



Blockhouse Bay

Primary School

We Seek - We Strive - We Soar

REMINDER: School will close **12.45pm - Tuesday 2nd July** for Parent/Student/Teacher Conferences
Please make suitable arrangements for your children on this day

特此提醒家长们留意，
学校将在 7月2号 (星期二) 下午12点45钟放学。
由于家长教师会，下午没有课程。
请按时接孩子们。请勿将孩子单独留在图书馆。
谢谢。

Thursday 27th June 2019

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

As of today, nearly 80% of parents have organized a time for their child's conference next week. We invite everyone to get this booked over the next couple of days if you haven't already.

Congratulations to the Gymnastics team who took part in the inter-school event this week. You have all worked really hard to prepare for the day and this showed in the performances you displayed. We hope to publish the results in next week's newsletter.

Visitors to the school might have noticed that we have started some painting work. Our goal is to finish painting the Manukau and Totara Blocks by the end of the holidays so we wanted to get an early start on this as this week's weather was so good. Parents are asked to keep their children away from these areas when this work is taking place both during term time and during the break.

Unfortunately, there have been several occasions recently where parents have dealt with other children at school. This is almost never helpful to the situation and only serves to make the issues worse.

Ideally, children will tell a teacher if there is an issue but we do understand that sometimes, they prefer to tell their parents. If this does happen, please feel free to contact your child's teacher in person or email and we will deal with the matter in the most suitable way.

Have a great week everyone!

NEIL ROBINSON
PRINCIPAL

CALENDAR OF EVENTS - TERM TWO - 2019
Please check weekly as dates can often change throughout the term.

Fri 28th June	2.00pm Whole School Assembly
Tues 2 nd July	Parent/Student/Teacher Conferences - school closes at 12.45pm
Wed 3rd July	Parent/Student/Teacher Conferences
Fri 5th July	2.15pm - Rimu Whole Team Assembly
Fri 5 th July	Mufti Day - Sausage Sizzle - Volunteers needed please
Fri 5th July	End of Term 2 - 3.00pm finish



WACKY HAIR DAY THANK YOU FROM MAKE A WISH

Last week's Wacky Hair Day was great fun so thank you to everyone who took the time to be part of this event. There were some wonderfully creative hairstyles which were appreciated by everyone, especially the large group of parent paparazzi who were able to watch the parade.

I am proud to announce that the occasion raised over **\$500.00** for Make A Wish NZ which is a great effort



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MID-YEAR REPORTS COMING HOME TOMORROW

Mid-year reports provide a summary of how well children have achieved so far this year. The teachers use a combination of assessment results, class work and their observations of the children at work to make their overall teacher judgment of how well each child is doing in each curriculum area.

The children will be bringing these reports home tomorrow and they are no doubt looking forward to sharing these with you. We think that we have done a good job of checking them for typos, but if you do find any mistakes, please feel free to ask us to give you a corrected copy.

Any matters arising from the reports can be discussed at the Learning Conferences next week.

We hope you enjoy getting this feedback on your child's effort, progress and achievement.

ATTENDANCE ON THE REPORT FORM

Regular attendance is one of the main factors that influence achievement so having every child at school as much as possible is very important.

The average attendance for a child at Blockhouse Bay School is 96% which is excellent. To recognise this, if a child is absent for less than 4 days or less this ½ year, they receive 'excellent' for attendance on their report.

If a child is absent between 5-7 days, they receive 'not of concern' for attendance. If a child is away for 8 days or more this ½ year but there was a particular (usually one-off) reason, they also receive a 'not of concern'.

If a child is away more than 8 days and this is made up of frequent absences that are impacting on their achievement, progress or social interaction with their friends, they receive 'Of Concern'. Eight Days away amounts to an average of nearly 1 day off every 2 weeks which certainly is significant enough to make a difference to a child's education.

SOME THINGS TO CONSIDER ABOUT YOUR CHILD'S CONFERENCE NEXT WEEK

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 - 627-9940.
- 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 the 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.

CONFERENCES WILL BE HELD IN YOUR CHILD'S CLASSROOM

FAB SAUSAGE SIZZLE - CAN YOU HELP NEXT WEEK?

On Friday 5th July we will be holding a sausage sizzle for the children. We desperately need volunteers to help cook and pack the sausages. If you can help please contact fab@blockhousebay.school.nz or leave your name at the school office. Thank you.

NETBALL RESULTS - Week Ending 23rd June 2019

BHB EMERALDS (0) vs Prospect School Panthers(30) Player of the Day - Leilani Joseph

BHB OPALS (2) vs Konini Tuis (6) Player of the Day - Anya Vaishnav

BHB CRYSTALS (1) vs Kaurilands Tactix (16) Player of the Day - Avani Naidu

BHB RUBIES (4) vs Waitakere School (11) Player of the Day - Tanvi Govind

BHB SAPPHIRES (21) vs St Leornards (11) Player of the Day - Solin Kansil

BHB SAPPHIRES -Wk 6 (17) vs WCRN Rua (8) Player of the Day -Annaliese Matson

BHB SAPPHIRES - Wk 7 (38) vs Pennisular Primary (1) Player of the Day - Neveah Perry

COMMUNITY NOTICE -GETTING A LOAN FROM ASB

Rush to get your school \$500.00 -Get in now before 30th June expiry! If you're a parent, staff member or a member of the school community and draw down a new ASB home loan of \$250,000 or more, ASB will donate \$500 to your chosen participating school.

WHOLE SCHOOL ASSEMBLY - TOMORROW

We like to get together once a term to share some learning highlights and recognise children who have demonstrated our core school values. Our next whole school assembly will take start at 2.00pm tomorrow, Friday 28th June and families are very welcome to attend.

CHILD/PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES – Time is running out to book!!

Learning Conferences take place on Tuesday 2nd and Wednesday 3rd July. If these dates do not suit your family, please organise a different time with your child's teacher. Note that **school closes at 12.45pm on Tuesday 2nd July** so that these meetings can take place. School finishes at the usual time of 3.00pm on Wednesday 3rd July.

Bookings are open online and parents can go to www.schoolinterviews.co.nz and enter the code 3kpm8

You will be able to select your child's teacher and a time that will suit you. If you are unable to book your appointment online please fill in your preferred time on the sheet sent home and return it to the school office.

Bookings close at 2.00pm on Tuesday 1st July. Please contact the school office for more details if you would like to book an appointment manually or if you would like any further information.

ICAS TESTING 2019

2019 International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) are Australian online tests (Apart from Year 4 Writing) which are completed in some schools under normal examination conditions. Parents may choose to have their child sit these tests as they give them experience of external exam conditions, provide some alternative information about their child's strengths and highlight areas that may require more attention.

These tests are for years 4 - 6 children only.

The ICAS assessments will take place in the school between the 3rd of September and the 19th of September.

You may wish for your child to sit some or all of the following exams:

Digital Technologies, Science, Writing, Spelling Bee, English or Maths.

The ICAS assessments will take place in our school on the following dates:

Digital Technologies Tuesday 3rd September,

Science Thursday 5th September,

Writing Tuesday 10th September,

Spelling Bee Thursday 12th September,

English Tuesday 17th September and

Maths Thursday 19th September.

Order forms may be collected from the school office must be returned to the school office by: Friday the 9th August.

Practice questions can be viewed online at: <https://www.eaa.unsw.edu.au/icas/download-practice-questions>

Late entries cannot be accepted.

SAVE THE DATE – TE MANAWA LIBRARY AND MAKERSPACE HISTORIC BUILDING RE-OPENING

You are invited to celebrate with us at the **Re-Opening Ceremony** of our beautiful historic building

Te Manawa (The Heart) - Our Library and Makerspace on **Thursday the 25th July at 9.15am.**

After the Re-Opening Ceremony please join us in the celebration of our inquiry learning at our

Maker Fair, located in different spaces all over the school. More details will be provided soon.



HOLIDAY AFTER SCHOOL CARE PROGRAMME:

CARE 4 KIDZ is again offering a Holiday Programme held at Blockhouse Bay Primary packed with fun activities.

This time the theme is: **DISCOVER NEW ZEALAND.**

Further programme information and Registration Forms are available from our supervisor, daily after 2:45pm in the Technology Room.



Based on my experience ...
there are 4 areas sellers want to
discuss prior to putting their home
on the market with me...

1. The current local market and timing to get the home sold?
2. How to expose their property to the highest number of qualified buyers and to agents who control the buyers?
3. How much the property will realistically sell for?
4. And, ultimately why they should choose me as the agent to represent them.

If these are some of your
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