



**Blockhouse Bay**

Primary School

*We Seek - We Strive - We Soar*

22nd June 2017

### REMINDER

On Wednesday 5th July school will close at 12.45pm because of Parent Conferences  
Please make sure that someone collects your child(ren) from  
school at this time  
(and please do not leave them unsupervised at the public library)

特此提醒家长留意，学校在七月五日，星期三，中午12:45放学，  
下午家长会时间，没有课程。请安排到时有有人接孩子。  
请勿将孩子单独留在图书馆。

### PRINCIPAL'S SOAPBOX

Have you booked your Student / Parent / Teacher conference yet?  
These are very important meetings where you can all discuss the mid-year report (that will be sent home on Friday next week) and any other matters that require communication. It is also an opportunity for your child to share their learning with you in two ways. The students will be using our newly developed Writing Pathway to share their progress in Writing and over the next week or so, the children will also be reflecting on how they are doing with the Key Competencies, essential life skills identified in the New Zealand National Curriculum. It is also important for each child to take responsibility for their own learning and what they need to learn next. The Writing Pathway goals and Key Competency self-reflection are two ways we support your child to do this. This is important to help their growth as independent, self-motivated learners, who as our vision states 'seek, strive and soar'.

We have recently had some issues caused by unsupervised children either not going straight home or to after school care after they have left class at 3.00pm. As a result of this we will be emphasising the need for children to quickly go where they need to be and it would be helpful if parents reinforced this with their children as well.

Have a great week everyone!

Neil Robinson

Principal



### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

#### TERM TWO

**Friday 23rd June** - *Science in a Van*  
*visiting Kauri classes*  
**Monday 26th June** - *Rimu assembly*  
*2pm*  
**Wed 28th June** - *Matariki Assembly*  
*Families, please arrive at 1.45pm*  
**Thursday 29th June** - *Year 3/4 Soccer*  
*postponement day*  
*- Pohutukawa Assembly 2.30pm*  
**Fri 30th June** - *Mid-year reports sent*  
*home*  
*- Auckland Girls Inter-School Chess*  
*Championships for selected students*  
*- PTA Comedy Night*  
**Monday 3rd July** - *Kauri Assembly*  
*2.15pm*  
**Wednesday 5th & Thursday 6th July**  
*- Parent/Child/Teacher Conferences*  
*(Note school closes at 12.45pm on*  
*Wednesday 5th)*  
**Friday 7th July**  
*- Mufti Day/ Sausage Sizzle*  
*- Last day of Term Two (3.00pm)*

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**INTERSCHOOL  
SWIMMING TEAM**

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## INTERSCHOOL SWIMMING

On Wednesday 14th June a group of 18 selected students from Year 4-6 competed in the South West Swimming Carnival held at Cameron Pool. It was a fantastic morning and the students competed very well with some excellent results. Thank you to the parents that helped with transporting, marshaling and general supporting of our team.

### OVERALL RESULTS:

<b>8 &amp; Under Boys 25m Freestyle</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> Charlie Timmins 2 <sup>nd</sup> Zi Ang Jia 3 <sup>rd</sup> Harrison Cao	<b>8 &amp; Under Boys 25m Backstroke</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> Harrison Cao 2 <sup>nd</sup> Charlie Timmins
<b>9 Year Girls 25m Freestyle</b> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Risdan Brown	<b>9 Year Girls 25m Backstroke</b> 3 <sup>rd</sup> Emma Wagner
<b>9 Year old Boys 25m Backstroke</b> Raymond Sun	
<b>10 &amp; Over Girls 25m Freestyle</b> 3 <sup>rd</sup> Scarlett Kwon	<b>10 &amp; Over Boys 25m Freestyle</b> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Clayton Fell
<b>10 &amp; Over Girls Backstroke</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> Scarlet Kwon	<b>10 &amp; Over Boys 25m Backstroke</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> Clayton Fell
8 & Under Mixed 25m Relay      1 <sup>st</sup> place	9 Year Old Mixed 25m Relay      3 <sup>rd</sup> place
10 & Over Mixed 25m Relay      2 <sup>nd</sup> place	

## 2017 INTERSCHOOL CHESS REPORT

Friday last week saw 6 teams from our school play in the annual West Auckland Primary Schools Chess Championships. This was by far the biggest tournament we have ever entered with over 140 students taking part! Our students, as always, played with great concentration, strategy and sportsmanship. Everyone got great wins against much higher ranked players. A special congratulations to Abraham Deng and Felix Liu who had perfect scores for the day and won ALL their matches (only 4 students out of 140 on the day achieved this). Our A Team was placed 4<sup>th</sup> overall in this competition.

Chess Club is still taking place, and anyone wanting to learn chess, play for fun or competitively may come to Room 4 during morning tea times to play.

*"It was a nice experience, had challenges and I felt happy because I won 5 out of 6 of my matches!"* - Abraham Li (Room 4)

*"I thought the day was great! I felt proud of myself because I got 3.5 points out of 6 altogether"* - Roween Hennadige (Room 4)

A big thank you to the parent helpers who offered to transport children on the day; Manju Reddy, Navneet Anand, Shirley Savathongdy and Mr Robinson who helped to provide this awesome experience for them all.

## NETBALL RESULTS - 17<sup>TH</sup> June 2017

BHB Diamonds (1) vs Konini Keas (35)

Player of the Day Keira Holt

BHB Sapphires (3) vs. Glenora Diamonds (19)

Player of the Day Emily McGill

## SOME THINGS TO CONSIDER ABOUT YOUR CHILD'S CONFERENCE IN TWO WEEKS TIME

Please make sure that you are at your child's classroom on time, as we do need to stick to the timetable. Late arrivals will have less time for their conference.

- If something unexpected happens and you cannot come, please let us know as soon as possible by phoning the office
- Please do not leave your child unattended at school when we close at 12.45pm, even if you have one of the earlier meeting times. Because of the conferences, no-one is available to look after the children in the playground.
- Please encourage other children to play away from the meeting venues if they are waiting for their siblings conferences to be completed
- If children are playing at school, we would expect that they would follow all of our usual school rules.
- If either party feels that more discussion is required, a further meeting time can be organised.

Parents will receive their confirmed meeting times either through the email or in hard copy form. It is very unlikely that "on the day requests" for an appointment can be arranged for that day.

CARE 4 KIDZ is running a Holiday Programme in the July school holidays.

Programmes and enrolment forms are available from our supervisor in the Technology Room, daily after 2:45PM -Enrolments close 30 June 2017. For further information please ring EIs on 027 3628494

## **MATARIKI ASSEMBLY - next week**

Tēnā koutou katoa. This popular annual event takes place next week on **Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> June** in the PAC. Whānau (family members) who wish to come and watch the children take part should arrive around **1.45pm** to get a seat. (doors will open at 1.40pm).

Preschoolers are welcome but we do ask that you take them outside if they become noisy or restless. We will have a number of items to present as a way of celebrating the Māori New Year.

## **LOCAL SPARK BUSINESS HUB CONTRIBUTES TO SCHOOL COMMUNICATION**

The school has recently been using texting to communicate with our parent community and this is proving to be a very effective way of getting messages to you. There are significant costs involved with this however so we have been looking at ways of making this cheaper for the school. Our solution was to use a business plan from Spark and this was made even more beneficial when Account Manager and school parent Rachel Singh managed to secure us the use of a free smartphone to do the texting on. A big thanks to Rachel and Spark for helping us out.

## **TO PARENTS OF YEAR 6 CHILDREN - WHERE WILL YOUR YEAR 6 CHILD BE GOING TO SCHOOL NEXT YEAR?**

We are now moving into the time when parents of Year 6 pupils are thinking about which school their children will be going to next year. The school you end up choosing is totally up to the parents, however all schools like to have children enrolled before the end of September so that they can sort out their staffing and make other plans for the new year. We do recommend that you spend some time next term looking into this so that you can make up your mind.

On the first Tuesday back next term, (25<sup>th</sup> July) staff and children from Blockhouse Bay Intermediate will come and talk to the Year 6 children about what their school has to offer. Parents are welcome to come to this session which takes place in the PAC, starting at 9.45am.

BBI also has an information evening for families on the 10<sup>th</sup> August and an open day for children on the 21<sup>st</sup> August.

Of course, families may be considering other schools, so we advise parents to contact these schools if they are thinking of sending their children there in 2018.

## **PTA NEWS**

Urzila Carlson Comedy Night- Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June. We are very pleased to announce that this show is sold out! Congratulations to those who have bought tickets. See you there!!

Doors open at 6:45pm. No door sales. CASH bar and kitchen only.

Wig Wednesday- thanks to everyone who decorated their hair and donated a coin yesterday. The total raised for Child Cancer Foundation was \$500 which is a wonderful effort for this very worthy cause.

Carnival date- Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December. Add the date to your diaries. We hope to bring more of a Carnival feel to the day and we are pleased to announce that the big Cookie Bear Roadshow rides will be back this year. If you know anyone who may be able to help with sponsorship or donations of food, drink, raffle prizes or entertainment for the day, please email [pta@blockhousebay.school.nz](mailto:pta@blockhousebay.school.nz).

Like our Facebook page for regular event updates- Blockhouse Bay Primary School PTA

## **BIG BUDDY – MENTORING FATHERLESS BOYS**

Big Buddy is an organisation matching adult male mentors with fatherless boys. We work on the simple philosophy that boys need good male role models to become good men.

Unfortunately, some boys do not have a father or other male role model around. Big Buddy finds these boys a well-screened, volunteer male mentor, fostering a long-term relationship similar to that of an uncle.

It's as simple as a good man turning up regularly in a boy's life, going out into the world and doing activities together, being available to listen to him, modelling what it means to be a good man. The boy's sense of self develops - he will do better at school and be less inclined to crime and abuse. The statistics on positive mentoring are clear and compelling. Mentors may be available in your area now. If you are interested in this for your boy, simply contact Big Buddy Programme Manager Steve Sobota (09) 828 1358 ext 2 or email [steve@bigbuddy.org.nz](mailto:steve@bigbuddy.org.nz)

More information and stories are available on our media sites: [www.bigbuddy.org.nz](http://www.bigbuddy.org.nz) and

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