you can help that would be greatly appreciated, otherwise some teams may have to be withdrawn. If you have any questions please see the relevant teachers in charge on the day - Football and Rippa Rugby (Mr Bennett), Netball (Mrs Davis), Hockey (Mrs Kilpatrick).

Blockhouse Bay Intermediate - Parent Information Evening

Parents and Caregivers are welcome to attend an Information Evening. Information about the school, how we deliver the curriculum and the opportunities offered and available to students will be shared. There will also be an opportunity for families to meet and talk with students and staff members.

6pm-7.30pm School Hall Thursday 10th August

PTA NEWS

Friday Lunch next week- Friday 18th August- PITA PIT ONLY FOR ONE WEEK ONLY

Next Friday you can order fresh, healthy Pita Pit for your lunchbox (No sushi, cafe or pizza next week). Pita Pit order forms will be given out in class on Monday and must be returned to the office by Thursday 9am. PITA PIT is back for one week only so don't miss out on a tasty lunch!!!! Sushi and pizza returns the following week.

School Carnival (Saturday 2nd December) help needed- we need new items donated for our Carnival raffle please. If you work for a business or know someone who may be able to donate an item please email pta@blockhousebay.school.nz. In return for donations we will list them as a sponsor before and at the event, on Facebook and for donations over \$100 sponsors can choose a stall to have their logo displayed on. Previous raffle items have included NEW tools, outdoor equipment, storage supplies, scooters, vouchers and they are all very gratefully received to help support our school fundraising.

Next school disco- Friday 1st September

Year 0-2 from 5-6pm followed by Years 3-6 from 6:30-8pm. \$5 entry per child. Food, drinks and glow items available to buy.

Next PTA meeting- Monday 28th August at 7:30pm in staffroom. If you can't attend the meeting but would like to help in any way, please email pta@blockhousebay.school.nz with the subject "friend" to join our Friends of the PTA mailing list. You will receive one or two emails a term with ideas of how you can help.

SICKNESS AT SCHOOL

We have noticed an increase in the amount of unwell children being sent to school. If your child has had a fever during the night or on the morning of the school day, please do not give them Panadol and send them to school. Panadol very quickly wears off and children become quite unwell and upset. Please keep your child at home until they are well.

We also ask if your child has vomited during the night or in the morning that you keep them at home for at least 24 hours.

Keeping your unwell child at home will hopefully stop the spread of the virus amongst other children at school and the school staff. Thank You.

HEAD LICE -It's that time of year when head lice make an appearance again. Parents please check your child's hair weekly. Shampoos and treatments are available from your local chemist or your GP can give you a prescription. An information leaflet is available from the school office.

CHANGE OF CLOTHES

The school office has recently lent a spare change of clothes to quite a few children who have got wet or muddy. We ask that these clothes please be washed and returned to the office ASAP as we have now run out of any spares.

Parents, if you have any clean spare shorts or skorts at home (particularly size 4-8) your child has grown out of could you please donate them to the school office for spare clothes. Thanking you.



DAFFODIL DAY - 25th AUGUST 2017

Every year at Blockhouse Bay Primary we support the Cancer Society Daffodil Day by selling Daffodils at the school office. Children can bring a gold coin donation on this day and receive a daffodil and sticker.

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this winter...

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