



**Blockhouse Bay**

Primary School

*We Seek - We Strive - We Soar*

14<sup>th</sup> September 2017

**SCHOOL SURVEY**

Parents who have updated email addresses will have received a link to the school survey.

If you do not receive the email, parents can access the survey through the school website or follow this link below.

The survey will take around 15-20 minutes to complete and covers a wide range of topics including our effectiveness as an organisation and what improvements people think we could make.

To make it fair, we would like to have only **one response per household** so maybe families can meet around the computer to come to an agreement on the most suitable responses.

Of course parents who are not living together are very welcome to contribute separately. The cut-off date for the survey is midday on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September - next week.

: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/BHBPr CommunitySurvey>

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**TERM THREE**

- Fri 15<sup>th</sup> Sept - Pohutukawa Assembly - 2.30pm
- Fri 15<sup>th</sup> Sept - Gymnastics Champion of Champions
- Tues 19<sup>th</sup> Sept -Rimu Production Matinee 11.30am
- Wed 20<sup>th</sup> Sept -Rimu Production Evening Show 7.00pm
- Thurs 21<sup>st</sup> Sept- Rimu Production Show - 7.00pm
- Mon 25<sup>th</sup> & Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> Sept - School Photos
- Tues 26<sup>th</sup> Sept - Kowhai Assembly - 2.30pm
- Thurs 28<sup>th</sup> Sept - Pohutukawa Assembly - 2.30pm
- Fri 29<sup>th</sup> Sept - Mufti Day / Sausage Sizzle
- Last day of Term 3 - 3.00pm finish

Rimu Syndicate presents – 5 days to go

**'Mighty Maori Legends and Other Important Stories'**

Show Times:

Tuesday 19th September	11.30am	Matinee performance
Wednesday 20th September	7.00pm	Evening show
Thursday 21st September	7.00pm	Evening show

Adults \$12.00

Children \$7.00



Tickets are now on sale for everyone and we encourage you all to get in quick as there is unlikely to be door sales.

*We are in need of parent helpers to help with each of our shows, doing things like make-up and helping each class prepare for their item. You do not have to be a Rimu parent to help. If you can assist for any of the above shows, please email Jan Llewellyn on [janl@blockhousebay.school.nz](mailto:janl@blockhousebay.school.nz).*

**COMBINED MĀORI HUI / PASIFIKA FANAU FONONO EVENING**

A big thank you to all our families that attended the meeting last night. As always your input and attendance is extremely valued by the school, and we look forward to meeting with you all more in the future to continue our journey of learning together.



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## PRINCIPAL'S SOAPBOX

It is great to see that some people have already completed our school survey. This closes at the end of next week but we are really keen to find out what parents think, so please take some time to fill in this questionnaire - see article in this newsletter for details.

Hopefully, the children have shown you how well they did in their Math-a-thon. Please be sure to reinforce with them that their hard work led to an increase in knowledge and speed of recall.

Good luck to our talented gymnasts who are taking part in the Auckland championships tomorrow and to our team of senior scientists taking part in the Epro8 competition. I am sure that you will represent the school with pride!

Lastly, have you brought your tickets to the Rimu show yet? There is **unlikely to be door sales** for the night shows so get in quick!

See you at the Rimu Show!

Neil Robinson

Principal

## FAREWELL TO MR ROGERS

Chris Rogers has worked at Blockhouse Bay Primary School for over 20 years and his last day at the school will be next Monday.

Those of you who might have been at the school on weekends, could well have seen Chris attending to one issue or another, all on his own time. The Board, staff and community would like to thank Chris for his many years of loyal service and hope that he enjoys his well-earned retirement.

## MATH-A-THON 2017

All families should have received their child's test results and children will have hopefully been in contact with their sponsors to collect all of the money that was pledged to them.

We have had a couple of requests to extend the collection date so that children can still be eligible for the prize draw. Because of this, the cut-off date will be Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> September. Money can still be handed in after this date, but this will not be considered for the prizes.



## BLUE SEPTEMBER

Last year, one of our pupils Blake Hinds, organised and ran a fundraiser for this event as he had a family member who had this condition (see details below). Families may have seen him on TV3's The Project a couple of weeks ago where he was given the honour of turning on the blue lights of the Sky Tower as recognition of his part in promoting this campaign.

This year, we are supporting Blake to organise a **Coin Trail at school on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September** to help raise money for this charity and families are welcome to take part if they wish. Children can bring any coin they like.

### Here is some information about Blue September:

Blue September is the Prostate Cancer Foundation's national awareness campaign. Every year around 600 men die in New Zealand of prostate cancer. That is more than 600 fathers, sons, brothers, grandfathers - gone! Problems caused by prostate cancer can be prevented if the disease is detected early enough.

The Prostate Cancer Foundation receives no government funding and relies upon the generosity of people to help us support men and their families who are going through the journey and spread the message for men to get regular checks.



## AUCKLAND GYMNASTICS CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS COMPETITION

Good luck to all our students taking part in this tough competition tomorrow. Try your best and remember to have a growth mindset!

## WEARING OF SCHOOL HATS

A reminder to everyone that children must wear the school hat during Terms 1 and 4. If you do need to purchase one for your child, please contact the office.

## **KAURI AND RIMU ATHLETICS DAY (Mt Smart Stadium)**

Yellow notices went home on Tuesday informing everyone of this exciting sports event early next term, Tuesday 17th October, which is the second day back to school! Sprint trials will be happening at school before the big day, and students will be told in the morning notices if their age group will be doing races on that day. This is open to any students who are interested, and their age group is their age on 1st November 2017. We are asking that the yellow permission slip, as well as \$5.00 to cover the bus and stadium hireage costs, be returned to the school office as soon as possible and before the end of term.

## **Winter League Netball Prizegiving**

A big congratulations to all the teams for a wonderful season this year. Yesterday we had our annual Netball prize giving and the following students received these special awards:

BHB Diamonds: **Most Valuable Player – Charlotte Davies, Player's Player of the Year – Charlotte Davies**

BHB Sapphires: **Most Valuable Player – Selitema Gallaher, Player's Player of the Year – Emily McGill**

## **PTA NEWS**

Friday lunches- order forms are in class or at the office. Orders **MUST** be returned to the office **before 9am Thursdays** with the child's full name and room number.

Pizzas are still available on the order form, until the end of next week.

## **Friday 29th September- last day of term MUFTI (wear your own clothes)**

This MUFTI day will see the start of Carnival collections so **INSTEAD** of bringing a gold coin to wear your own clothes, please send the relevant items listed below:

Years 0-2 bring a chocolate bar/block

Years 3-4 bring a large bottle of fizzy soft drink.

Years 5-6 bring a bottle/jar/tin for tombola (e.g. food items, household cleaners, hair and skincare products, etc)

**All items must be NEW, UNOPENED and IN DATE please.**

Parent helpers- if you are able to help collect items from classes on that morning and bring them to the sports shed (20min max) please email Annette at [pta@blockhousebay.school.nz](mailto:pta@blockhousebay.school.nz). Any help is very much appreciated.

Next PTA Carnival meeting is Monday 25th September at 7:30pm in the staff room. You are very welcome to attend.

Like our Facebook page- Blockhouse Bay Primary PTA and save the date for Carnival- Saturday 2nd December

## **COMMUNITY NOTICES**

### **AFTER SCHOOL CARE HOLIDAY PROGRAM**

**CARE 4 KIDZ** is running a Holiday Programme in the next school holidays. This will run Monday to Friday from the 2<sup>nd</sup> October till the 13th October.

Enrolment forms are available from the Technology Room after 2:45pm.

Enrolment closes on 22 September. Please ring Els on 027 3628494 if you would like to have more information.

### **WALK FOR KIDS**

On Sunday the 22<sup>nd</sup> of October there will be a fundraiser at our school to support the Lions Club and the Child mobility Foundation to raise awareness and funds to help child Mobility. The goal is to walk or run 20 laps of the school. Participants can pay \$10 for adults - \$5 for children under 15 to enter or if you get sponsored for \$20 or more it is free - see [bhbl-lions.org/walk-for-kids](http://bhbl-lions.org/walk-for-kids) to register.

What a great way to get some fun family exercise and teach your children to appreciate their mobility and to gain empathy for others!

### **SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMME - WAITAKERE GYMNASTICS**

Waitakere Gymnastics offers a fun school holiday programme for kids aged 5-12 years.

With new activities daily that includes individual & group challenges, sporting activities, food tech, arts & crafts and of course lots and lots of gymnastics based activities.

This popular programme is only \$40 for a full day, 8am -5pm. Discounts for full week bookings.

Book online [www.waitakeregymnastics.co.nz](http://www.waitakeregymnastics.co.nz).

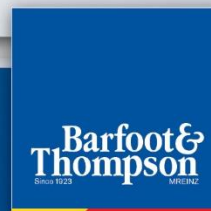
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