



Blockhouse Bay

Primary School

We Seek - We Strive - We Soar

Thursday 15th August 2019

Dear Parents and Caregivers,
Thank you to everyone who has attended one of the parent discussion meetings about our positive behaviour and well-being. We have enjoyed sharing what the school is doing and receiving your feedback. The children have been focusing on this over the last few weeks so this might be a good opportunity to talk to them about these themes at home.

We have recently heard that the Education Review Office will be visiting our school later this term to assess the operations of the school. We look forward to showing off our learning and celebrating how well the children are doing.

Our hard-working fundraisers at Blockhouse Bay (FAB) group are busy planning for the School Carnival which will take place on 30th November this year. These parents are also running the Movie Night tomorrow which should be another great family experience - remember to book your tickets online. To ensure that the event runs smoothly and the children are safe, parents are asked to take note of the 'rules' listed at the end of this newsletter.

See you at the movies!

NEIL ROBINSON
PRINCIPAL

BOARD OF TRUSTEES UPDATE

Our new Board of Trustees had their second meeting this week and attended a training session run by the NZ School Trustees Association last week.

One of the decisions made at this week's meeting was to stick to the timetable that was announced three years ago regarding our school uniform. What this means is that no uniform will be permitted at school that has the old logo on it from the beginning of 2020. The Board also wish to remind parents that only black thermals, tights or leggings are to be worn under the uniform.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS - TERM THREE - 2019

Fri 16th Aug	-2.15pm-Rimu Kete Whanau Assembly (rms 13,14,15)
Fri 16 th Aug	- FAB Movie Night
Tues 20th Aug	-2.30pm - Pöhutukawa Assembly
Tues 20th Aug	-Arataki Visitor Centre for Rms 2 & 3
Wed 21st Aug	-Arataki Visitor Centre for Rms 9 & 12
Wed 21st Aug	-Winter Field Day Postponement Day
Thurs 22nd Aug	-Arataki Visitor Centre for Rms 13 & 15
Thurs 22nd Aug	- Y6 Experience Day at BBI
Fri 23rd Aug	-Arataki Visitor Centre for Rms 14 & 21
Fri 23rd Aug	-9.00am -Kauri Assembly
Fri 23rd Aug	-2.15pm-Rimu Te Raranga Assembly
Tues 27th Aug	-Arataki Visitor Centre for Rms 19 & 20
Fri 30th Aug	-Daffodil Day - Fundraiser Cancer Society
Fri 30th Aug	-Arataki Visitor Centre for Rms 22 & 23
Fri 30th Aug	-2.15pm Rimu Kete Whanau Assembly
Tues 3rd Sept	-2.30pm - Pöhutukawa Assembly
Tues 3rd Sept	-Arataki Visitor Centre for Rms 8 & 10
Tues 3rd Sept	-ICAS Digital Technologies Exam
Wed 4th Sept	-Arataki Visitor Centre for Rms 7 & 11
Thurs 5th Sept	-ICAS Science Exam
Fri 6th Sept	-9.00am Kauri Assembly
Fri 6th Sept	-2.15pm Rimu Te Raranga Assembly
Tues 10th Sept	-Arataki Visitor Centre for Rms 5 & 6
Tues 10th Sept	-Icas Writing Exam
Tues 10th Sept	-Kōwhai assembly
Thurs 12th Sept	-Champions of Champions Gym Comp for selected students
Thurs 12th Sept	-Arataki Visitor Centre for Rms 18,24&25
Thurs 12th Sept	-ICAS Spelling Exam
Fri 13th Sept	-Arataki Visitor Centre for Rms 16 & 17
Fri 13th Sept	-2.15pm-Rimu Kete Whanau Assembly
Tues 17th Sept	-ICAS English Exam
Tues 17th Sept	-2.30pm Pöhutukawa Assembly
Thurs 19th Sept	-ICAS Maths Exam
Thurs 26th Sept	-2.00pm - Whole School Assembly
Fri 27th Sept	-2.00pm - Whole Rimu Syndicate Assembly
Fri 27th Sept	-End of Term Three (3.00pm finish)



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A future Pulitzer Prize winner will write her name for the first time...



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STAFFING UPDATE

- One of our 'young gun' teachers Atama Cassidy has decided to take some time out and visit other countries next year and will be leaving us in December. There is no doubt that his friendly nature and outstanding teaching will be missed but we wish him well for this exciting experience.
- Two trainee teachers have been working at the school recently and their last day is tomorrow.
 - Ayaro Ota is on a trainee exchange from Japan and has been based in Room 9 over the last month. The children have enjoyed getting to know her and finding more about her interesting country.
 - Suzy Lee has worked in the school for 10 weeks this year as she finishes off her teacher training. Room 14 especially have benefitted from her insightful and enthusiastic teaching style and we know that she will be a welcome addition to any school in the future.

We thank both of them for their service to the school.

PUBERTY TALKS FOR YEAR 5 CHILDREN

As part of the Health and Physical Education Curriculum, we organise an outside agency to come and talk to our Year 5 children each year about issues relating to puberty.

The programme has two aspects to it:

- A parent meeting to explain what is covered and what is not
- A classroom programme delivered to the Year 5 children in class.

Given the nature of this programme, parents have the opportunity to withdraw their children from it if they wish. We do ask though that if you are considering this, that you come to the parent meeting so that you can get all the information necessary to make an informed decision.

The **parent meeting** will be held on the first evening back after the next holiday break – **Monday 14th October** at 6.30pm. Please mark this date on your calendar if you think it would be helpful for you to attend. Parents from other year levels are welcome to attend if you so wish.

More information will be sent out closer to the time.

PARENTS OF CURRENT YEAR 6 CHILDREN - Blockhouse Bay Intermediate

Intermediate Experience Day - Thursday 22nd August 9.20-11.45am NEXT WEEK

Students and families are invited to spend a morning at the school. This is an opportunity to both see the whole school in operation and participate in some school experiences. The children will go on the bus to BBI and there is no charge to parents for this.

If you have a child in Year 6 and you do not want them to go to the Intermediate Experience Day at BBI, please let us know and we will ensure that they stay here at school. Feel free to contact BBI directly if you have any questions or require any further information 6266414.

NETBALL RESULTS - WEEK ENDING

BHB Emeralds (1) v Matipo Ferns	(32)	
BHB Rubies (3) v Glen Eden Opals	(3)	Player of the day was Bella
BHB Rubies (5) v LPS Aroha	(3)	
BHB Sapphires (19) v Glen Eden stars	(19)	Players of the day was Nevaeh and Rose
BHB Opals (18) v Kaurilands Ferns	(10)	Player of the day was Maya
BHB Crystals (6) v Henderson Valley	(5)	Player of the day Arshmah

MAKE UP GAMES:

BHB Opals (8) v BHB Crystals	(7)	Player of the day Crystals – Abby Player of the day Opals - Vienna
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MATH-A-THON 2019

It is great to hear that families are collecting sponsors and learning their basic facts. We will be retesting the children in a few weeks time and they will no doubt enjoy seeing the progress they have made.

Please contact your child's teacher if you have any questions about this event.

ARE YOU HELPING YOUR CHILD BY GETTING THEM TO SCHOOL ON TIME?

In the busy lives that we all lead, it can be difficult to get children to school on time. In this newsletter, we have included some advice on how to do this as it can be very disruptive to everyone when children arrive late. Aiming to have them at school by 8.30am allows them to settle in for the day and also gives families a buffer if the unexpected happens or traffic is unusually heavy. Thank you for helping your children to be at school on time.

GETTING KIDS TO SCHOOL ON TIME

Missing a few minutes each day may not seem like a big deal but your child may be missing more than you realise if he or she is continually late.

“Come on John! Get a move on. School starts in ten minutes and you’re not even dressed yet!”

If this scenario sounds familiar then you are not alone. Anecdotal evidence suggests that getting children to school or pre-school on time can be one of the most difficult tasks for parents. Missing a few minutes each day may not seem like a big deal but your child may be missing more than you realise if he or she is continually late.

Current research shows that mornings for most children are the most productive time of the day with 10.00am the peak period for productivity. When children arrive late and take time to settle as they inevitably do, precious minutes are lost. A child who is fifteen minutes late to school each day misses one week of school every year.

How can you get your dawdling kids out the door without yelling yourself hoarse? Here are a few techniques and ideas for you to try to get your punctually-challenged children to school on time:

✓ Establish a morning routine.

Make sure your children know what is expected of them in the morning, and also what you will do. Resist nagging but be willing to take them to school even if they haven’t fully prepared for the day.

✓ Identify and remove distractions such as television/screen time

If the children are regular watchers before school, change the routine and keep the screens off. It should only be turned on when children are completely ready for school.

✓ Teach some of the basics of time management.

The average adult underestimates by about 25 per cent the time it takes to do various jobs. Make sure you have realistic time estimates and stop packing so much into the time you allocate. Encourage older children to estimate how long it takes to do activities such as getting ready in the morning. Then they can measure the time taken to do these tasks and compare their estimates with real time.

✓ Arrive at school at least ten minutes early.

FAB NEWS - Movie night tomorrow

Cash Door Sales only available if not sold out online on Kindo (www.kindo.co.nz). Tickets limited to 200. Please support our fun school fundraiser for a new middle playground and bring cash to buy food/drinks/toys for sale – pizza, popcorn, lollies and drinks available. Coffee Van will be there!

- Doors open 5pm
- Incredibles 2 Movie starts 5.45pm
- Half-time intermission (15-mins) approx. 6.45pm
- Movie ends approx. 8pm

Rules for Movie Night Event:

- Tickets required for ALL ages
- All Pre-schoolers require parent/guardian present.
- Drop off for school aged kids inside Te Whau/PAC foyer – please sign in and get a stamp.
- Pick up & sign out same place. Arrive 8pm for pick up.
- Children are not allowed to leave Te Whau without adult supervision.
- No ‘outside’ food and drinks in the ‘cinema’ (water bottles are fine)
- Dispose of all rubbish in bins provided at end of movie

Pie Day – Thursday 29 August

Take a break from making school lunches and get ready for our Pie Day! Lots of options to suit including Gluten Free and Vegan. Available to order NOW using your Kindo account (www.kindo.co.nz). If you don't have an account, you can easily set one up - all you need is the email address the school has on record. If you need assistance, you are welcome to contact the school office.



Family MOVIE NIGHT
with Incredibles 2

FRIDAY 16 AUGUST
5:00 pm
(Movie to start at 5:45 pm)
at the BHB Primary Performing Arts Centre (PAC)

\$5 per person
Tickets available online through Kindo only
Strictly limited tickets available

Available on the night - cash only:
Pizza, popcorn, chips, lollies & drinks
Also Incredibles Plushies for sale
(\$8 each or set of 5 for \$30)

see over page for Kindo access details





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...



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