



**Blockhouse Bay**

Primary School

*We Seek - We Strive - We Soar*

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2020

**PRINCIPAL'S SOAPBOX**

There is a very settled atmosphere at school and the children are working hard and enjoying being back. Thank you to everyone who has helped to prepare the children for the new school year.

Following on from one of our most successful School Carnivals ever, (around \$20 000 raised), our FAB Team (Fundraisers at Blockhouse Bay) will be meeting soon to plan out the fundraising events for the year. All parents are very welcome to come to this and any other meetings throughout the year. The date and time for this meeting will be decided soon and this information will be in next week's newsletter.

Our Year 6 classes are at school camp this week and I am sure that they will return tomorrow tired, but with lots of great stories to tell.

Lastly, thank you to everyone who supported our Whanau Aroha Day that took place on Monday. This was a great way for the children to learn about each other's culture and to try food from other countries. We truly are lucky to live in a community that respects and values its diversity.

Have a great week everyone.  
Neil Robison - Principal



*Whakatau 2020 – Welcome for the new students and staff.*



*Chinese New Year Celebrations at school.*



*Whānau Aroha Day on Monday 10th February.*



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## CORONAVIRUS

A number of children are beginning to return to school after completing the quarantine process. Thank you to all of our parents who have completed this voluntary stand-down time for the sake of everyone's health. We are doing everything we can here to make sure that everyone is safe and parents are asked to contact the school office if you have any questions or concerns.

## Revised 2020 Dates

Term One Ends at 3.00pm on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> April  
Term Two Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> April to Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July  
Term Three Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July to Friday 25<sup>th</sup> September  
Term Four Monday 12<sup>th</sup> October to Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December

## Teacher Only Days

- \* Friday 29th May (Friday of Queen's Birthday weekend)
- \* Friday 23rd October (Friday of Labour Weekend)
- \* Friday 20<sup>th</sup> November
- \* Wednesday 16th December (day after school closes at the end of the year)

## THE SCHOOL DAY

The instructional school day goes from 8.50am - 3.00pm The children should arrive at school **no later than 8.30am** so that they can be ready for the start of the first lesson.

**We prefer that no child should arrive in the school grounds before 8.15am as staff members are busy preparing for the day and cannot supervise children before this time.** Whilst we realise that this does not suit all parents, we feel that the children's safety is very important. Please contact the school office for details about our Before School Care programme if you wish to have your child at school before 8.15am.

## CONTACT DETAILS FOR PARENTS AND CAREGIVERS

We sometimes need to contact parents urgently, so if you have moved house or changed any of your contact phone numbers, please ensure you inform the school office of your new details.

## STATIONERY FOR SCHOOL

If you have not already purchased your child's stationery for school you can still purchase it online by going to [www.myschool.co.nz/blockhousebayprimary](http://www.myschool.co.nz/blockhousebayprimary) enter your child's name and choose the pack that you require. They will deliver this to your home.

## SWIMMING POOL

Additional leaks have been found and we are working hard to get these fixed and the pool painted as quickly as possible. At this stage, it looks as though we will be opening the pool on the 24<sup>th</sup> February and will update classes when it is their time to swim.

## CAN MY CHILD RIDE THEIR BIKE TO SCHOOL?

We have been advised by the Police that children under the age of 10 should not be riding their bikes on the streets around the school as they are unlikely to have the ability to cope with the challenges that this area has. Because of this, our rule is that only Year 6 children can ride their bikes to school. The only exception to this is if an adult is riding alongside their younger children.

To gain permission to ride their bikes, **the Year 6 child needs to write a letter** themselves to Mr Robinson requesting permission. Parents will need to sign the letter to show that they have approved this.

In the letter, the children will need to include:

- That they have permission from their parent(s) - letter needs to be signed by the parent
- They will follow the road rules
- They will wear shoes and a bike helmet
- They will not ride it in the school grounds or let other children ride their bike

## CELLPHONES AND PHONE WATCHES AT SCHOOL

These are valuable items which can cause issues if they are brought to school and are available for use in the classroom or playground. For these reasons, all cellphones and phone watches that do come to school, need to be handed in to the school office in the morning and collected from there at the end of the day.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### FREE EARLY MORNING FITNESS CLASSES

A local person is offering to run these on the school turf from 7.00-7.45am every Saturday morning. For more details please phone 0211249639 or email redefining [athleticism@gmail.com](mailto:athleticism@gmail.com) / Facebook RedefiningAthleticism / Instagram: redefining\_athleticism

## MUSIQHUB

**HAVE A GO!** session for **students and parents**

Come along to the MusiqHub 'Have a go!' afternoon at Blockhouse Bay Primary. This is a great opportunity to find out about music lessons at your school, meet the teacher, **try the instruments** and discuss the details of the Musiqhub program on offer at BHBP.

**When:** Wed 19th FEB

**Where:** PAC foyer

**Time:** 3-3:45pm

**We look forward to seeing you!**

If you have any questions regarding music lessons for your child, please contact Jakub on 02102420972, email. [jakub.roznawski@musiqhub.co.nz](mailto:jakub.roznawski@musiqhub.co.nz) or via our website [www.musiqhub.co.nz](http://www.musiqhub.co.nz).



*Happy New Year and Xin Nian Kuai Le to all children, parents, caregivers and supporters of the school.*

### TERM ONE CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2020

Further dates will be published in the First Newsletter next year. Please check the calendar weekly as dates and times may change.

Fri 14th Feb	2.15pm - Combined Rimu Assembly
Mon 17th-28th Feb	Dental Caravan at school
Mon 17th Feb	2.15pm-Kauri Assembly
Tues 18th Feb	2.30pm - Pohutukawa Assembly
Fri 21st Feb	2.15pm-Rimu-Te Raranga Assembly
Tues 25th Feb	2.30pm - Kowhai Assembly
Wed 26th Feb	Y5/6 T Ball Tournament
Fri 28th Feb	2.15pm-Rimu -Kete Whanau Assembly
Mon 2nd March	2.15pm-Kauri Assembly
Tues 3rd March	2.30pm Pohutukawa Assembly
Wed 4th March	Y5/6 T Ball Savings Day
Fri 6th March	2.15pm -Rimu-Te Raranga Assembly
Tues 10th March	2.30pm - Kowhai Assembly
Fri 13th March	2.15pm -Rimu-Kete Whanau Assembly
Mon 16th March	2.15pm Kauri Assembly
Tues 17th March	2.30pm Pohutukawa Assembly
Wed 18th March	Y5/6 Cricket Field Day
Fri 20th-Sat 21st March	School Centenary
Tues 24th March	2.30pm - Kowhai Assembly
Fri 27th March	2.15pm -Rimu-Kete Whanau Assembly
Mon 30th March	2.15pm Kauri Assembly
Fri 3rd April	2.15pm -Combined Rimu Assembly
Tues 7th April	2.30pm - Kowhai Assembly
Wed 8th April	2.00pm - Whole School Assembly
Thurs 9th April	3.00pm -Term One Ends



  
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