



Blockhouse Bay

Primary School

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SCHOOL CLOSURES FOR THE YEAR TOMORROW Thursday 19th December AT **1.30pm**

Please ensure that you have made arrangements for your children from this time.

(no after school care on this day)

今年学期最后一天是12月19日(周四)。当天下午一点半1:30pm放学。

敬请家长按时把孩子们接回家，当天下午没有after school care

Thursday 18th December 2019

Congratulations to the Year 6 children who took part in our Blockhouse Bay School Graduation ceremony yesterday. This is always a very important and much-looked-forward-to event and a large number of parents and family members were there to share this occasion.

An extra congratulations to our award and trophy winners who can be very proud of these achievements.

We have a range of property improvements going on at the school over the holiday break so please keep an eye on your children if you are visiting the school over this time. Thank you too for helping us to 'keep an eye on our place'. People who might cause the school harm are a whole heap less likely to do so if adults are paying an interest in what they are doing.

We would also like to take this opportunity to thank this year's newsletter sponsors who help us by reducing the cost of keeping families up to date with what is happening at school. Whilst a lot of parents like the digital versions, a number of people tell us that they also like the hard copy so we are happy to continue to provide this.

We have many, many people who help us during the year in a range of ways and we would like to thank you all for this. It is through the help of our whole Blockhouse Bay School, that we are able to offer such a wide range of meaningful learning experiences for our children and we know we are very lucky to work in such a supportive environment.

To those of you who are leaving us for the last time tomorrow, good luck to you all. We are very much aware that for some parents, this brings to a close their connection with the school. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for the work you have done over the years to support us to help your child.

I hope you all have a wonderful holiday break.

Neil Robinson
Principal

PLAYGROUND DESIGNS COME TO LIFE

"Room 14 were excited to meet the designer of the new playground and see some of their ideas come to life in the new playground plan".



TERM ONE CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2020

Further dates will be published in the First Newsletter next year. Please check the calendar weekly as dates and times may change.

Fri 31st Jan	Meet the Family Conferences
Mon 3rd Feb	8.50am - Term One Commences
Wed 12th - Fri 14th Feb	Year 6 Camp - Lakewood Lodge
Fri 20th-Sun 22nd March	School Centenary
Thurs 9th April	3.00pm -Term One Ends



Blockhouse Bay

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CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR TROPHY WINNERS

Well done to all of the year 6 children who received their Graduation Certificates yesterday. The following children were also recognised for their hard work and talent at this special occasion:

John Davies (Excellence in the Arts)	-	Jieun Kwon
Jack Cooper (Service to the School)	-	Rose Elijas
Walbran-Oakley First Class (All Rounder)	-	Krishna Karippail
Sportsperson of the year:	-	Jessie Jackson
Leadership Award	-	Harrison Cao
Cultural Leadership	-	Keanu Fernandes and Neveah Perry
Dux (academic excellence)	-	Charlie MacGibbon

PURCHASING OF STATIONERY

Details about how to order your child's stationery for 2020 was sent home with the children's reports.

Please contact the school office before the end of this week if you have any questions about this process.

Stationery can be purchased online through Officemax. It will not be sold from the office in 2020.

Go to www.myschool.co.nz/blockhousebayprimary . Enter your child's name (you "do not" need to enter a "Student ID").

1. Choose your child's team e.g. **Kōwhai** stationery pack and this will link you straight through to your child's stationery requirements.
2. Your order will be delivered to your home.
3. Bring to school on the **first day of Term 1 – Monday 3rd February 2020**.
4. Forms are available on the school website www.blockhousebay.school.nz/information/stationery

If you are unable to purchase the stationery online, please come to the school office **on Friday 31st January between 10.00am-2.00pm. and we will help you with this.**

Other Options for Stationery purchase: Some parents prefer to source the stationery for other suppliers other than Officemax or use existing items from home. In the past, this has led to some children coming to school without some items or low quality items which were not useful for school. However, we have decided to continue with last year's system, where people can either order on-line as they have done previously, or go and source the items themselves. We do need to emphasize though that the children need to have **exactly** the correct stationery items for the year. Thank you for your support with this.

FAB UPDATE

A big thank you to our FAB team who organised many events this year. The profit from the Carnival was over \$19 000 which was the most we have ever raised on a non-Santa Parade day. If everything goes to plan, the FAB will fund the upgrading of the play space in front of Rooms 12-15 by the end of April.

Thank you too to everyone who supported the FAB at this and other events.

PARENTS OF YEAR 4 CHILDREN

A reminder to parents of Year 4 children that we would like all of the Year 5 and 6's to have their own Chromebook at school next year. Please note that this is a Chromebook not just any Laptop computer.

Let's keep our children safe on the school crossing.

We need parents for patrols next year.

You will be required in the morning before school from 8.00am to 8.40am from the 3rd February 2020.

Please contact: felicity@blockhousebay.school.nz or phone the school on 096279940 and leave a message to say you can help.

Thank you.





Please make a note of these details so that you are prepared for these dates.

Meet the Family Meetings – have you booked your time yet????

As reported previously, we have decided to hold the 'Meet the Family Meetings' on **Friday 31st January**. Last week, we sent home details about how to book an appointment with your child's teacher. If you have lost the sheet please go to www.schoolinterviews.co.nz and enter the code ans4z. Bookings will close on Thursday 30th January.

Old School Uniform - donate your old unwanted items

A reminder that 'old logo' Blockhouse Bay School uniform is not able to be worn to school from the start of 2020 onwards. Some people have expressed to us that some items are still in wearable condition and that this is a waste. There is an organisation that donates items to schools in the Pacific Islands and we often contribute to this cause. This group have offered to take any unwanted, old logo items to one of the Islands so that they can continue to be worn. If you would like to donate your *washed* old logo uniform, please drop it off to the school office. The people will pick these up in the middle of February, so that children can still wear them tomorrow if you wish.

Revised 2020 Dates

Term One	Monday 3 rd February	to Thursday 9 th April
Term Two	Tuesday 28 th April	to Friday 3 rd July
Term Three	Monday 20 th July	to Friday 25 th September
Term Four	Monday 12 th October	to Tuesday 15 th December

Teacher Only Days

- * Friday 29th May (Friday of Queen's Birthday weekend)
- * Friday 23rd October (Friday of Labour Weekend)
- * Friday 20th November
- * Wednesday 16th December (day after school closes at the end of the year)

Kindo Account Information if leaving the school?

If your family is moving to another school that does not use [Kindo for school payments](#), you need to close your account.

If you're not sure about the new school, log in to your account, go to *My Details* and click on the list of schools, scrolling to find your new school. Note that one family account can manage students at multiple schools.

If your new school is NOT on the list, tell us to close your account, so we can reimburse your account balance. Send an email to hello@mykindo.co.nz. [This request will need to:](#)

1. Be emailed from your account email address
2. State the current balance on the account
3. Provide the bank account number for refunding the balance (or ask for it to be forwarded to the school)

Please advise before 17th January. Refunds and account closures will be actioned during January/February

*The staff at Blockhouse Bay Primary would like to thank you for
your support in 2019
and wish you all a very safe and
Merry Christmas*



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