



Blockhouse Bay

Primary School

We Seek - We Strive - We Soar

Thursday 21st March 2019

Assalamu alykum, peace be upon you,

Throughout this week we have been focused on supporting and caring for our school community and in particular our Muslim children and their families. Many children have made cards and written messages of love and support and these will be given to our local Muslim community on behalf of our school.

While we know that all of New Zealand mourns the people who have lost their lives and are injured, we have in our own school community, children and families who have lost loved ones or have friends and family who are amongst the injured. We want you to know our hearts break with you and want to extend our great love and sympathy.

To show our love and support, next week on Thursday 28th March we will hold Superhero Day when the children may wear Superhero clothes, colourful clothing or wear their cultural clothes. During this day we will think of the many heroes who work to keep us all safe and we will invite the children to pause to reflect and think of those who are sad and hurting as well as the importance of showing aroha and manaakitanga.

Kind regards,
Elizabeth Crisp - Associate Principal

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS
TERM ONE 2019**

- Fri 22nd Mar -9.00am Kauri Assembly
- Fri 22nd Mar -2.15pm Kete Whānau Rimu Assembly
Rms 13/14/15
- Tues 26th Mar -2.30pm Kowhai Assembly
- Wed 27th March -Kauri/Rimu Cross Country
- Fri 29th March -2.15pm Te Raranga Rimu Assembly
Rms 2/3/9/12
- Fri 29th March -Rimu & Kauri Cross Country Savings Day
- Tues 2nd April -2.30pm- Pōhutukawa Assembly
- Thurs 4th April -2.00pm Whole School Assembly
- Fri 5th April -9.00am - Kauri Assembly
- Fri 5th April -2.15pm Kete Whānau Rimu Assembly
Rms 13/14/15
- Tues 9th April -2.30pm Kowhai Assembly
- Wed 10th April -Y5/6 Interschool Cricket Postponement Day
- Fri 12th April -2.15pm Whole Rimu Assembly
- Fri 12th April -Term One Ends (3.00pm)



Superhero Day

**Please note change of date and focus:
Now- Thursday 28th March**

Please join with us to stand with our Muslim Community and think about the heroes who helped and continue to help the people of Christchurch and all of New Zealand.

We would like to acknowledge our diverse community and invite everyone to come to school dressed as a superhero, wearing their cultural clothes or bright colours to help focus on the love and support that has been shown across New Zealand and has helped bring hope and comfort to us all.

We will no longer be raising money for the Make a Wish Foundation at this time. This will now take place later this year in a different format.



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Dear Parents and Whānau,

As our country and the whole world looks on in horror at the events that have unfolded on Friday, on behalf of the Board of Trustees I wanted to reach out to our families and school community to offer our Aroha and support at these trying times.

Racism is not ok, it has no place in New Zealand and I am deeply saddened that our beautiful country has been the target of such an awful act. These are the actions of one and do not represent us as New Zealanders.

I am aware that some of our families have lost loved ones on Friday, so to you and to all of the Muslim community in our school and throughout NZ and to all New Zealanders affected by these acts, I offer my sincere condolences. You are in our thoughts and prayers.

This is not typical of the way we feel in this country and I hope you feel the love and support of our entire nation at this difficult time. Over the weekend as a family I spent time with our communities. If there is one positive we can take out from this terrible situation, it is that we have never been so united and protective of every New Zealander regardless of race or religion.

If you or a member of our school community needs support at this time or in the weeks/months to come, please reach out to me or any of our school staff so we can ensure you are supported.

We are one!

I want to end with words that were left on flowers at the Blockhouse Bay Mosque:
You are us and we are you, forever in our thoughts and prayers, we will do better!

Sheereen Ali
Board of Trustees Chairperson

RIMU AND KAURI CROSS COUNTRY - Next Wednesday

When: Wed 27th March 9.20am - 10.50am **Where:** Around the school and in Gill Crescent.

Postponement Day (if needed): Friday 29th March 9.20am start

This event is designed to give the children the chance to prepare for and meet a challenging situation in which they are all supported to do their best. In addition to this, the top 10 or so children in each race are invited to represent us at the inter-school event which takes place early in term two.

On race day, the younger Rimu children will run first at 9.20am and so on through to the older ones. Ages are worked out from what age the child will be on the 1st May 2019. This is because this is the date used for the inter-school event being held next term.

Students are asked to wear a shirt of a certain colour according to their age group:

6/7 yr olds: Blue Shirts 8 yr olds: Green Shirts 9 yr olds: Red Shirts
10 yr olds: White Shirts 11 yr olds: Black Shirts

Parents are very welcome to come and cheer the children on.

2019 TERM DATES

We always like to give parents plenty of notice of our school dates so that holidays are not planned during term times. The term dates for this year are:

Term One	- Ends Fri 12 th April	Term Two	- Mon 29 th April - Fri 5 th July
Term Three	- Mon 22 nd July - Fri 27 th September	Term Four	- Mon 14 th Oct - Thurs 19 th December

CAMP PAYMENTS FOR YEAR SIX STUDENTS

The clock is ticking on this exciting event for the Year 6 children as this experience will be a highlight of their time at the school.

With only a month to go until camp we are reminding parents that any outstanding money for camp should be received at the school office by tomorrow, 22nd March. (Please contact Mrs Crisp if you have any queries). Camp fees can be paid online or at the school office. Medical forms have been sent home and should now be returned to the school office as well.

SCHOOL DONATIONS AND FAB DONATION

Thank you to everyone who has paid this money to the school office. Please contact the office if you have any questions about this.

The school will be sending out a reminder notice for these donations tomorrow. If you wish to discuss any aspect of this notice, please contact the school office.

The government have talked about a possible change to school donations but it does look unlikely that any changes will be made this year, so we do appreciate parents paying this donation to the school as it does allow us to fund a lot of what goes on in the school.

The 2019 School Donation is unchanged from the last five years and remains at \$200 for one child, \$400 for two and \$500 for three or more children with an additional charge of \$40 per child for the FAB donation.

When people have paid their children's donations, we will send home a receipt.

If you pay the entire school fee by the end of March (end of next week), you can claim back a portion of this money in the current tax year.

COUNTDOWN CROSSING: More help needed!

Thank you to the two parents who have volunteered to help our children cross safely at the Countdown car park area. A reminder that children will not be allowed to enter this area without an adult.

If you can help us after school for 10 mins please phone Mrs Elizabeth Crisp at the school office.

SWIMMING POOL CLOSING SOON

The last day for swimming at the school both during school time and after, will be Friday 29th March. People with pool keys are welcome to return them at any time over the next three weeks so that we can return your bond payment.

We recently had our 2nd FAB (Fundraisers at Blockhouse Bay) meeting for the year and have lots of exciting things to report on:

School Lunches

We are in the process of sourcing some 'healthy-ish', delicious and cost effective lunch options for the days when making lunch is just one task too many. We will hopefully have this up and running by Week 2 of Term 2. Please get in touch with us if you have some ideas for school lunches or know any business that may be interested in supplying lunch options and helping us fundraise at the same time.

Ice-blocks

\$1 ice block Thursday's after school will continue throughout the rest of March, so any unwanted pennies you can give to your kids Thursday morning would be hugely appreciated!! We are still looking for some extra helpers for the pop up ice block stalls so if you are able to help after school on Thursday, we would really appreciate it! Simply email us letting us know you can help.

Disco a go go - Friday 5th of April

We intend to make the school disco absolutely amazing for our little people so again watch this space for more details!! Again, we will be needing volunteers to help on Disco night so if you are able to come and help set up on the day, sell goodies and/or clean up after, let us know! We cannot run these amazing events without our volunteers.

Join Us! Next meeting Tuesday 30th April: 7pm

We have some new and old faces this year and lots of exciting energy. We are really encouraging people to get involved this year. So please, if you would like to be part of the FAB, our next meeting is the Tuesday 30th April 7pm at the school. There is lots of exciting planning going on and the more the merrier.

Any questions feel free to call our FAB Chairperson Dan Berry 0278137017 or email us at pta@blockhousebay.school.nz.





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