



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

Thursday 14th March 2019

Greetings to you all,
Next week, I will be in Melbourne at the National Future Schools Conference. It is essential that our school continues to be at the forefront of modern learning to make sure that we help the children as much as possible to be prepared for their future. I will be attending seminars and keynote presentations on leadership and change management in 21st Century schools as well as meeting with other leaders from across the southern hemisphere to exchange ideas and discuss possible future initiatives.

The same conference has a strong Digital Technology strand so our leader in this area Felicity Davis will be attending this aspect of the conference. The use of digital technology has been a focus for the school for a long time and next year, the implementation of the new Digital Technology curriculum becomes mandatory, so it is critical that we are well prepared for this.

Next week, teachers from across the country will be meeting to discuss the government's latest offer for our Collective Agreement. For teachers in this area, these meetings will take place on Tuesday. As stated earlier, we understand how difficult it is for parents when we close the school so we are remaining open for instruction on this day. A portion of our teachers will attend the morning session and the rest in the afternoon. This will mean that usual classes cannot take place but **the children will be looked after at school all day.**

Have a great week everyone.
Neil Robinson - Principal

PŌHUTUKAWA WHĀNAU AROHA DAY

On Tuesday the 5th of March Pōhutukawa celebrated all of our families and cultures with a Whānau Aroha Day. The children came dressed in their cultural clothes or wore something that reflected their unique identity. It was fun to discover where the children and their families come from. It was exciting to take part in workshops that explored the cultures of our Pōhutukawa teachers. One even included milking a cow (not a real one)! Our families came and shared their cultural and family traditions with their child's class. This was followed by a spectacular shared feast. Each child brought a special plate of food that is part of their family culture. It was so lovely to eat and chat together with all of the children and families. We finished our celebrations at the Pōhutukawa Assembly where the children shared songs and learning about their culture and where they come from. Thank you to all the families who prepared the delicious food and came to share in our celebrations.

We appreciate your support. It was a wonderful day from start to finish.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS TERM ONE 2019

Fri 15 th Mar	-2.00pm Te Raranga Rimu Assembly -Rms 2/3/9/12
Tues 19 th Mar	-2.30pm Pōhutukawa Assembly
Thurs 21 st Mar	-Y5/6 Interschool Cricket Field Day
Fri 22 nd Mar	-9.00am Kauri Assembly
Fri 22 nd Mar	-2.00pm Kete Whānau Rimu Assembly Rms 13/14/15
Tues 26 th Mar	-2.30pm Kowhai Assembly
Wed 27 th March	-Kauri/Rimu Cross Country
Fri 29 th March	-2.00pm Te Raranga Rimu Assembly Rms 2/3/9/12
Fri 29 th March	-Rimu & Kauri Cross Country Savings Day
Tues 2 nd April	-2.30pm- Pōhutukawa Assembly
Thurs 4 th April	-2.00pm Whole School Assembly
Fri 5 th April	-9.00am - Kauri Assembly
Fri 5 th April	-2.00pm Kete Whānau Rimu Assembly Rms 13/14/15
Tues 9 th April	-2.30pm Kowhai Assembly
Wed 10 th April	-Y5/6 Interschool Cricket Postponement Day
Fri 12 th April	-2.00pm Whole Rimu Assembly
Fri 12 th April	-Term One Ends (3.00pm)



Blockhouse Bay

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

MULTI-AWARD WINNING




Magic Kingdom Childcare

(09) 626 4251
115 Boundary Rd, BHBay
(next to Bupa)
www.chrysaliscare.co.nz

CALLING ALL SUPERHEROES!! Friday next week

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.

We like to do something every year that benefits a group that is outside the school and two Blockhouse Bay School children have been beneficiaries from this charity in the past so we thought that this would be ideal.

On Friday 22nd March, we are asking everyone to bring a gold coin for a special Coin Trail that we will have a school. We invite everyone to dress as a Superhero on this day which should be a lot of fun. This will happen at 9.00am so parents are welcome to stay at school to watch or even join in the fun!!

RIMU AND KAURI CROSS COUNTRY - two weeks to go

When: Wednesday 27th March 9.20am - 10.50am

Where: Around the school and in Gill Crescent.

Postponement Day (if needed): Friday 29th March 9.20am - 10.50am

This event is designed to give the children the chance to prepare for and meet a challenging situation in which they are all supported to do their best. In addition to this, the top 10 or so children in each race are invited to represent us at the inter-school event which takes place early in term two.

On race day, the younger Rimu children will run first at 9.20am and so on through to the older ones. Ages are worked out from what age the child will be on the 1st May 2019. This is because this is the date used for the inter-school event being held next term.

Students are asked to wear a shirt of a certain colour according to their age group, to help the judges on the finish line.

6/7 yr olds: Blue Shirts

8 yr olds: Green Shirts

9 yr olds: Red Shirts

10 yr olds: White Shirts

11 yr olds: Black Shirts

Parents are very welcome to come and cheer the children on.

HAVE YOU GOT 2020 VISION?

We always like to give families the holiday dates well in advance so that they can arrange to take their breaks during these times. At their last meeting, the Board of Trustees voted to confirm the following dates for

NEXT YEAR:

Term One Monday 3rd February to Thursday 9th April

Term Two Tuesday 28th April to Friday 3rd July

Term Three Monday 20th July to Friday 25th September

Term Four Monday 12th October to Wednesday 16th December

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.

MEDICAL UPDATES

Some students require items such as Epi Pens, Asthma Inhalers etc for medical conditions.

For safety reasons students are not allowed to keep these items in their school bag. If your child needs some medication while at school please see the school office for a Medical form and we will administer the medication when your child requires it. We also ask parents who already have medical items at school for their child to please ensure that these are updated before the expiry date.

Please note that we do not administer antibiotics at school.

FREE: We have a large glass aquarium at school. If anyone would like to collect it you can have it free of charge. Please contact Leanne in the school office on 627-9940

CAMP PAYMENTS FOR YEAR SIX STUDENTS

The clock is ticking on this exciting event for the Year 6 children as this experience will be a highlight of their time at the school.

With only a couple of months to go until camp we are reminding parents that any outstanding money for camp should be received at the school office by 22nd March.

This can be paid online or at the school office. Medical forms will be sent home shortly.

FLIPPA BALL RESULTS

Results week ending 10th March 2019

BHB Tiger Sharks 10

St Doms Sea Dragons 0

Player of the Day: Saalak Batiwala for his great attacking and defence skills

COUNTDOWN CROSSING

Thank you to the two parents who have volunteered to help our children cross safely at the Countdown car park area.

A reminder that children will not be allowed to enter this area without an adult. If you can help us after school for 10 mins please phone Mrs Elizabeth Crisp at the school office.

WHAT SCHOOL WORK CAN MY CHILD DO WHEN WE ARE AWAY ON HOLIDAY?

Because learning is cumulative, the government legislates that children need to be at school during term time. Parents need to be aware that taking children out of school will affect their learning.

We are aware however that for a range of reasons parents do need to take children out of school. **When these occasions to arise, we ask parents to send a letter or email to the Principal providing all of the relevant details so that permission can be granted.** If you send these to the office, they will pass it on.

Sometimes, parents ask the school if we can provide work for the children to do while they are away. In almost all cases, we do not provide any set work because:

- It takes the teacher time to set up - time that they could (and should) be spending preparing for the whole class
- The work we have sent in the past is very rarely completed or even attempted
- Learning tasks often need to be 'scaffolded' (assistance provided by a teacher)
- Any work that is completed then needs to be marked by the teacher, taking time that they could (and should) be spending preparing for the whole class.

If parents do take their children away from school during the school terms, we advise that they have the children complete a scrapbook of activities that they have experienced while they are away. This could be a diarised account of what they have done with travel or sightseeing tickets attached. Mathematics can be added by children including costs of the activity for everyone's tickets or other expenses. These accounts can then be shown to their classmates upon their return and can also be a worthwhile memento of their experience.

FAB NEWS

F@B Meeting on Tuesday 19th March, all welcome!

Mini Ice Blocks every Thursday in March! \$1 @, 3-3.30pm @ PAC.



Based on my experience ...
there are 4 areas sellers want to
discuss prior to putting their home
on the market with me...

1. The current local market and timing to get the home sold?
2. How to expose their property to the highest number of qualified buyers and to agents who control the buyers?
3. How much the property will realistically sell for?
4. And, ultimately why they should choose me as the agent to represent them.

If these are some of your
questions "Ask Avinesh"
over a cup of coffee...



Barfoot & Thompson

Avinesh Prasad | 021 834 280 | a.prasad@barfoot.co.nz

09 627 8325 | barfoot.co.nz



AUCKLAND
ORTHODONTICS

Specialist orthodontics for all ages



 Dr Nitin Raniga

BDS (Otago) DClinDent (Otago) MOrth RCSEd MRACDS (Orth)

ORTHODONTIST

6 Exminster St
Blockhouse Bay
Auckland 0600

Phone 09 627 3555
nitin@aucklandortho.co.nz
www.aucklandortho.co.nz

