



Blockhouse Bay

Primary School

We Seek - We Strive - We Soar

Thursday 26th July 2018

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Whānau,

It's great to have everyone back at school! We would especially like to welcome all our new students and families.

The holidays have been action packed around school with many improvements taking place. These have included:

- Construction starting on the original Blockhouse Bay Schoolhouse which will become our new Library and Makerspace.
- Remodelling of the old Library and ICT rooms into two new classroom spaces- now called Rooms 2 & 3. Classes shifted in on Wednesday.
- Felling two large pine trees in the Junior area of the school.
- An electrical upgrade and installation of heat pumps in seven rooms.
- Concreting two new pathways to improve access across the field from Countdown and between playgrounds in the Glade.

We are also grateful for the huge amount of work done by our community to improve some of our gardens and install our sculptures ready for the opening next Tuesday. It was wonderful to see the children's excitement as they raced around the school spotting all the new Artworks. We look forward to sharing this with you next Tuesday.

Elizabeth Crisp
Deputy Principal

BLOCKHOUSE BAY SCULPTURE TRAIL

CALENDAR OF EVENTS	
TERM THREE – 2018	
Mon 30 th July	- Kauri Assembly - 2.00pm
Tues 31 st July	- ICAS English - Blockhouse Bay Sculpture Trail opening. All welcome 1.30pm start
Wed 1 st Aug	- Kōwhai Assembly (now cancelled)
Fri 3 rd Aug	- Rimu Assembly 2.00pm
Tues 7 th Aug	- Pōhutukawa Assembly 2.30pm
Mon 13 th Aug	- Kauri Assembly 2.00pm
Tues 14 th Aug	- ICAS Maths - Kōwhai Assembly 2.30pm
Wed 15 th Aug	- Teachers Strike (more details next term)
Fri 17 th Aug	- Whole School Assembly 2.00pm
Tues 21 st Aug	- Pohutukawa Challenge & Change Games Day - Pōhutukawa Assembly - 2.30pm
Wed 22 nd Aug	- Winter Field Day (Savings Day)
Thurs 23 rd Aug	- Year Six Students visit BBI
Mon 27 th Aug	- Kauri Assembly - 2pm
Tues 28 th Aug	- Kōwhai Assembly 2.30pm
Wed 5 th Sept	- Kauri Production Matinee - 11am - Kauri Production Evening Show
Thurs 6 th Sept	- Kauri Assembly
Mon 10 th Sept	- Kōwhai Assembly 2.30pm
Tues 11 th Sept	- Gymnastics Champ of Champs Comp.
Thurs 13 th Sept	- Rimu Assembly 2pm
Fri 14 th Sept	- School Class and Individual Photos
Mon 17 th Sept	- School Class and Individual Photos
Tues 18 th Sept	- Pōhutukawa Assembly 2:30pm - Kauri Assembly 2.00pm
Mon 24 th Sept	- Kōwhai Assembly 2.30pm
Tues 25 th Sept	- Term Three Ends - 3.00pm finish
Fri 28 th Sept	



Sculpture Trail Opening: Tuesday the 31st of July

Children are invited to wear their cultural clothes to school on Tuesday to celebrate their unique identity.

1:30-2:00 pm Opening Ceremony - All parents, whānau and our extended school community are invited to attend

2:00-4:00pm Sculpture Trail open to all children, parents, whānau and our extended school community for viewing At 2:00pm all children go back to their classrooms ready for parents to pick them up so the children can guide them round the Sculpture Trail (starting at their class sculpture).

Parents may sign their children out after this.

A future Pulitzer Prize winner will write her name for the first time...

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PICK UP AND DROP OFF AT COUNTDOWN

For many years Countdown have supported the school community by allowing parents to park and then drop off or pick up their children from their car park. We are pleased to let you know that Countdown will continue to support the school community in this way. However they have noticed some concerning safety issues and are in the process of making some changes to improve these.

The changes are:

- The previous access gate has been blocked off
- Access is now half way down the pathway opposite the front entrance to Countdown
- A pedestrian crossing area will be put in from this access point across the car-park to the Countdown entrance
- A waiting area for children will be made
- Some car-parks will be designated 'Drop off and Pick up'

We would also ask you to:

- Pick up your children from the gate
- Please be considerate of other shoppers
- Do not park on the no parking lines
- Remind children that the carpark should be treated like a roadway

We are grateful to Countdown for their ongoing support of our school and we know they appreciate our custom!

STRIKE ACTION LOOMING

At the time of going to print, it looks as though teachers and principals will be going on strike on Wednesday 15th August, which is four weeks into this term. We are all hoping that this can be cancelled, but I do know that we are very motivated to address the lack of teachers available to schools and that increased wages and better conditions of service are critical for this. At this stage, we are unsure of how much of the day will be used for the strike, but we should have all the details available to you very shortly.

WINTER SPORTS FIELD DAY (Wednesday 22nd August)

This annual competition is for selected year 5 & 6 students and will take place soon.

We are currently doing trials and practices during lunchtimes for our Winter Field Day sports teams - Rippa Rugby, Hockey and Football. We will not need to do trials for our Netball teams as these will be our Year 5/6 Saturday morning netball teams the Sapphires and Emeralds.

Students wanting to represent the school at this event will need to make sure that they bring a change of clothes every day for training. Teams will be entered into divisions according to ability levels, so if you have been playing for a long time for a club, or just want to give it a go and play for the first time, then come along to the trials and practices!

KNOWLEDGE-A-THON 2018

This term all Blockhouse Bay Primary students will be taking part in a Knowledge-a-thon. All of the money collected for this fundraiser goes to the Fundraising @ Blockhouse (FAB) team who will use it to upgrade the area in what is now the playground in front of Rooms 12-14. It is also a really good way for children to learn facts that will help them now and in the future.

Soon, we will be giving the children a list of the facts that they need to learn and we would like these to be practised at home. We will also be practicing them at school. Parents are asked to help the children to collect sponsors for the number of facts that they get right in the test during week 8 in mid-September. The question sheets and sponsorship forms will be sent out soon.

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Maia Lemming who competed at the South Island Trampoline Championships in July in Christchurch and came 1st in her age group of 10 & under. Her scores also means she has now qualified to represent Auckland at the NZ Gymnastic Nationals in October!

LOST PROPERTY

There is a rather large amount of lost property that has grown over the last term in the cupboard beside the uniform room. Please check to see if your child has lost any items. We will be disposing of some of this very soon as we are unable to store such a large amount.

EX-BHB PUPILS ON THE WORLD STAGE

We love hearing about how our ex-pupils are doing and were very pleased to hear this piece of news. Alexis Hilbertidou is now 18 years old but has just received the very prestigious Queen's Young Leaders Award. This programme celebrates and supports exceptional young people from around the world who are leaving a lasting change in their community and beyond.

Alexia is inspiring and enabling women in New Zealand to become leaders in the fields of science, technology, engineering and maths (STEM), leadership and entrepreneurship. She is founder and CEO of GirlBoss NZ. Its mission is to tackle three factors limiting women's career opportunities in traditionally male-dominated spheres: too few role models; misconceptions of difficulty; and a lack of other women to provide peer support. GirlBoss addresses these issues through conferences, workshops, monthly newsletters and a mentoring network. Since launching the organisation, Alexia has led three GirlBoss Leadership Conferences, attended by 450 high school students, and reached 20,000 New Zealanders through school visits, corporate events and government agencies. GirlBoss now has 8,000 members and 2,200 GirlBoss Ambassadors across New Zealand.

Well done Alexis!

PARENTS OF CURRENT YEAR 6 CHILDREN

Parent Information Evening - Tuesday 7th August 6.00-7.30pm

Parents and Caregivers are welcome to attend an Information evening at the school. Information about the school, how we deliver the curriculum and the opportunities offered and available to students will be shared. There will also be an opportunity for families to meet and talk with the students and staff members.

Intermediate Experience Day - Thursday 23rd August 9.20-11.45am

Students and families are invited to spend a morning at the school. This is an opportunity to both see the whole school in operation and participate in some school experiences. The children will go on the bus to BBI and there is no charge to parents for this.

If you have a child in Year 6 and you do not want them to go to the Intermediate Experience Day, please let us know and we will ensure that they stay here at school. Feel free to contact BBI directly if you have any questions or require any further information 6266414.

Of course, families may be considering other options, so we advise parents to contact these schools if they are thinking of sending having their children attend these schools in 2019.

Fundraisers at Blockhouse Bay (FAB) News

Welcome to Term 3. Thank you to the fantastic parents who helped with our fundraising last term. Particular thanks to those who made the sausage sizzle run smoothly on the last day of term and those parents who organise the sushi lunches every week. You are all amazing!

Saturday 11th August 12-4:30pm

FREE Family Fun Day Mash Up at Blockhouse Bay Community Centre-school cupcake fundraiser stall!

"The 'Mash Up' is a celebration of family and community and the many differences that also bring us together. Featuring Captain Festus McBoyle's Travellin' Variety Show, Le Cirque de JP, a Kids' Disco thanks to 95bFM Kids' Show host Lee, a full live band in the form of Otis Mace and the 1B4s, plus face painting (\$5 per face), a sausage sizzle by the Lions Club, cupcake and food and drink stalls by both Blockhouse Bay School and Blockhouse Bay preschool."



PARENT CONTACT DETAILS

Recently we have tried to contact parents and caregivers by text or email to send home important information. Quite a number of these have failed and parents have not received important updates.

Please contact the school office if you have changed any details such as address, phone numbers, email address etc.

We will be using this form of contact regularly in the future.



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