



Blockhouse Bay

Primary School

We Seek - We Strive - We Soar

Thursday 27th September 2018

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Whānau,

As another wonderful terms learning ends, I would like to thank everyone for supporting us to provide the many opportunities that we are able to deliver.

We will continue with our refurbishment of the older part of the school over the holidays and are on track to complete this work by the end of 2018. We are very excited about the opportunities that this new area will provide and look forward to showing this off when it is finished. A reminder to parents to keep children away from this area over the holiday break.

As reported earlier in the year, I have been appointed to the position of Lead Principal of the Lynfield Community of Learning for the next two years and I feel very honoured to be taking on this role which begins next term. There are significant responsibilities which make up this position and so that these can be carried out effectively, the government will provide Blockhouse Bay Primary with additional funding as I will be out of the school for two days a week. We will therefore be making some changes to how things will be organised and these will be explained in a newsletter at the beginning of term 4.

NZ teachers have decided not to accept the government's new offer for their Collective Agreement. Because of this, further strikes in term four cannot be ruled out. This is the last thing we want to do, but once again, we feel that we are trying to address the undersupply of people who wish to be in the profession and pay and conditions have a significant impact on this.

We will update you all as soon as we have any further information on this matter.

Have a great holiday break everyone.

Neil Robinson
Principal

OUT OF ZONE ENROLMENTS

Because of the high numbers of children living within the Blockhouse Bay School zone, we have no plans to take on any out-of-zone enrolments in the foreseeable future.

Parents may or may not know that we carry out residency checks for families to ensure that people are living where they say they are. Sadly, in some cases, this has led to some parents needing to be told that their children must leave the school. This is unfortunate, but the Board of Trustees has a legal responsibility to ensure that our zone requirements are complied with and will continue to carry out these checks in the future.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS TERM FOUR – 2018

Mon 15 th Oct	-Term Four Commences -Positive Puberty Information Evening
Tues 16 th Oct	-Positive Puberty programme for Y5/6 students.
Mon 22 nd Oct	-Labour Day - Public Holiday No school this day
Tues 23 rd Oct	-Kowhai Assembly - 2.30pm -PAC -Board of Trustees Meeting - 6pm
Wed 24 th Oct	-2019 Camp Meeting 7.00pm for parents of current Year 5 students
Thurs 25 th Oct	- Kauri and Rimu Athletics - Mt Smart
Tues 30 th Oct	- Pohutukawa Assembly - 2.30pm
Wed 31 st Oct	- BHB Primary Talent Show - 11.30am
Mon 5 th Nov	-Kauri Assembly - 2.00pm - PAC
Tues 6 th Nov	-Kowhai Assembly - 2.30pm -PAC
Fri 9 th Nov	-Rimu Assembly - 2.00pm - PAC
Tues 13 th Nov	-Whole School Assembly -2.00pm-PAC
Wed 14 th Nov	-Interscholar Athletics Day for selected students -BYOD Evening
Thurs 15 th Nov	-Whole School Assembly
Fri 16 th Nov	-Teacher Only Day - No school this day
Tues 20 th Nov	-Kowhai Assembly -2.30pm - PAC
Sat 24 th Nov	-School Carnival Family Day
Tues 27 th Nov	-Kowhai Challenge Day
Tues 27 th Nov	-Pohutukawa Assembly -2.30pm-PAC
Mon 3 rd Dec	-Kauri Assembly -2.00pm
Tues 4 th Dec	-Kowhai Assembly -2.30pm
Thurs 6 th Dec	-Rainbows End Day - Selected Students
Fri 7 th Dec	-Rimu Assembly -2.00pm
Mon 10 th Dec	-Pohutukawa Assembly - 2.30pm-PAC
Tues 11 th Dec	-Year Six Graduation Assembly
Thurs 14 th Dec	-Term Four Ends

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KNOWLEDGTHON 2018

Thank you to everyone who played an active role in improving their children's general knowledge and raising money for the school. Today, class prizes were given to children for most money raised and spot prizes were also chosen from those who took part. We are still happy to receive money from the Knowledgathon and would appreciate this being sent to the school as soon as possible.

Well done to these students for the great effort you put in. We will publish the amount of money raised, early in the new term. Money raised will be used to upgrade the play area that sits in front of Rooms 12-15 and this work will be completed in 2019.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

Class and Individual photos were taken at school last week. Information will be sent home with your child early next term so that parents will be able to order their child's photos from the photo company website if they wish. The photos will then be delivered to school once they are paid for and then passed on to parents.

LOOKING FORWARD TO TERM FOUR

More details about these events will be provided next term but here are some of the highlights that will be important to parents:

POSITIVE PUBERTY PROGRAMME FOR YEAR 5 & 6 STUDENTS (Week 1)

This programme will be delivered to Y5/6 students on Tuesday 16th October and parents have the option of withdrawing their children from this if they wish.

We are holding an information meeting for parents and caregivers about the programme on the evening of Monday 15th October (First day back at school) 6.30pm in the school staffroom so you can find out more about what is being covered.

KAURI AND RIMU ATHLETICS DAY - THURSDAY 25TH OCTOBER (Week 2)

Athletics day for all Rimu and Kauri children will be held at Mt Smart Stadium. A letter has been sent home with more details. Please return permission slips and money to the office by Friday 19th October.

On the day students will be required to wear a coloured shirt specific to their age group:

7 year olds BLUE, 8 year olds GREEN, 9 year olds RED,
10 year olds WHITE, 11 year olds BLACK.

Also hats, sunscreen, shoes, food and drink to last them the whole day will be necessary. Students may bring some money with them to purchase food available at the Mt Smart Stadium.

Any questions, please see Mrs Kilpatrick or Mrs Davies

MEETING FOR PARENTS OF YEAR 5 CHILDREN - SCHOOL CAMP 2019 (Week 2)

We would like to meet with all **parents of our current year 5 children on Wednesday 24th October at 7.00pm.**

The meeting will last for around an hour and will introduce parents to what will happen at camp next year.

Parents will be given the opportunity to ask questions during and after the meeting if they prefer. Please make a note of this date if you have a child in Year 5 this year. We look forward to discussing this with you as it is always a real highlight of their primary school years.

SCHOOL TALENT SHOW (Finals in Week 3)

The Blockhouse Bay Talent Show is coming! Registration is completed. The auditions will take place on Wednesday the 17th October - the first week back after the holidays. The children will have a short spot to showcase their talent and the best acts will go forward to be judged at a whole school assembly at 11.30 on Wednesday 31st of October - week 3 of Term Four.

If the children have music from a youtube link clip they need to forward a link to Mrs Addison

- helena@blockhousebay.school.nz or bring a CD to Mrs Addison.

BRING YOUR OWN DEVICE MEETING - For families of Year 4 children (Week 5)

This initiative began at the start of last year and we believe that it has been very beneficial for the children's learning. It is quite likely that parents of current Year 4 children will want to know more about this idea so we are holding an information session on **Wednesday 14th November**, from 7.00-8.15pm. Although the evening is targeted towards parents of Year 4 children, everyone is very welcome to attend.

Please make a note of this date in your diary if you are interested in finding out more about how we use Chromebooks in our senior rooms. At this meeting, some children will show how they use the devices to enhance their learning and we will also have some suppliers in the room to answer questions about security and purchasing of Chromebooks.

We will also be having a guest speaker from 'Family Zone' who offer a Cyber safety ecosystem for parents to help keep their children safe online at home.

There will of course be opportunities for parents to ask questions as well.

TEACHER ONLY DAY - Friday 16th November (Week 5)

On a Friday in November each year, we have a teacher only day to help our preparations for the following year's teaching and learning. Teachers come back to school in January anyway, but this helps us to get a head start on these plans.

Please note that this year's teacher only day will be held on **Friday 16th November**.

The school stays open for an additional day in December to make up for this lost learning time.

BLOCKHOUSE BAY SCHOOL GRADUATION CEREMONY (Week 9)

This important and popular event is scheduled to take place on the afternoon of **Tuesday 11th December**.

Parents of year 6 children in particular are asked to make a note of this date.

Year 5 and Year 6 -Flippa Ball - Term 4

Does your child love the water and ball skills? They may be interested in Flippa Ball - a junior version of water polo. We hope to put forward a team/teams next term. We did this in Term 1 with great results. Details will be sent out next term, but it will take place every Sunday in the Epsom League (responsibility of carer to transport child there/back). If you think you and your child might be interested please email Tracey Waller at traceyw@blockhousebay.school.nz. Further details to sent home in a letter next term.

Fundraisers at Blockhouse Bay (FAB) News

TOMORROW - Friday 28th September - MUFTI day and sausage sizzle- WE NEED HELPERS FOR THE SAUSAGE SIZZLE - stay after drop off and help us organise the sausages for delivery at 10:30am. Email fab@blockhousebay.school.nz if you can help.

Bring \$2 for a sausage and your item listed below for MUFTI. Please send an item instead of a gold coin for MUFTI as these items are needed for our Carnival event.

MUFTI collection items:

- Year 0-2 bring a bottle/jar/tin of food/body wash/shampoo/etc...
- Year 3-4 bring a large chocolate block
- Year 5-6 bring a large bottle of fizzy soft drink

If parents can help collect items from classes after drop off, and deliver them to the sports shed, it will be much appreciated.

School holidays - start making jolly jars for the next MUFTI day! Lookout for the flyer with more information at the end of term.

Sunday 28th October 2-4pm - WHITE ELEPHANT DROP OFF

Have a clear out over the holidays and drop off all your unwanted but good condition books, toys, games, homeware to the school pool on this date. **NO ELECTRICAL ITEMS OR CLOTHES THIS YEAR THANKS.**


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