Thursday 17th October 2019

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Whānau

Welcome back everyone. We hope that you all enjoyed the break and are ready for another busy term of learning. We have lots of things happening so please keep an eye out for information coming home in this and other newsletters.

We are looking forward to the annual school Carnival which takes place on Saturday 30th November. Coming home soon will be letters asking for family members to help on the day and we thank people in advance for their assistance.

The end of Term Four marks the end of uniforms with the old Blockhouse Bay School logo. The new uniforms and logo are certainly much brighter and we are looking forward to getting more consistency in the way the children are dressing.

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.

Have a great week everyone
Neil Robinson
Principal

TERM FOUR CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Please check weekly as dates and times may change.

Fri 18th Oct  Hearing and Vision for selected children
21st-25th Oct  Diwali Week
Tue 22nd Oct  Kapa Haka Practice - Lynfield College
Tue 22nd Oct  Kōwhai Bee Lady visit
Thurs 24th Oct  Lynfield Konohete 6.00pm-8.00pm
Fri 25th Oct  Whole Rimu Assembly
Mon 28th Oct  Labour Day No School this day
Tue 29th Oct  2.30pm Pōhutukawa Assembly
Fri 1st Nov  9.00am Kauri Assembly
Fri 1st Nov  2.15pm - Rimu Kete Whānau Assembly
Tue 5th Nov  2.30pm Kōwhai Assembly
Wed 6th Nov  Kōwhai Beach Trip
Thurs 7th Nov  Table Tennis for Y5/6
Fri 8th Nov  2.15pm - Rimu Te Raranga Assembly
Tues 12th Nov  2.30pm Pōhutukawa Assembly
Tues 12th Nov  11.45am-Blockhouse Bay Primary Talent Show
Wed 13th Nov  Interschool Athletics for selected students
Fri 15th Nov  9.00am Kauri Assembly
Fri 15th Nov  2.15pm - Rimu Kete Whānau Assembly
Tues 19th Nov  2.30pm Kōwhai Assembly
Fri 22nd Nov  Teacher Only Day (No school this day)
Wed 27th Nov  Postponement Day- Interschool Athletics

Thurs 28th Nov  Junior Athletics Day
Thurs 28th Nov  2.00pm Whole School Assembly
Fri 29th Nov  2.15pm - Rimu Kete Whānau Assembly
Sat 30th Nov  School Carnival
Tues 3rd Dec  2.30pm Kōwhai Assembly
Thurs 5th Dec  Postponement Day Junior Athletics
Thurs 5th Dec  Rainbows End trip for Y6 helpers
Fri 6th Dec  School Reports go home
Fri 6th Dec  2.15pm - Rimu Te Raranga Assembly
Fri 13th Dec  9.00am - Kauri Assembly
Fri 13th Dec  2.15pm - Whole Rimu Assembly
Tues 17th Dec  1.30pm - Year 6 Graduation Ceremony (Te Whau)
Thurs 19th Dec  End of Term Four
**TEACHER ONLY DAY - Friday 22nd November**

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. School closes one day later in December to make up for this lost day of learning. 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 lost learning time.

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**BLOCKHOUSE BAY SCHOOL GRADUATION CEREMONY - Tuesday 17th December**

This important and popular event is scheduled to take place on the afternoon of Tuesday 17th December. Parents and whānau of year 6 children in particular are asked to make a note of this date. More information will be sent home regarding tickets and other arrangements, closer to the time.

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**MUFTI DAY/DIWALI**

Next week, on Friday 25th October, we are having both a Mufti day and Diwali clothing day.

During next week, we will be having a number of ways that the children can celebrate and learn about Diwali and this will end on Friday with the children being able to dress up in their traditional Indian clothing.

It is also a FAB Mufti day, so children can dress up in other clothing as well if they prefer. Instead of bringing money for mufti day, the FAB would like all children to bring along a Jolly Jar - see information in this newsletter.

**Diwit, Deepavali or Dipavali** is the Hindu festival of lights, which is celebrated every in spring in southern hemisphere. One of the most popular festivals of Hinduism, Diwali symbolises the spiritual “victory of light over darkness, good over evil and knowledge over ignorance”.

Our dazzling Diwali week runs next week from Monday, October 21st to Friday October 25th. The children will have the opportunity to participate in activities throughout the week. These activities will take place during the breaks and will be facilitated by teachers and parents. On the 25th of October, the children can come dressed in their beautiful and colourful Indian cultural clothes. Please note that one of the activities is having Mehndi (art work) put on hands. If your child is not allowed mehndi on their hands please communicate this to them so they don’t attend this session. Wishing you all the best in your preparations for Diwali.

Mrs Narayan

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**SCHOOL CAMP FOR CURRENT YEAR 5 CHILDREN**

Thank you to everyone who has returned their forms and deposit for next February’s camp.

Full payment should be made at the school office by the 29th November.

We do need to have more parents of Year 5 children who are able to come and help for the three days as we currently do not have enough people to help. Please fill in the form that was sent home or contact the school office for another copy if you are able to join us for this experience.

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**PHOTOLIFE INDIVIDUAL AND CLASS PHOTOS - Wednesday 16th October (week 1)**

Individual and Class photos were taken over the last two days. We will send home a photo shoot key code with your child once the photos are ready.

Using this code, you will be able to order and pay for your child’s photo online. If you have any problems please contact the school office.

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**WALKTOBER - Sunday 20th October**

Each year, the Blockhouse Bay-Lynfield Lions Club organises an event to raise money to provide walking assistance technology for children with Cerebral Palsy. The ‘frames’ help affected children to walk upright which provides them with a significantly improved quality of life. This is a very worthwhile charity and our school is proud to support it by providing a venue and other assistance.

Children and families are encouraged to support this event by taking part and collecting sponsors who will donate to this cause. See the poster in this newsletter for more details.
FAB NEWS

Welcome back to Term 4!! November will roll round fast and it will soon be Carnival time! We look forward to getting together as a community to raise funds for the School’s new middle playground.

We still need Sponsors for the Carnival so if you or your business is able to provide sponsorship, please email Jasmine (fab@blockhousebay.school.nz). Sponsorship can be in ANY form - it can be a monetary donation to help us buy ingredients for one of our food stalls, or in products, e.g. produce to make our mussel fritter mix. Anything is considered.

By popular demand, we will be holding another Jester’s Pie Day next Thursday (24 October). You can order your delicious hot Jester's Pie online at www.kindo.co.nz. If you have not used Kindo before, simply register online using the email address the school has on file or simply pop into the office to ask one of our wonderful office staff. Orders close on Wednesday 23rd October 12.00pm

Looking forward to seeing all the amazing Jolly Jar creations next Friday for Mufti Day!! If you are unsure what a Jolly Jar is, please pop into the School Office to see a sample.

FAB DATES FOR EVENTS
Tuesday 22 October 7pm - Next FAB Meeting at Staffroom
Thursday 24 October - Jester’s Pie Day
Friday 25 October - Jolly Jar Mufti Day
Sunday 3 November 10am-12pm - Carnival Working Bee
Sunday 17 November 2-4 pm - White Elephant Drop off & Carnival Working Bee
Saturday 30 November - SCHOOL CARNIVAL!!!

SCHOOL DONATIONS- have you paid yours yet?
Thank you to everyone who has paid or who is paying their school donation for 2016. A reminder that this donation is $200 for one child, $400 for two children and $500 for three or more children with an additional donation of $40 per child for the FAB donation. Statements will be sent home early next week. Please note that when you have paid the school donation, you can claim back 30% of this money against your income in the current tax year.