



Blockhouse Bay

Primary School

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REMINDER

School will close 12.45pm - Tuesday 2nd July for Parent/Student/Teacher Conferences
Please make suitable arrangements for your children on this day

Thursday 20th June 2019

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Have you booked your Learning Conference(s) yet? It is really important for the teachers to meet with all parents mid-year to review progress and set future goals so please make sure that you make a time for this - see details in this newsletter. Remember if you need help to make an appointment, please contact the school office.

Thank you to the Kauri children who did a superb job of showing parents how they use their devices to help with their learning at our BYOD evening. Thank you too, to the parents who came along. If any parents would like to receive any information about the use of devices at school, our BYOD programme or using Family Zone to help protect children when using digital devices at home, please contact the office and we will get this information to you.

Well done to our Chess team who represented us so well last week. Our school had the most competitors and came away with second and third placings which was a tremendous achievement.

Lastly, good luck to our Gymnastics athletes who are taking part in their interschool event next week.

See you at the Parakuihi Matariki!

**NEIL ROBINSON
PRINCIPAL**

WEST AUCKLAND INTER SCHOOL CHESS COMPETITION

On Friday 14th June 26 children from Blockhouse Bay Primary competed in the West Auckland Inter-school Chess Competition held at Henderson North Primary School. The children from Years 4 to 6 made up six teams with two reserves. There were over 30 teams in the competition and points were awarded for a win or a draw.

Congratulations to **Sean Liu** in Year 6 who was the top player of the day, winning board one with a perfect score.

Congratulations also to Team B (Ranvir Mheandroo, Krish Reddy, Anish Pal, Oliver Lawson) who came 2nd and were awarded silver medals and to Team A (**Sean Liu, Aakarsh Sharma, Abigail Deng, Abhi Anand**) who came 3rd and received bronze medals.

All the children played well and enjoyed the day. A big thank you to the parents and caregivers who gave up their time to drive the children to and from the event.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS - TERM TWO - 2019	
<i>Please check weekly as dates can often change throughout the term.</i>	
Fri 21 st June	2.15pm - Rimu- Te Raranga Assembly
Fri 21 st June	Wacky Hair Day
Tues 25 th June	2.30pm - Pohutukawa Assembly
Tues 25 th June	Matariki Breakfast
Tues 25 th June	Boys Gymnastics Fun Festival for selected students
Wed 26 th June	Girls Gymnastics Fun Festival for selected students
Fri 28 th June	2.00pm Whole School Assembly
Tues 2 nd July	Parent/Student/Teacher Conferences - school closes at 12.45pm
Wed 3 rd July	Parent/Student/Teacher Conferences
Fri 5 th July	2.15pm - Rimu Whole Team Assembly
Fri 5 th July	Mufti Day - Sausage Sizzle - Volunteers needed please
Fri 5 th July	End of Term 2 - 3.00pm finish



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UPCOMING EVENTS

WACKY HAIR DAY - Friday 21st June (TOMORROW)

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

We will have a parade for Wacky Hair Day at 9.00am so we invite all parents to watch or even join in the fun.



(Parakuhi means breakfast)

This promises to be a very exciting addition to this year's school calendar and takes place on **Tuesday 25th June**. Families should arrive at school at 6.15am. Please go to the Te Whau Performing Arts Centre and sign your child in. You are welcome to stay or leave, whichever suits you. Please refer to the letter sent home last week with your child for more information. We expect this event to finish at around 8.20am.

Children should be wearing their school uniform but they are allowed to wear jackets, scarves and beanies over the top to keep warm.

There is no cost for this experience, but, as it is a waste free event, **the children will need to bring a named, bowl, mug and spoon in a plastic bag so that we can serve them breakfast.** (These will be rinsed to be taken home).

Parents: If you wish to eat breakfast with your whanau please bring the above items also.

Other optional items to bring include a torch and a blanket to sit on.

In the case of unsuitable weather conditions and we need to cancel the event we will let parents know the day before via text.

We start the event viewing Matariki followed by a waiata and karakia. We will then stay on to have breakfast together and watch our Kauri and Rimu Kapa Haka perform for us.

Please contact the school office if you have any questions about this exciting event.

WHOLE SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

We like to get together once a term to share some learning highlights and recognise children who have demonstrated our core school values. Our next whole school assembly will take place on the afternoon of Friday 28th June and families are very welcome to attend.

CHILD/PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES – Time is running out to book!!

Learning Conferences take place on Tuesday 2nd and Wednesday 3rd July. If these dates do not suit your family, please organise a different time with your child's teacher. Note that **school closes at 12.45pm on Tuesday 2nd July** so that these meetings can take place. School finishes at the usual time of 3.00pm on Wednesday 3rd July.

Bookings are open online and parents can go to www.schoolinterviews.co.nz and enter the code 3kpm8

You will be able to select your child's teacher and a time that will suit you. If you are unable to book your appointment online please fill in your preferred time on the sheet sent home and return it to the school office.

Bookings close at 2.00pm on Tuesday 1st July. Please contact the school office for more details if you would like to book an appointment manually or if you would like any further information.

COMMUNITY NOTICE -GETTING A LOAN FROM ASB

Rush to get your school \$500.00 -Get in now before 30th June expiry! If you're a parent, staff member or a member of the school community and draw down a new ASB home loan of \$250,000 or more, ASB will donate \$500 to your chosen participating school.

ICAS TESTING 2019

2019 International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) are Australian online tests (Apart from Year 4 Writing) which are completed in some schools under normal examination conditions. Parents may choose to have their child sit these tests as they give them experience of external exam conditions, provide some alternative information about their child's strengths and highlight areas that may require more attention.

These tests are for years 4 - 6 children only.

The ICAS assessments will take place in the school between the 3rd of September and the 19th of September.

You may wish for your child to sit some or all of the following exams:

Digital Technologies, Science, Writing, Spelling Bee, English or Maths.

The ICAS assessments will take place in our school on the following dates:

Digital Technologies Tuesday 3rd September,

Science Thursday 5th September,

Writing Tuesday 10th September,

Spelling Bee Thursday 12th September,

English Tuesday 17th September and

Maths Thursday 19th September.

Order forms may be collected from the school office must be returned to the school office by: Friday the 9th August.

Practice questions can be viewed online at: <https://www.eaa.unsw.edu.au/icas/download-practice-questions>

Late entries cannot be accepted.

NETBALL RESULTS - Week Ending 16th June 2019

BHB EMERALDS (2) vs Baytex Panthers White (9) Player of the Day - Neveah

BHB OPALS - No results to date

BHB CRYSTALS - No results to date

BHB RUBIES (4) vs Waitakere School (11) Player of the Day - Tanvi

BEACH CLEAN UP: A group of children in Whanau Kotahi (our year six space) are going to have a beach cleanup on Tuesday 25th June at 11.30am - 1pm. This is part of an inquiry project for the year six children. They want to make our ecosystem (aka Blockhouse Bay Beach) clean and help to save our sea animals. If any parents would like to come and help please email claires@blockhousebay.school.nz

BAKE SALE: Whanau Kotahi are raising funds for the homeless and also to fundraise money to buy trees for school. This will be on **Thursday 27th June**. All students may bring a gold coin to purchase something yummy.

SAVE THE DATE – TE MANAWA LIBRARY AND MAKERSPACE HISTORIC BUILDING RE-OPENING

You are invited to celebrate with us at the **Re-Opening Ceremony** of our beautiful historic building Te Manawa (The Heart) - Our Library and Makerspace on **Thursday the 25th July at 9.15am.**

After the Re-Opening Ceremony please join us in the celebration of our inquiry learning at our **Maker Fair**, located in different spaces all over the school. More details will be provided soon.



FAB SAUSAGE SIZZLE - CAN YOU HELP?

On Friday 5th July we will be holding a sausage sizzle for the children. We desperately need volunteers to help cook and pack the sausages. If you can help please contact fab@blockhousebay.school.nz or leave your name at the school office. Thank you.

HOLIDAY AFTER SCHOOL CARE PROGRAMME:

CARE 4 KIDZ is again offering a Holiday Programme held at Blockhouse Bay Primary packed with fun activities.

This time the theme is: **DISCOVER NEW ZEALAND.**

Further programme information and Registration Forms are available from our supervisor, daily after 2:45pm in the Technology Room.



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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?
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