



Blockhouse Bay

Primary School

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SCHOOL CLOSED ON FRIDAY 22ND NOVEMBER

A reminder that Blockhouse Bay School will be closed on **FRIDAY 22nd NOVEMBER** because of the teacher only day. Please ensure that your children are being looked after on this day.

11月22日(周五)学校关闭一天

11月22日 (周五) 教师会议日, 准备下一年的教学计划。因此学校当天关闭。请家长们提早安排孩子的看护。感谢大家的配合。

Thursday 14th November 2019

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Whānau,

The **Carnival** countdown is well and truly on with **just over two weeks** to go until this iconic event. Thank you to those parents who have offered to help so far. We are at the stage where we are really needing more adults who are able to commit to helping us run the day and it is quite urgent that this help is provided, especially in the 11-1pm and 1-3pm slots. Please let your child's teacher know if you can help or email fab@blockhousebay.school.nz.

Congratulations to everyone who had a part in yesterday's Talent Show. The finalists really performed well and the organising team had done a great job in preparing for the event. Thank you to Mrs Narayan and Miss Ponniah for giving the children this opportunity to shine.


Speaking of Mrs Narayan, it is congratulations to Melinda and Saadiyah Musa who have recently announced that they have babies due towards the end of term one next year.

Have a great weekend everyone
Neil Robinson
Principal



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TERM FOUR CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Please check weekly as dates and times may change.

Fri 15 th Nov	9.00am Kauri Assembly
Fri 15 th Nov	2.15pm - Rimu Kete Whānau Assembly
Sun 17 th Nov	FAB White Elephant Drop Off & Working Bee 2-4pm
Tues 19 th Nov	2.30pm Kōwhai Assembly
Fri 22 nd Nov	Teacher Only Day (No school this day)
Tue 26 th Nov	FAB Meeting 7.00pm in Staffroom - all welcome
Thurs 28 th Nov	2.00pm Whole School Assembly
Fri 29 th Nov	2.15pm - Rimu Kete Whānau Assembly
Sat 30 th Nov	School Carnival
Mon 2 nd Dec	Junior Athletics Day
Tues 3 rd Dec	2.30pm Kōwhai Assembly
Thurs 5 th Dec	Postponement Day Junior Athletics
Thurs 5 th Dec	Rainbows End trip for Y6 helpers
Fri 6 th Dec	2.15pm - Rimu Te Raranga Assembly
Mon 9 th Dec	Pōhutukawa Camp Day
Tues 10 th Dec	2.30pm - Pōhutukawa Assembly
Fri 13 th Dec	9.00am - Kauri Assembly
Fri 13 th Dec	2.15pm - Whole Rimu Assembly
Fri 13 th Dec	School Reports go home
Tues 17 th Dec	1.30pm - Year 6 Graduation Ceremony (Te Whau)
Thurs 19 th Dec	End of Term Four - 1.30pm



**BLOCKHOUSE BAY
PRIMARY SCHOOL
CARNIVAL**

**SATURDAY 30TH NOVEMBER
10AM - 2PM**

FAB FUNDRAISERS at Blockhouse Bay

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PETITION FOR SAFER SCHOOL BUSES - Feel free to take part in this if you wish.

First Union, representing bus drivers, has started a petition calling on the government to prioritise safety and the Living Wage for drivers when awarding school bus contracts. If you wish to join this process, please go to the following link

http://www.together.org.nz/safe_buses?utm_campaign=safe_buses&utm_medium=email&utm_source=together

SWIMMING POOL OPEN LATE!

We regret to inform everyone that the pool needs to be closed until mid-January. We have just found out that it requires urgent repairs and painting that can only be completed in summer (for the paint drying process) which of course upsets our plans to swim this year. We apologise to everyone for this inconvenience.

Swimming in classes will therefore not take place until Term one 2020.

Families will still have the opportunity to purchase a key from the school and then have use of the pool after school, on the weekends although we don't expect that this will start until around January 22nd. We have decided to halve the usual cost of this, as families will only be able to use the pool between opening time and when the pool closes on the 27th March 2020. The cost then will be \$85 for the season and then parents get \$25 back when they bring the key back at the end of the season. We will email people who hire a key, to let you know when they can use the pool.

Pool keys go on sale on Monday 25th November. Thank you to the parent volunteers who have offered to go on our "pool committee" - we will be contacting you shortly.

BLOCKHOUSE BAY SCHOOL GRADUATION CEREMONY – Tuesday 17th December

To celebrate our current Year 6's time at our school, we are having a prize giving and graduation ceremony for them. Parents/whanau of Year 6 students are welcome to attend this event. All children are initially able to have three family members attend, although there is sometimes the opportunity to obtain extra tickets if they are available. Please make a note of this date if you have a child who is in Year 6. Doors will open on the day at 12.50pm and we will start around 1.20pm. Please note that to prevent over-crowding, this is a ticket only event. More information regarding the graduation will be sent home soon.

SCHOOL HATS

A reminder to all parents that the children must have their school hat at school every day in Terms One and Four. If you need a hat for your child, please go on-line and order one in the usual way from www.argyleonline.co.nz.

TEACHER ONLY DAY - Friday 22nd November (next week)

On a Friday in November each year, we have a teacher only day to help our preparations for the following year's teaching and learning. Teachers come back to school in January anyway, but this helps us to get a head start on these plans.

Please note that the school will be closed on **Friday 22nd November**.

The school stays open for an additional day in December to make up for this learning time.

FLIPPA BALL RESULTS

Week ending 3rd November 2019

BHB (3) v Westmere Marlins (2)

Player of the Day: Annie for her excellent defence skills and getting that ball off the other team

Week ending 10th November 2019

BHB (3) v Balmoral Makos (1)

Player of the Day: Oli for scoring 2 of the 3 goals

PRINCIPALS SOAPBOX

You may be aware that the Government has offered to fund School Donations for Decile 1-7 schools. Blockhouse Bay School is Decile 7 and therefore qualifies for this. The Board of Trustees has voted to accept the Government's offer but it does come with some fish hooks which I will outline below.

* For the last few years, our School Donation has been \$200 per student, \$400 for two or \$500 for three or more. Around 85% of parents have made this optional payment which has netted the school around \$75 000 per year

* In 2020, the government will pay \$150 for every child who was here on July 1st 2019 which was 577 students x \$150 = \$86500.

Schools that accept the offer can charge for school camps and optional trips such as inter-school sports experiences. They cannot accept any additional contributions from parents however and this includes school trips and when we pay to have visitors come and present to the children at school. This means that as long as we only pay around \$12 000 next year for trips and visitors, the school will be no worse off and the parents will be very happy as they have not had to pay the School Donation (which most do).

However, accepting the Government Donation means that we can no longer ask for the \$40 per child that we ask parents to pay for the FAB. In 2019, this will be approximately \$12,000, which means that the fundraising group will not have this money available to them from now on.

As you can see, this was not a clear cut decision for the Board of Trustees, but they felt that parents would prefer not to have to pay the School Donation.



FAB NEWS

The countdown is on.....ONLY 16 days to our School Carnival! Don't forget that TOMORROW is \$2 Mufti Day. The money collected during this Mufti Day will be used towards prizes for the Carnival. We really appreciate everyone's support to help make our Carnival amazing!

This Sunday (17 November) at 2-4pm, we have another Carnival Working Bee and White Elephant Drop off. Please come along to help with jobs that need doing to get us organised for Carnival day - we meet at the PAC at 2pm. Plus get some Spring cleaning done and bring your second hand goods (no clothing or electrical goods) for our White elephant stall. The drop off area is by the school pool and you can drive up to the netball courts. Look forward to seeing you there!

WE ARE STILL LOOKING FOR....

- * Gazebos - Do you have a gazebo that you would be happy to loan to us to use on Carnival Day?
- * Henna Stall Helpers - Do you have an artistic flair? We are looking for helpers to assist Mrs Narayan at the Henna Stall on Carnival Day?

You can contact the FAB team for any info or queries by emailing us
- fab@blockhousebay.school.nz

FAB Date of Events:

Friday 15 November - \$2 Mufti Day (TOMORROW)

Sunday 17 November 2-4 pm - White Elephant Drop off & Carnival Working Bee

Week beginning Monday 25 November - Bring your White Elephant items at school drop off (8.30-9am) and at school pick up times (2.45-3.15pm).

Tuesday 26 November 7pm - FAB Meeting @ Staffroom - ALL WELCOME!

Friday 29 November - Drop off home baking for Cake Stall

Saturday 30 November - SCHOOL CARNIVAL!!!

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