



# Blockhouse Bay

Primary School

*We Seek - We Strive - We Soar*

18<sup>th</sup> March 2021

Dear Parents and Whānau

It is great to have the children at school for full weeks so we can consolidate their learning and ensure classroom routines can be built upon. I am sure we are all hoping that this will continue. That said, Easter is coming soon which means two short weeks. A reminder that we also have no school on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> April as it is in the Education Act that schools are not allowed to open on this day.

The children are working hard to practice their class dance for the Centenary which takes place in just three weeks' time. You are all invited to come and watch them perform these from 1.15-2.45pm on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> April. In recent times, we have been short on opportunities to have everyone come together and we are really looking forward to celebrating this big occasion with you all. Soon, the teachers will be sending home information about what they will be asking the children to wear for their dance.

Have a great week everyone!

Neil Robinson  
Principal



TERM ONE CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2021	
<i>Please check the calendar weekly as dates and times may change</i>	
Fri 19th March	FAB Disco - Details are in the Newsletter
Wed 31st March	Y5/6 T Ball Tournament
Fri 2nd April	Easter - No School this day
Mon 5th April	Easter - No School this day
Tues 6th April	Easter - No School this day
Thurs 8th April	Interschool Swimming Carnival
Fri 9 <sup>th</sup> April	Centenary Celebrations including our Dance Festival. (more details to be provided)
Sat 10 <sup>th</sup> April	Centenary Celebration including Cultural Performances.
Wed 14 <sup>th</sup> April	9am - Rimu Assembly
Thurs 15 <sup>th</sup> April	2.15pm Kōwhai Assembly
Fri 16 <sup>th</sup> April	3.00pm -Term One Ends



*The student's that went to the Cricket Interschool had a great day yesterday. Special congratulations go to Blockhouse Bay Blue team that won the A Grade Cup.*

### SCHOOL HATS

A reminder that the children are still expected to be wearing their school hats every day when they are playing outside. Our NZ sun can be unforgiving and dangerous and it is up to all of us to make sure that the children are kept safe. Please ensure that the children continue to bring their hats to school.



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### INTERSCHOOL SPORT FOR YEAR 5 & 6 CHILDREN

Three groups of children have been selected to represent the school at the local inter-school sport competitions in the next few weeks. Postponements from earlier in the term have caused them to be so close together, but we are sure that they will represent us with pride. Today, the cricket teams went to Eastdale Reserve in Avondale and the postponed T-Ball will be held on the 31<sup>st</sup> March at the same venue. A week later, the swimming team will go to the Cameron Pools for their events. Good luck to you all.

**CARE 4 KIDZ** is running a Holiday Programme during the upcoming April holidays.

To find out about the activities and obtain an enrolment form, please see our Supervisor, daily between 2:45PM and 6:00PM in the Technology Room. Enrolments are accepted till FRIDAY, 9 APRIL 2021

### BLOCKHOUSE BAY SCHOOL CENTENNIAL

Like a lot of events over the last 18 months, our Centenary has been postponed but we are now hoping to be able to hold this important celebration soon. Whilst most of the events are targeted towards ex-pupils and parents, **we invite you all to join us especially on the afternoon of Friday 9<sup>th</sup> April as all the children will be doing their class dance on one of our stages around the school.**

Our programme is as follows:

#### **Friday 9th April 11.00am – 2.45 pm School Open Day, Welcome and Dance Festival**

11.00am Please go straight to Te Whau Foyer (John Davies Performing Arts Centre/hall) on arrival.  
Whakatau/Welcome by the school to visitors.

11.40-12.20pm. Student ambassadors will lead tours around the school.

12.20-1.05pm Visitors are welcome to visit one of Blockhouse Bay's fine cafes or visit Armanasco House for a cup of tea and a walk down memory lane

1.15-2.45pm ***Dance Festival: all students perform for visitors, parents and the school community at various parts of the school.***

#### **Friday 9th April 7.00pm-9.30pm Evening function. All welcome - \$10 per person.**

Come and spend some time in our newly renovated Te Manawa (the oldest part of the school) chatting to others who also spent time at the school over the years.

Finger food. Cash bar and non-alcoholic drinks available for purchase.

#### **Saturday 10th April 11.00-4.00pm Official Welcome, School tours, Mix and Mingle**

*Visitors go straight to Te Whau (John Davies Performing Arts Centre/hall) on arrival.*

11.00-12.20pm Walking tours of the school including our Sculpture trail

12.30-1.30pm Program starts - Speeches and children's group performances  
Venue - Te Whau (school Performing Arts Centre/hall)

1.30-2.30pm Visitors are welcome to visit one of Blockhouse Bay's fine cafes, take part in a walking tours for those that missed + meet with others from your time at the school.

2.00pm onwards Afternoon tea served in the Te Manawa - Library and Makerspace

For more information or to register please go to [office@blockhousebay.school.nz](mailto:office@blockhousebay.school.nz) or phone 09 627 9940. Alternatively, go to [www.blockhousebay.school.nz](http://www.blockhousebay.school.nz) click on 'Information' at the top and scroll down to 'Blockhouse Bay Primary 2021 Centennial.'

The children are getting excited for the School Disco tomorrow! If you haven't purchased a ticket yet you are still able to do that on Kindo till midnight tonight. We will also have cash sales at the door tomorrow night.

We really appreciate your support with all our fundraising efforts. Don't forget, you can also purchase an **Entertainment Card Membership** and the School will receive 20% of the purchase ([www.entertainmentnz.com](http://www.entertainmentnz.com)).

**SCHOOL DISCO!! - TOMORROW (Friday 19 March)**  
**Tickets \$5 available to purchase on Kindo till midnight tonight ([www.kindo.co.nz](http://www.kindo.co.nz)) OR Cash Sales at the Door**  
 Pizza, Snacks, Ice Cream/Ice Blocks, Drinks Lollies & fun Glow in the dark items will be available for cash-sales on the night.

There are 2 disco sessions:

5-6.00pm - Junior Disco (Years 0-3) - Parents/Guardians are welcome to stay (no children under the age of 16) but **please do not take photos or videos of other children**

6-6.30pm - Pizza Sales between Discos

6.30-8pm - Senior Disco (Years 3-6) - Drop off only, No Adults

*\*Year 3 children can choose which disco they would like to attend\**

**As always, we are not able to run these events without volunteers so if you are able to help at the Disco or any of our upcoming events, please let us know by emailing [fab@blockhousebay.school.nz](mailto:fab@blockhousebay.school.nz)**

Please note the following 'House Rules' for our Disco Night:

- Children attending without adults are to be brought to the Te Whau (PAC) Foyer and collected from the foyer entrance at the end of their Disco session
- Children **will not** be allowed to leave Te Whau at any time without an Adult
- No photos or Videos to be taken in the Disco area.
- No outside food and drinks (drink bottles are permitted). Please support our fundraising efforts by purchasing our food and drinks on the night (cash sale only).
- No alcohol or smoking permitted on school grounds.

#### UPCOMING FAB EVENTS

Friday 19 March - School Disco  
 Thursday 26 March - Ice Block pop up Stall - After School  
 Monday 29 March - FAB Meeting (School Staffroom 7pm)  
 Friday 16 April - Last day of School Sausage Sizzle

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