



# Blockhouse Bay

Primary School

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## STRIKE DAY FOR NEW ZEALAND TEACHERS

Along with most schools in the country, Blockhouse Bay School will be closed for instruction on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> May as our teachers are taking strike action. We apologize for the inconvenience to families that this will cause.

### 新西兰教师罢工日

各位家长·5月29日(星期三)是全新西兰教师罢工日·学校因此而关闭一天·由此造成的不便·尽请大家谅解。

## Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2019

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Thank you to all families who made arrangements for their children last Thursday, when we finished school early. The teachers from all 9 Lynfield Kahui Ako schools gathered at Blockhouse Bay Intermediate to hear about the new Digital Technology Curriculum. Receiving this information all together helps us to build relationships between schools so that we can better manage the flow of what is taught at each of the schools.

Unfortunately, the Government and Teachers Unions (PPTA and NZEI) have been unable to come to an agreement on new Collective Agreements and so **teachers across the country will be on strike on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> May. Blockhouse Bay Primary School will be closed on this day.**

Whilst there is always the chance that the strike can be avoided, my guess would be that this is very unlikely and so families will need to make alternative arrangements for their children.

Have a great week everyone!

**NEIL ROBINSON**  
PRINCIPAL

Some photos from the Junior Cross Country held last Tuesday.



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS - TERM TWO - 2019

Please check weekly as dates can often change throughout the term.

Fri 24 <sup>th</sup> May	2.15pm - Rimu Te Raranga Assembly
Tues 28 <sup>th</sup> May	9am - Teddy Bears Picnic - Pohutukawa
Tues 28 <sup>th</sup> May	2.30pm - Pohutukawa Assembly
<b>Wed 29<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Teachers Strike Day</b>
Fri 31 <sup>st</sup> May	9am - Kauri Assembly
Fri 31 <sup>st</sup> May	2.15pm - Rimu-Kete Whanau Assembly
Mon 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	<b>Queen's Birthday - No School today</b>
Tues 4 <sup>th</sup> June	2.30pm - Kowhai Assembly
Fri 7 <sup>th</sup> June	2.15pm Rimu- Te Raranga Assembly
Tues 11 <sup>th</sup> June	2.30pm-Pohutukawa Assembly
Wed 12 <sup>th</sup> June	Inter School Swimming for selected students
Fri 14 <sup>th</sup> June	9.00am - Kauri Assembly
Fri 14 <sup>th</sup> June	Interschool Chess Tournament
Fri 14 <sup>th</sup> June	2.15pm - Rimu- Kete Whanau Assembly
Tues 18 <sup>th</sup> June	2.30pm Kowhai Assembly
Mon 17 <sup>th</sup> June	6.00pm - Board of Trustees Meeting
Fri 21 <sup>st</sup> June	2.15pm - Rimu- Te Raranga Assembly
Tues 25 <sup>th</sup> June	2.30pm- Pohutukawa Assembly
Wed 26 <sup>th</sup> June	Gymnastics Comp for selected students
Fri 28 <sup>th</sup> June	2.00pm Whole School Assembly
Tues 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	Parent/Student/Teacher Conferences
Wed 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Parent/Student/Teacher Conferences
Fri 5 <sup>th</sup> July	2.15pm - Rimu Whole Team Assembly
Fri 5 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>End of Term 2 - 3.00pm finish</b>



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## BOARD OF TRUSTEES ELECTION 2019

BOT elections happen every three years and are taking place soon.

On our Board, there are 5 elected parent representative positions in addition to the Principal and a staff representative. The BOT has appointed office staff members Raewyn Nicholson and Lyndal Van Ravenstein as our Returning Officers to run the election process.



Nomination forms have been posted out, if you have not received yours please contact the office. You can nominate another person to stand as a candidate, or you can nominate yourself. Both parts of the form must be signed.

The time table is as follows:

### . Friday 24th May - Nominations close

- Wednesday 29th May - Voting papers are sent by
- Friday 7th June - Election day
- Thursday 13th June - Results will be given to the school
- Friday 14th June - New Board takes office. Please ensure that the school has up to date contact details so that you can vote.

If you are considering standing but have a few questions, please ask one of the office staff and they will put you in touch with either myself or another current board member. A list of candidate names will be published on the school office window.

**Nga Mihi, Sheereen Ali - Blockhouse Bay School Board of Trustees Chairperson**

### **Junior School Cross Country Results**

The children from Year 0-2 from Pohutukawa and Kowhai classes participated enthusiastically on Tuesday in the Junior Cross Country. The conditions were perfect for the race and the children were excited to run in this fun school event. There were loads of smiles running down to the finish line with the encouragement of their family, teachers and peers. A big thank you to the senior buddies that ran with the children and helped make the event a special one.

Congratulations to the following children that ran exceptionally well and gained a place in the top three.

#### **6 / 7 YEAR OLD GIRLS**

1st Place Saanvi Patel  
2nd Place Arden Horsford  
3rd Place Fonuku Gallaher

#### **6 / 7 YEAR OLD BOYS**

1st Place Taylor Reardon  
2nd Place Arlo Kronfeld  
3rd Place Bruce Lei

#### **5 YEAR OLD GIRLS**

1st Place Erica Hsu  
2nd Place Danya Capps  
3rd Place Isla Lucas

#### **5 YEAR OLD BOYS**

1st Place Anders Williams  
2nd Place Aiden Markovina  
3rd Place Yazan Elliot

### **NETBALL RESULTS - Week ending 19<sup>th</sup> May**

**BHB Crystals** lost 22 - 3 to Matipo Ferns

Player of the Day Abby Gosling for never giving up when it was tough and keeping the energy up

**BHB Sapphires** won 19-5 to Kaurilands swifts.

Player of the Day Ana Gallaher

**BHB Opals** lost - 8 - 3 to Kaurilands. Annie Mahe was our player of the day for excellent defence and attack.

**BHB Emeralds** lost 15-5 to Woodland Park Swift. Our player of the day was Bella-Donna.

**BHB Diamonds** won 3-2 and their player of the day was Bella.

## PRINCIPAL'S SOAPBOX

I am sure that you are all aware that NZ teachers will be on strike on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> May and that our school will be closed on this day.

For the first time, both primary and secondary teachers are striking together because the crisis in education hits us all very hard and we feel that we need the Government to understand how serious it is.

Schools are grappling with the fallout of a 40% nosedive in the number of people training to be teachers between 2010 and 2016, even while the population grew by 400,000. While the situation improved a little last year and the Government has announced an urgent \$95m package to recruit teachers, this is not sufficient to address the crisis. Schools struggle daily to find enough teachers to meet their relief teacher needs and this will worsen as winter approaches. There is also a desperate need for more support for children with additional learning needs.

The fact is that teaching is no longer considered an attractive profession due to long-term under-funding of the education sector. A significant pay jolt is part of the solution, alongside significant improvements to our heavy workloads. Otherwise our schools will end up with larger class sizes and more teachers leaving.

We fully understand how inconvenient this is for families who need to organise care for their children on this day and apologise for this. We have been heartened by messages of support that we have received as this shows us that parents recognise this is an issue for everyone and not just the current crop of teachers in schools. We are taking action to try and make a positive change for children now and in the future and hope that the Government takes the steps that are necessary to avoid further industrial action later in the year.

## **NOMINATIONS CLOSE FOR BOARD OF TRUSTEES TOMORROW**

A reminder to parents that nominations for the Board of Trustees closes tomorrow.

Please contact the office staff urgently if you have any questions about this.

## **Blockhouse Bay Intermediate School** **Enrolment 2020** **Year 7 ENROLMENT FORMS** **ONLINE**

Blockhouse Bay Intermediate School have online enrolment for our students for 2020

Please use the email address below. The code is **1232** and use your email address to get started: <https://enrol.etap.co.nz>

Remember to save as you go and fill in all boxes that are applicable to your child.

Out of Zone closes at 4pm on 4<sup>th</sup> September 2019.

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