



**Blockhouse Bay**  
Primary School  
*We Seek - We Strive - We Soar*

**Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> June 2019**

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

On behalf of the school community, we would like to thank all of the people who put their names forward to be considered for the Board of Trustees. Thank you too to everyone who voted in the elections. The result of the elections will be available on the website early next week and in next weeks newsletter.

There are a number of very exciting events happening for the children over the next few weeks and I ask that families keep a close eye on this newsletter and other information that will be coming home about these. Next week's Wacky Hair Day is always a real highlight and our Matariki Morning the following week should also add some memorable moments.

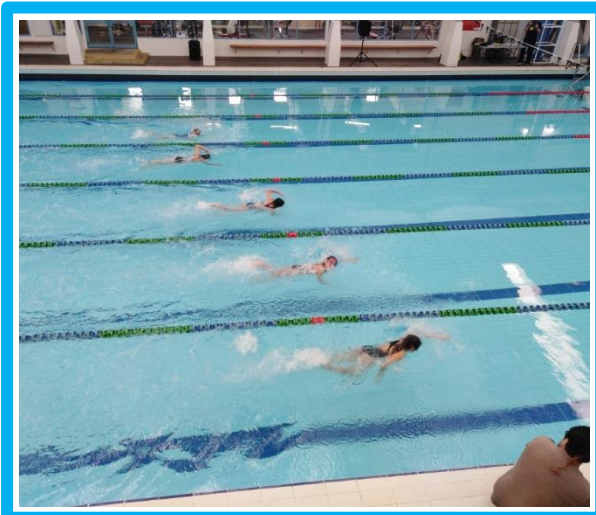
We look forward to meeting with families this evening about the school's Bring Your Own Device initiative and the information session on how we can keep your children safe on line when using devices at home.

Lastly, good luck to our chess team that are representing us at the interschool event tomorrow.

Have a great week everyone!

**NEIL ROBINSON**  
PRINCIPAL

Pictures are from the Interschool Swimming Sports held on Wednesday this week. Results follow



**CALENDAR OF EVENTS - TERM TWO - 2019**

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

- Fri 14th June 9.00am - Kauri Assembly
- Fri 14th June Interschool Chess Tournament
- Fri 14th June 2.15pm - Rimu- Kete Whanau Assembly
- Tues 18th June 2.30pm Kowhai Assembly
- Mon 17th June 6.00pm - Board of Trustees Meeting
- Fri 21st June 2.15pm - Rimu- Te Raranga Assembly
- Fri 21st June Wacky Hair Day
- Tues 25th June 2.30pm - Pohutukawa Assembly
- Tues 25th June Matariki Breakfast
- Tues 25th June Boys Gymnastics Fun Festival for selected students
- Wed 26th June Girls Gymnastics Fun Festival for selected students
- Fri 28th June 2.00pm Whole School Assembly
- Tues 2<sup>nd</sup> July Parent/Student/Teacher Conferences - school closes at 12.45pm
- Wed 3rd July Parent/Student/Teacher Conferences
- Fri 5th July 2.15pm - Rimu Whole Team Assembly
- Fri 5th July Mufti Day - Sausage Sizzle - More information to come
- Fri 5th July End of Term 2 - 3.00pm finish

A future National Geographic photographer's very first perfect shot...



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## PARENT / CHILD / TEACHER CONFERENCES

Last week, we sent home information about how parents can book a time to meet with their child's teacher for the mid-year conferences. These take place on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> and Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July. The teachers enjoy meeting with families to have these discussions so if these dates do not suit you, please organise a different time with your child's teacher.

Please note that **school closes for the day at 12.45pm on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July** so that we have enough time for these meetings to take place. School finishes at the usual time of 3.00pm on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July.

### PARENT MEETING FOR *BRING YOUR OWN DEVICE* - Tonight - 6.30pm

This meeting is open to all interested parents but is particularly targeted at those who have children in **Years 4-6**.

At this meeting, students will be sharing what and how they learn on devices and teachers will be available to answer questions. We will also be having a guest speaker from 'Family Zone' who offer online software available for parents that monitors what their children are viewing in real time.

### WHOLE SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

We like to get together once a term to share some learning highlights and recognise children who have demonstrated our core school values. Our next whole school assembly will take place on the afternoon of Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June and families are very welcome to attend.

### WACKY HAIR DAY - Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June (next week)

Wacky Hair Day is designed to provide a bit of extra fun in the school day whilst encouraging the children to donate a gold coin to a worthy cause, by dressing their hair up in a funny way. Wigs are fine but some families choose to dress up their children's hair in a whole range of ways. Because there can sometimes be some mess involved, the children are allowed to wear mufti on this day if they are taking part in Wacky Hair Day. We will have a parade for Wacky Hair Day at 9.00am so we invite all parents to watch or even join in the fun.

Earlier in the year, we had planned to have a fundraiser for the Make A Wish Foundation but due to some challenging circumstances, this needed to be rescheduled. We have now decided to donate all of the proceeds for Wacky Hair Day, to this worthy cause.

The Make a Wish Foundation is an international fundraising agency that collects money to go to children who have serious health issues. They try to grant a wish to children who have had these experiences and these can range from a bedroom make over, to meeting someone famous to a special overseas trip.

### ICAS TESTING 2019

**2019 International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS)** are Australian online tests ( Apart from Year 4 Writing) which are completed in some schools under normal examination conditions. Parents may choose to have their child sit these tests as they give them experience of external exam conditions, provide some alternative information about their child's strengths and highlight areas that may require more attention. **These tests are for years 4 - 6 children only.**

The ICAS assessments will take place in the school between the 3<sup>rd</sup> of September and the 19<sup>th</sup> of September . You may wish for your child to sit some or all of the following exams:  
Digital Technologies, Science, Writing, Spelling Bee, English or Maths.

The ICAS assessments will take place in our school on the following dates:

Digital Technologies Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September,  
Science Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> September,  
Writing Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> September,  
Spelling Bee Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> September,  
English Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> September and  
Maths Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> September.

Order forms may be collected from the school office must be returned to the school office by: Friday the 9<sup>th</sup> August.

Practice questions can be viewed online at: <https://www.eaa.unsw.edu.au/icas/download-practice-questions>  
**Late entries cannot be accepted.**

## INTERSCHOOL SWIMMING SPORTS

Well done to the 18 children from Year 4 to 6 that participated in the South West Swimming Carnival at Cameron Pool on Wednesday. All of the children competed with enthusiasm against some strong swimmers from other schools. Congratulations to the following children that achieved individual placings in the finals

### Individual Results

<b>Neena Timmins</b>	1st Place 8 Year Old Girls 25m Freestyle, 1st Place 25m Backstroke
<b>Angela Lui</b>	3rd Place 8 Year Old Girls 25m Freestyle, 3rd Place 25m Backstroke
<b>Yaan Leyland</b>	2nd Place 8 Year Old Boys 25m Freestyle, 2nd Place 25m Backstroke
<b>Addison Leaning</b>	3rd Place 9 Year Old Girls 25m Freestyle, 3rd Place 25m Backstroke
<b>Krish Reddy</b>	1st Place 9 Year Old Boys 25m Freestyle, 2nd Place 25m Backstroke
<b>Lana Goldsbro</b>	3rd Place 10 Year Old Girls 25m Freestyle
<b>Jesse Jackson</b>	3rd Place 10 Year Old Girls Backstroke
<b>Zi Ang Jia</b>	3rd Place 10 Year Boys Freestyle
<b>Charlie Timmins</b>	2nd Place 10 Year Boys Backstroke

### Relay Results

<u>8 Year Old Relay</u>	1st Place	<u>9 Year Old Relay</u>	2nd Place	<u>10 Year Old Relay</u>	2nd Place
Neena Timmins		Krish Reddy		Amelia Smith	
Angela Lui		Keqi Wu		Lana Goldsbro	
Yaan Leyland		Addison Leaning		Charlie MacGibbon	
Sian Gwin		Sophie Zhou		Zi Ang Jia	

## TREE FELLING

After a very long period of discussion and review, it seems quite possible that the old pine trees between Countdown and our school field may finally be taken down soon. The Board of Trustees have long argued that this is a serious health and safety concern and we were very pleased to hear that this is close to happening. If everything goes to plan, this work will take place during the next school holidays and we thank the Council for their willingness to arrange their work schedule around us. Families are advised to keep well away from this area when this work is taking place.

## NETBALL RESULTS - Week Ending 9th June 2019

<b>BHB EMERALDS (1) vs KELSTON SCHOOL KEREHANA RED (30)</b>	<b>Player of the Day - Sophie Hutchinson</b>
<b>BHB OPALS vs PENINSULA PRIMARY - Friendly game</b>	<b>Player of the Day Ashmeet Kaur</b>
<b>BHB CRYSTALS (2) vs ARAHOE STARS (4)</b>	<b>Player of the Day - Avani Naidu</b>
<b>BHB RUBIES (0) vs KAURILANDS WARRIORS (6)</b>	<b>Player of the Day - Magnolia Bell</b>

**BEACH CLEAN UP:-** A group of children in Whanau Kotahi (our year six space) are going to have a beach cleanup on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> June at 11.30am - 1pm. This is part of an inquiry project for the year six children. They want to make our ecosystem (aka Blockhouse Bay Beach ) clean and help to save our sea animals. If any parents would like to come and help us please email [claires@blockhousebay.school.nz](mailto:claires@blockhousebay.school.nz)

**BAKE SALE:-** Whanau Kotahi are raising funds for the homeless and also to fundraise money to buy trees for school. This will be on **Thursday 27th June**. All students may bring a gold coin to purchase something yummy.

## COMMUNITY NOTICES

### GETTING A LOAN FROM ASB

Rush to get your school \$500.00 -Get in now before 30<sup>th</sup> June expiry! If you're a parent, staff member or a member of the school community and draw down a new ASB home loan of \$250,000 or more, ASB will donate \$500 to your chosen participating school.



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