



Blockhouse Bay

Primary School

We Seek - We Strive - We Soar

Thursday 1st August 2019

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Thank you to everyone who was able to join us for the opening of Te Manawa last week. The opening was a fitting tribute to recognize the significance of this wonderful building and will be remembered as a real highlight of the year. The children certainly rose to the occasion and the community members were amazed at their performances and knowledge about how important the Te Manawa/Makerspace/Library is to their learning.

It was also great to see so many parents and whanau who were able to come and see the children's Makerfair exhibits. These demonstrated the high level, creative and collaborative work that has been going on in the school this year.

There is a number of meetings being held next week that parents can come to, to find out more about our Positive Behaviour initiative. Please send back the attendance form that we sent home this week or contact the school office if you intend on coming to any of these.

NEIL ROBINSON
PRINCIPAL



Pictures from the Te Manawa Opening held last week.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS - TERM THREE - 2019

- Fri 2nd Aug - Whole Rimu Team Assembly
- Mon 5th Aug - Camp Meeting for parents of Year 5 Children
- Mon 5th Aug - Wellbeing Whanau Information Meeting - 2pm- Staffroom
- Tues 6th Aug - 2.30pm Pōhutukawa Assembly
- Tues 6th Aug - Y6 Parent Information Evening at BBI
- Wed 7th Aug - Wellbeing Whanau Information Meeting-9am -Te Manawa
- Thurs 8th Aug - Wellbeing Whanau Information Meeting- 2pm- Staffroom
- Thurs 8th Aug - Wellbeing Whanau Information Meeting-6.30pm Te Manawa
- Fri 9th Aug - 9.00am Kauri Assembly
- Fri 9th Aug - Pink Shirt & Colourful Lunch Day
- Fri 9th Aug - Last day for ICAS Entry Forms for Yrs 4, 5 & 6
- Fri 9th Aug - 2.15pm-Rimu Te Raranga Assembly (rms 9,12,2,3)
- 12th - 16th Aug - Maths Week
- Tues 13th Aug - 2.30pm Kōwhai Assembly
- Wed 14th Aug - Winter Field Day Yrs 5 & 6
- Thurs 15th Aug - Central West Gym Competition for selected students
- Fri 16th Aug - 2.15pm-Rimu Kete Whanau Assembly (rms 13,14,15)
- Fri 16th Aug - FAB Movie Night
- Tues 20th Aug - 2.30pm - Pōhutukawa 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 - Pōhutukawa 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 Pōhutukawa 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)



Blockhouse Bay

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



Right here...



MULTI-AWARD WINNING
(09) 628 4251
115 Boundary Rd, BHBay (next to Bupa)
www.chrysaliscare.co.nz

STAFFING UPDATE

Sadly for us, **Mary-Rose Adlington** has her last day at our school tomorrow. Mrs Adlington began working at Blockhouse Bay as a Pohutukawa teacher in 2011 and has had stints in both Rimu and Kauri since then. Over the years, she has had many responsibilities including mathematics, being instrumental in the success of many of our Performing Arts productions and accompanied the children who went to China in 2017. More recently, Mary-Rose has been a Reading Recovery teacher, ESOL teacher and held the role of Director of International Students. Mary-Rose is leaving teaching to take up a position in the corporate sector and will no doubt, become a valued member of their staff as well. We wish her all the best of luck for this exciting new opportunity.

Room 12 teacher, **Vivienne Aherne's** arm break is going to take longer than expected to heal but we are very lucky to have **Wendy Spence** available to teach her room, hopefully until she returns.

CAMP MEETING – Monday 5th August 6.30-7.30pm (next Monday)

This meeting is for parents of Year 5 children to find out more about the camp that will take place in February of 2020.

This is always one of the children's highlights of their time at the school and we hope that they can all attend.

The countdown is now on with around 7 months to go until the children leave. We will also need a number of parents to come with us too and encourage all families to come and find out more about this experience.

Principal's Soapbox

The Board of Trustees have delegated a sub-committee to plan and run the Blockhouse Bay School Centenary. This important event will take place in Term one of next year.

The committee has had its first meeting and has agreed on dates. Parents are asked to start spreading the word so that people can be thinking about making plans to attend. Of course, a much more organised communication and information campaign will take place soon.

At this stage, the dates are Friday 20th and Saturday 21st March 2020. More details will be provided in the months to come but if you wish to talk to the event organisers, please contact Stephen Dallow on stephendallow@slingshot.co.nz or Sheereen Ali on SheereenAli@hotmail.com.

Neil Robinson
Principal

SUPPORTING WELLBEING PREVENTING BULLYING – PARENT MEETINGS

Parents are invited to come along and find out more about this initiative (explained in the Principals Soapbox) by attending one of the following information evenings:

Monday 5th August 2.00-3.00pm in the Staffroom

Thursday 8th August 2.00-3.00pm in the Staffroom

Wednesday 7th August 9.00-10.00am in Te Manawa

Thursday 8th August 6.30-7.30pm in Te Manawa

Wednesday 14th August 6.30-7.30pm in Te Manawa

TERM THREE LEARNING

To help raise awareness that we all need to help strengthen wellbeing and prevent bullying we will be holding our very own '**Pink shirt**' and '**Colourful Lunch**' Day on Friday 9th August (next week). Children and family members are invited to dress up Pink and show their support. Although this is similar to a mufti day, there is no charge to families (and no sausage sizzle).

We would also like to invite parents and whānau to some '**Community Information Meetings**' which will take place next week from Monday 5th - Friday 9th August. See information in this newsletter.

Our second concept is **Kaitiakitanga - Community Action**. We will explore this through the Inquiry Based Learning Process. A kaitiaki is a person, group or being that is a guardian and protector of the natural world. We will be exploring our responsibility as kaitiaki to protect and nurture our natural world for future generations. The Curriculum Learning Areas that we will focus on will be Science and Digital Technology.

As part of learning about Kaitiakitanga all classes will be visiting the **Arataki Visitor Centre in the Waitakere Ranges**. Classes will learn about topics such as Nature's recycling, Investigating Invertebrates, Plant Power and Biodiversity Alert. The cost for this will be \$15 per child. We understand for families this is a significant amount- please email our Associative Principal, Elizabeth Crisp if we can help.

elizabethc@blockhousebay.school.nz

MATH-A-THON 2019

This term all Blockhouse Bay Primary students will be taking part in a Math-a-thon. All the money collected for this fundraiser goes to the Fundraising @ Blockhouse (FAB) team who will use it to upgrade the area in what is now the playground in front of Rooms 12-14 (this project will begin later in the year). It is also a really good way for children to learn maths facts that will help them now and in the future.

Soon, we will be giving the children a list of the facts that they need to learn and we would like these to be practised at home. We will also be practising them at school. Parents are asked to help the children to collect sponsors for the number of facts that they get right in the test during week 8 in mid-September. The question sheets, sponsorship forms and further information will be sent home soon.

NETBALL RESULTS - WEEK ENDING 28TH JULY 2019

BHB Crystals (9) v Glenora Purple (4)
BHB Emeralds (3) v St. Dominic's Stars (14)
BHB Opals (1) v Henderson Valley (9)
BHB Rubies (8) v Glen Eden School (6)
BHB Sapphires (15) v WCRN Rua (16)

Player of the day: Varnika Patel
Player of the day was Bhuvu Katakam
Player of the day was Ellie Fifita
Player of the day was Saanvi Khanna
Players of the day was Jessie and Annaliese Matson

PARENTS OF CURRENT YEAR 6 CHILDREN - Blockhouse Bay Intermediate

Parent Information Evening - Tuesday 6th August 6.00-7.30pm (next week)

Parents and Caregivers are welcome to attend an Information evening at the school. Information about the school, how we deliver the curriculum and the opportunities offered and available to students will be shared. There will also be an opportunity for families to meet and talk with the students and staff members.

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

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.

Of course, families may be considering other options, so we advise parents to contact these schools if they are thinking of sending having their children attend these schools in 2020.

Fab Movie Night!

Friday 16 August 2019

Come and watch The Incredibles 2 with your school friends & family. We are selling the tickets EXCLUSIVELY through Kindo, which is our on-line payment system. You can also purchase Pizza and Incredibles Plushies through Kindo (also available for cash on the night, if not sold out, along with other snacks & drinks).



Please make payments through your mykindo account. If you haven't used Kindo before, click this link to get started (all you need is the email address the school has on record)...
<https://shop.tgcl.co.nz/shop/handshake.shtml?shop=Blockhouse%20Bay%20Primary%20School>

If you already have a mykindo account, go to www.mykindo.co.nz or via the link on our school website.

If you need further assistance please 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...



Barfoot & Thompson

Avinesh Prasad | 021 834 280 | a.prasad@barfoot.co.nz

09 627 8325 | barfoot.co.nz


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

