



# Blockhouse Bay

Primary School

*We Seek - We Strive - We Soar*

Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> February 2020

Dear Parents and Whanau,

With only 3 weeks to go until the School Centenary, we have emailed out the final preparations and booking sheets for this important event. We ask that if you know of anyone who would like to attend any part of the occasion to email the school on [office@blockhousebay.school.nz](mailto:office@blockhousebay.school.nz) or log on to the [Response Form](#) to register directly.

By the end of the day tomorrow, we hope that our new turfed areas will be laid and open for use. This will bring a much-needed lift to these parts of the school where grass has proven to be impossible to grow.

It was great to **finally** open the pool this week and those that have had the opportunity, are enjoying using this part of the school. We ask that parents ensure that their children bring their swimming gear every day that they are rostered into using the pool as all children living in NZ should know how to be safe in the water.

Congratulations to the children who were selected for and took part in yesterday's interschool Year 5/6 T-Ball event and thank you to the parents who were able to coach and look after the children on the day. As always, the behaviour and sportsmanship of our children brought credit to themselves, their families and the school. They looked great too in the school's new sports uniforms!

TERM ONE CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2020	
Further dates will be published in the First Newsletter next year. Please check the calendar weekly as dates and times may change.	
Fri 28th Feb	2.15pm-Rimu -Kete Whanau Assembly
Mon 2nd March	2.15pm-Kauri Assembly
Tues 3rd March	2.30pm Pohutukawa Assembly
Wed 4th March	Y5/6 T Ball Savings Day
Fri 6th March	2.15pm -Rimu-Te Raranga Assembly
Tues 10th March	2.30pm - Kowhai Assembly
Fri 13th March	2.15pm -Rimu-Kete Whanau Assembly
Mon 16th March	2.15pm Kauri Assembly
Tues 17th March	2.30pm Pohutukawa Assembly
Wed 18th March	Y5/6 Cricket Field Day
Fri 20th-Sat 21st March	School Centenary
Tues 24th March	2.30pm - Kowhai Assembly
Fri 27th March	2.15pm -Rimu-Kete Whanau Assembly
Mon 30th March	2.15pm Kauri Assembly
Fri 3rd April	2.15pm -Combined Rimu Assembly
Tues 7th April	2.30pm - Kowhai Assembly
Wed 8th April	2.00pm - Whole School Assembly
Thurs 9th April	3.00pm -Term One Ends

*Check out the new sports uniforms that our T Ball teams wore proudly for the very first time today.*



*Children enjoying the new artificial grass laid this week.*

*This week some of our children helped celebrate the Public Library being open for 25 years.*



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#### **CHANGE OF CARETAKER**

We are sorry to announce that our caretaker Darren Woodacre has needed to resign from this position due to other commitments. Darren has done a superb job in the 12 months since he started and whilst we are sorry to see him go, we wish him all the best of luck for the future.

We are please to announce the appointment of ex-parent Daniel Prelipceanu to the posibion of Caretaker. Daniel has started this week and worked alongside Darren to learn this new role.

Welcome Daniel.

#### **DO YOU KNOW OF ANYONE WHO WOULD LIKE TO ATTEND THE CENTENARY??**

Yesterday, we sent more information to everyone who had registered an expression of interest for the School Centenary. If you know of any ex-staff, Board, pupils or parents who would like to register for any of the events that make up the celebrations, please ask them to click on the [Response Form](#) or contact the school office [office@blockhousebay.school.nz](mailto:office@blockhousebay.school.nz) if you or they have any questions

The programme is:

**Friday 20th March 10.00am – 2.00 pm School Open Day. Please come any time.**

\* Please go straight to Te Whau- Foyer (school Performing Arts Centre/hall) on arrival.

\* Student ambassadors will lead tours around the school. The children in classes will have been studying about what it was like for their great grandparents 100 years ago, so they should have some interesting things for the visitors to see.

\* Tea/coffee served in staffroom

**Friday 20th March 7.00pm-9.30pm Evening function for ex-Board and ex-staff members - \$10 per person (pay at the door)**

\* Finger food served. Cash bar and non-alcoholic drinks available for purchase.

This event is open to any ex- or current staff, Board of Trustees or School Committee members.

**Saturday 21st March 11.00-4.30pm Official Welcome, school tours, mix and mingle**

Please go straight to Te Whau (school Performing Arts Centre/hall) on arrival.

\* 11.00-12.30pm Walking tours of the school

\* 12.30-1.30pm Program starts - Speeches and children's group performances  
Venue - Te Whau (school Performing Arts Centre/hall)

\* 1.30-2.30pm Walking tours resume for those that missed + meet with others from your time at the school.

\* 2pm onwards Afternoon tea served in the Te Manawa (Library and Makerspace)

#### **Revised 2020 Dates**

Term One Ends at 3.00pm on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> April

Term Two Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> April to Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July

Term Three Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July to Friday 25<sup>th</sup> September

Term Four Monday 12<sup>th</sup> October to Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December

#### **Teacher Only Days**

\* Friday 29th May (Friday of Queen's Birthday weekend)

\* Friday 23rd October (Friday of Labour Weekend)

\* Friday 20<sup>th</sup> November

\* Wednesday 16th December (day after school closes at the end of the year)

#### **FAB NEWS**

If you are interested in finding out more about FAB and be involved in organising events at school, come along to our first meeting on **Monday 2nd March at 7pm** in the Staffroom. All are welcome! Feel free to email Jasmine at [fab@blockhousebay.school.nz](mailto:fab@blockhousebay.school.nz) if you have any questions or queries.

We would also love to hear from you if you have any suggestions on what we should fundraise towards next, or if you have any suggestions on fundraising events that we could run this year.

## SWIMMING POOL

Classes have now started swimming in the school pool. If you would like to purchase a key to swim after school and on the weekends until the end of March, you are still able to do so at a cost of \$25.00 plus \$50.00 bond that will be refunded when the key is returned.

Please see the school office for further information.

## CELLPHONES AND PHONE WATCHES AT SCHOOL

These are valuable items which can cause issues if they are brought to school and are available for use in the classroom or playground. For these reasons, all cellphones and phone watches that do come to school, need to be handed in to the school office in the morning and collected from there at the end of the day.

## PARENTING ADVICE - *Please feel free to consider or discount the following advice:*

Parent's sometime wonder how much sleep do children need?

As we all know, sleep is a vital need, essential to a child's health and growth. Sleep promotes alertness, memory and school performance. Children who get enough sleep are more likely to function better and are less prone to behavioral problems and moodiness. That is why it is important for parents to start early to help their children develop good sleep habits.

How much sleep should my child get?

Each child is different and has different sleep needs. Internet research suggests that while most adults cope with around 7-10 hours per night, children usually need more than this. Although all children are different, a rule of thumb then could be 12 hours per night for 5-6 year olds and a ½ hour less for every two years after this e.g. 10 hours or so for an 8 year old.

It can be difficult to get some children to sleep, especially if it is still daylight or there is something interesting or exciting happening at the time. As a general rule, children need and thrive on routines and this should be applied to developing sleeping habits as well. For example:

1. Take a bath.
2. Put on pajamas.
3. Brush teeth.
4. Make sure the room is quiet and at a comfortable temperature.
5. Put your child to bed.
6. Read a calming story
7. Say goodnight and leave.

Other helpful tips include:

- Make bedtime the same time every night.
- Make pre-bedtime a positive and relaxing experience without TV, computer games or movies. Screen viewing prior to bed can lead to difficulty falling and staying asleep. Save your child's favorite relaxing, non-stimulating activities until last and have them occur in the child's bedroom.
- Keep the bedtime environment (e.g. light, temperature) the same all night long.
- Encourage children to fall asleep on their own



***Congratulations to Riley Bryant in Year 6 who competed in the Oceania Jiu- Jitsu Championship held in Auckland over the weekend. Riley placed 1st Overall for the 10 and 11 Years old Yellow belt category. Well done Riley!***

  
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