



Blockhouse Bay
Primary School
We Seek - We Strive - We Soar

25th March 2021

Dear Parents and Whānau

The sun is shining and the children are enjoying their last few days of swimming. A reminder that the pool closes for the season, next Thursday 1st April. Pool key holders are welcome to return their keys at any time to the school office and they will organise the pool key bond refund.

We are all very busy preparing for the Centenary and so have decided that we just will not have the time to prepare for any assemblies this term. Therefore, the Kowhai and Rimu assemblies that were planned for the last week of term, will not be happening.

Please remember that the children will be performing their dance routine from 1.15-2.45pm on Friday 9th April which is just two weeks away. Tickets are free and we are hoping for a big walk-up crowd to this event!

In this newsletter, we have included some information from the Ministry of Education regarding the timetable for Covid 19 vaccination in New Zealand. An **online tool** that advises people which vaccination group they are in and when they can expect to get their COVID-19 vaccine is now available on [Unite against COVID-19](https://www.moh.govt.nz/unite-against-covid-19/).

Have a great week everyone!

Neil Robinson
Principal

The children are certainly looking forward to the Centenary which is now only two weeks away!

TERM ONE CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2021	
<i>Please check the calendar weekly as dates and times may change</i>	
Wed 31st March	Y5/6 T Ball Tournament
Fri 2nd April	Easter - No School this day
Mon 5th April	Easter - No School this day
Tues 6th April	Easter - No School this day
Thurs 8th April	Interschool Swimming Carnival
Fri 9 th April	Centenary Celebrations including our Dance Festival.
Sat 10 th April	Centenary Celebration including Cultural Performances.
Wed 14 th April	9am - Rimu Assembly Cancelled
Thurs 15 th April	2.15pm Kōwhai Assembly Cancelled
Fri 16th April	3.00pm -Term One Ends



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DANCE FESTIVAL - Friday 9th April from 1.15-2.45pm

This promises to be one of the real highlights for 2021 and the children are enjoying preparing their item. Visitors to the school for the Centennial will join the many family members who will no doubt be joining us for the event.

There will be four performance areas and each class will perform their dance twice, once on an outdoor 'stage' and once 'indoors'. There will be a time gap between each performance so that each class can move to the area that they will be dancing next. Teachers will be letting you know what clothing we would like the children to perform in. It would be helpful if this could arrive at school in a named bag of some kind by next Thursday 1st April.

The Festival timetable with information about which stages the children will be performing on, will be included in next week's newsletter.

BLOCKHOUSE BAY SCHOOL CENTENNIAL

This event is now just two weeks away and we are very much looking forward to hosting our visitors. An in-depth explanation of what is happening when, was included in last weeks newsletter and is available on the school's website - www.blockhousebay.school.nz - click on [Information](#) and scroll down to [Blockhouse Bay Primary 2021 Centennial](#).

COVID-19 vaccine update – from the Ministry of Education

Minister for COVID-19 Response, Hon Chris Hipkins recently announced further details on phasing the vaccination programme for Aotearoa New Zealand that prioritises those people most at risk.

Listed are the **four main groups**:

Group 1	50,000 border and MIQ workers and close contacts	From February to March
Group 2	480,000 frontline workers and people living in high-risk settings	February to May
Group 3	1.7 million people at higher risk if they catch COVID-19	Starts in May
Group 4	2 million people, remainder of the population	Starts from July

Note: approximate population numbers and roll-out dates

At this time, we anticipate **school staff and students** (where eligible) will be included in **Group 4** unless individuals meet criteria for an earlier group eg, have underlying health conditions.

Vaccination for under 16 years

Currently the Pfizer/BioNTech vaccine is not approved for people under the age of 16. Health authorities anticipate that this will change in time and are continuing to watch what the emerging studies are showing for those under 16.

Director-General of Health, Dr Bloomfield advised a reasonable level of confidence that the Pfizer vaccine will be one of the first to present data and also one of the vaccines they imagine would be safe in under 16s, but are waiting for that information to come through from the trials.

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The kids had such a fun night at the School Disco last Friday! A big THANK YOU to all the school families that supported the event, the amazing parents that were able to help on the night and to the FAB team for organising!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! We are looking for volunteers to help at all our upcoming events:

* Thursday Ice Block Pop Ups - selling ice blocks after school

* Sausage Sizzle (last day of term) - cooking and packaging up sausages

These events cannot go ahead without volunteers so if you are able to help please let us know by emailing fab@blockhousebay.school.nz Thank you!!

Entertainment Membership Fundraisers

School holidays are coming up! If you don't already have one, grab yourself an Entertainment Membership (www.entertainmentnz.com) and check out the special offers you can get of some fun activities to take the kids to. The school will receive 20% from your purchase.

Join our FAB Team

Our next FAB committee meeting is scheduled for Monday (29 March) 7pm in the Staffroom. If you are interested in finding out more, or joining our team to help organise events, please come along!

UPCOMING FAB EVENTS

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| Thursday 25 March | - Ice Block pop up Stall - After School |
| Monday 29 March | - FAB Meeting (School Staffroom 7pm) |
| Thursday 1 April | - Ice Block pop up Stall - After School |
| Friday 16 April | - Last day of School Sausage Sizzle & Mufti Day |

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CARE 4 KIDZ is running a Holiday Programme during the upcoming April holidays. To find out about the activities and obtain an enrolment form, please see our Supervisor, daily between 2:45PM and 6:00PM in the Technology Room. Enrolments are accepted till FRIDAY, 9 APRIL 2021

YEAR SIX CAMP

A reminder that final payments for the Year Six camp were due on the 19th March 2021. Please pay this either by direct debit or at the school office. Thank you.

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Upcoming events?

Easter Celebrations



Easter egg hunt
Easter egg art
Book reading and lots more

ANZAC Day



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