



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

Thursday 17th May 2018

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Whanau,

This week the staff celebrated International Support Staff Day which recognises the excellent job that our office and teacher aide teams do to help provide a quality education for our children. We are very lucky to have this group of dedicated and skilled people who go the extra mile on a daily basis. They are part of a national campaign for pay equity and the teachers and Board of Trustees certainly support them with this.

Have a great week
Neil Robinson - Principal



INTER-SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY 2018

Blockhouse Bay had a large number of children representing the school in the Inter-school Cross Country held at Blockhouse Bay Reserve on Tuesday 8th May. It was a beautiful day and all of the participants ran extremely well. The course was challenging with competitive starts and various hills to make it interesting. Our runners looked like they gave it their all. A big thank you to the parents that helped with walking the group to and from the park, to the parents that helped with transporting equipment and marshalling on the course. There were some exceptional results from the children listed below who were placed in the top 10.

7 YR OLD GIRLS 3 rd Tiana Ngata 9 th Natalie Chang 10 th Neena Timmins	7 YR OLD BOYS 4 th Yaan Leyland 5 th Cristofer Birdsall 8 th Alex Jackson	9 YR OLD GIRLS 6 th Jessie Jackson 9 th Solin Kansil	9 YR OLD BOYS 2 nd Filipe Macedo 9 th Byran Chen	11 YR OLD GIRLS 1 st Xin Yue Wang
8 YR OLD GIRLS 1 ST Emmie Butler 9 th Sophie Hutchinson	8 YR OLD BOYS 8 th Akarsh Shankar 9 th Riley Bryant	10 YR OLD GIRLS 5 th Maia Leaning 7 th Ridsen Brown	10 YEAR OLD BOYS 1 st = Ethan Beguely 5 th Ari Holt 8 th Jonny Gibson	11 YR OLD BOYS 1 st Maxwell Bancroft

CALENDAR OF EVENTS
TERM TWO – 2018
(Mon 30th April – Fri 6th July)

- Mon 21st May -Kauri Assembly - 2.00pm
- Tues 22nd May -Kowhai Assembly -2.30pm
- Fri 25th May -West Auckland Interschool Chess
- Fri 25th May -Rimu Assembly - 2.00pm
- Tues 29th May -ICAS Science - 9am
- Tues 29th May -Junior Cross Country (9.15-10.30am)
- Tues 29th May -Pohutukawa Assembly
- Tues 29th May -Board of Trustees Meeting
- Thurs 31st May -Whole School Assembly - 2pm
- Fri 1st June -Junior Cross Country - Postponement Day
- Mon 4th June -Queen's Birthday (no school this day)
- Tues 5th June -Kowhai Assembly - 2.30pm
- Fri 8th June -Rimu Assembly - 2.00pm
- Tues 12th June -Pohutukawa Assembly-2.30pm
- Tues 13th June -ICAS Spelling and Writing
- Mon 18th June -Kauri Assembly - 2pm
- Tues 19th June -Kowhai Assembly -2.30pm
- Wed 20th June -BYOD Evening - PAC - 6.30pm
- Fri 22nd June -Rimu Assembly - 2.00pm
- Tues 26th June -Pohutukawa Assembly -2.30pm
- Tues 26th June -Board of Trustees Meeting
- Wed 27th June -Interschool Gymnastics Competition
- Fri 29th June -School Reports are sent home
- Mon 2nd July -Kauri Assembly - 2pm
- Tues 3rd July -Kowhai Assembly-2.30pm
- Wed 4th July -Student/Parent/Teacher Conferences (School will close at 1.00pm)
- Thurs 5th July -Student/Parent/Teacher Conferences
- Fri 6th July -Rimu Assembly - 2.00pm
- Fri 6th July -Term Two Ends



Blockhouse Bay

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



Right here...

MULTI-AWARD WINNING



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

UPCOMING EVENTS

OUR CHILDREN STAR AT THE WHAU ARTS SHOWCASE - Sunday 27th May

This event features fun interactive experiences for the whole family and takes place at the Blockhouse Bay Community Centre from 12.00-3.00pm. *There will be art from local artists, art workshops and performances, food by the Lions Club and an activity by the Iona Scouts troop.*

A group of our Year 5 children having been working hard on producing a mural which will feature at the Showcase and this will be displayed at our school after the event.



Junior School Cross Country Year 0-2 - Tuesday 29th May

Our Junior School Cross Country is fast approaching. Parents and whanau are welcome to attend this exciting event and we would love to have your support! If this does need to be postponed, we will have the Cross Country on Friday 1st June.

We will be starting the first race at 9:20am on our school field and races are expected to finish by 10:30am. The running order with **approximate** times will be:

- 6 / 7 Year Old Girls at 9.20am,
- 6 / 7 Year Old Boys at 9.35am
- 5 Year Old Girls at 9.50am,
- 5 Year Old Boys at 10.05am.

Ages will be as at 29th May 2018.

On the day, please send your child to school wearing suitable running shorts, t-shirt and shoes. Each child will also need a named water bottle. We look forward to seeing you there!

WHOLE SCHOOL ASSEMBLY - Thursday 31st May 2.00pm

These are held once a term and are one of the few times that we get together fully as a school. Parents and family members are very welcome to join us for the occasion when we recognise outstanding achievement and take part in other sharing activities that promote unity in the school.

PARENT MEETING FOR *BRING YOUR OWN DEVICE* - Wednesday 20th June - 6.30pm

This meeting is open to all interested parents but is particularly targeted at those who have children in **Years 4-6**. We had originally advertised a date in May for this meeting but we did not consider Ramadan, so we have rescheduled it for next month.

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.

WACKY HAIR DAY - Thursday 21st June

Every year, the school holds this event and selects a worthy charity to send the funds to. This year, we are donating money raised to a group called Heartkids. This charity provides practical and emotional support to families of children who have been diagnosed with a heart related condition - 12 children are born with these every week! This support is vital for all those affected, helping individuals and families cope with the day to day challenges of living with a childhood condition of this type. For more details about Heartkids families can go to <https://heartkids.org.nz/heartkids-stories>, but be warned, there are some truly heart-warming stories at this website.

Wacky Hair Day is designed to provide a bit of extra fun in the school day but encouraging the children to donate a gold coin to a worthy cause, and then 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.

RECOGNISING MATARIKI - Tuesday 26th June

Each year, the school uses this occasion to help the children gain an understanding of Matariki and as a context to learn Maori language and concepts. In the past, we have included a Matariki assembly as part of this focus but will be doing something a little bit different in 2018.

Early in the morning on Tuesday 26th June, we will be inviting all children and parents to come up to school to observe Matariki in the night sky. We will meet out on the field at 6.15am, so people will need to be up and out really early on this day! We will then stay on to have breakfast together and learn more about Matariki as well as watching our Kapa Haka and Manu Matauranga groups perform for us.

This promises to be a very exciting morning for the children so hopefully the weather will be kind to us.

OFFICE HOURS

A reminder that the school office is open from 8.15-3.45pm each day. Please feel free to leave a message on our answer phone or send us an email if you have any questions or concerns office@blockhousebay.school.nz

SCHOOL SURVEY

The last two items in last year's parent survey asked how people felt about the physical environment and what they thought about the school's image overall.

The School:	1-3	Number of People	4-6	Number of People	7-10	Number of People
Provides a safe physical environment	0%	0	10%	8	89%	68
Buildings are well presented	3%	2	10%	8	85%	68
Grounds and fields are well presented	7%	5	14%	10	80%	63
Makes it easy to find our way around	0%	0	9%	7	90%	71

The School:	1-3	Number of People	4-6	Number of People	7-10	Number of People
How Satisfied are you with the school's image overall?	0%	0	10%	8	87%	70

This brings the reporting back process for our 2017 School Survey to a close. We would like to thank everyone who gave up their time to provide us with this feedback and hope that you found it interesting to see what other people felt as well. We can once again assure you that all responses have been looked at and discussed as our goal is to always provide the best possible educational experience for the children and parent community.

FUNDRAISERS AT BLOCKHOUSE BAY (F@B) UPDATE

The F@B is the new name for the PTA. This new name reflects the purpose of the group and the fact that it is open to anyone who wishes to support our school fundraising.

Entertainment Book Fundraiser - new Entertainment books are available online and if you buy through our school order page, they give a portion of the profits back to our school. The Entertainment books are filled with hundreds of vouchers to save you money. Check it out at our Entertainment™ Online Order Page at <https://www.entertainmentbook.co.nz/orderbooks/986d39>

Sushi Lunches - order a healthy sushi lunch for your child using the green order forms in class, at the office or on our Facebook page (Blockhouse Bay Primary School PTA). Order must be returned by 8:50am on Wednesdays. Food will be delivered to class at 10:50am (first eating break) on Thursdays. All orders support our school fundraising.

School Carnival - Do you work for a company who could donate raffle items, food containers or vouchers? Do you have contacts in equipment hire or catering? Do you have experience in event management or promotions? Do you have ideas for what we can add or change at our school carnival? We would love to see you at our Carnival Planning Open Evening on Monday 11th June, 7:30-9pm in the staffroom.

Like our Facebook page for more updates - Blockhouse Bay Primary School PTA.
Join our mailing list by emailing pta@blockhousebay.school.nz with subject "friend".

IONA Scouts meet on Wednesday night under Blockhouse Bay Community Centre (Exminister Street)

We provide indoor and outdoor activities and challenges for children, like camping, cycling, tramping and much more.

If you are interested please visit us on Wednesday 6-7 pm School years 1-3 and 6.30-8.00 pm School years 4-6. Come and join our group. For more information please phone: Colin 820 4009, visit: www.ionascouts.webs.com or Facebook Iona Scout Group.

Talk to more buyers, talk to me.



Get moving, get Michael.

Michael Cassidy Residential Sales
027 270 9478 | m.cassidy@barfoot.co.nz
Blockhouse Bay 09 627 8325 | barfoot.co.nz

Barfoot & Thompson
SINCE 1823

Licensed under the REAA 2008



**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

