



Blockhouse Bay Primary School

We Seek - We Strive - We Soar

Thursday 29th August 2019

Dear Parents and Caregivers,
 The parents on the FAB group met this week to review the Movie Night and continue their preparations for the School Carnival on the 30th November. This group are a high-functioning team who meet every so often to plan and run events that benefit the children. Soon, they will be asking parents to commit some time to this year's Carnival and whanau members can offer to help, before, during or after the Carnival. Please watch out for more information in this newsletter and on Facebook about how you can help this team of organisers. We were really pleased that the Winter Field Day got to happen last week. Thank you to all the parents and teachers who helped on the day.
Happy Father's Day!
 Neil Robinson
 Principal

CALENDAR OF EVENTS - TERM THREE - 2019	
Fri 30th Aug	-Daffodil Day - Fundraiser Cancer Society
Fri 30th Aug	-Arataki Visitor Centre for Rms 22 & 23
Fri 30th Aug	-2.15pm Rimu Kete Whanau Assembly
Tues 3rd Sept	-2.30pm - Pōhutukawa Assembly
Tues 3rd Sept	-Arataki Visitor Centre for Rms 8 & 10
Tues 3rd Sept	-ICAS Digital Technologies Exam
Wed 4th Sept	-Arataki Visitor Centre for Rms 7 & 11
Thurs 5th Sept	-ICAS Science Exam
Fri 6th Sept	-9.00am Kauri Assembly
Fri 6th Sept	-2.15pm Rimu Te Raranga Assembly
Tues 10th Sept	-Arataki Visitor Centre for Rms 5 & 6
Tues 10th Sept	-ICAS Writing Exam
Tues 10th Sept	-Kōwhai assembly
Thurs 12th Sept	-Champions of Champions Gym Comp for selected students
Thurs 12th Sept	-Arataki Visitor Centre for Rms 18,24&25
Thurs 12th Sept	-ICAS Spelling Exam
Fri 13th Sept	-Arataki Visitor Centre for Rms 16 & 17
Fri 13th Sept	-2.15pm-Rimu Kete Whanau Assembly
Tues 17th Sept	-ICAS English Exam
Tues 17th Sept	-2.30pm Pōhutukawa Assembly
Thurs 19th Sept	-ICAS Maths Exam
Tues 24 th Sept	- FAB School Carnival Planning Meeting - 7.00pm staffroom
Thurs 26th Sept	-2.00pm - Whole School Assembly
Fri 27th Sept	-2.00pm - Whole Rimu Syndicate Assembly
Fri 27th Sept	-End of Term Three (3.00pm finish)



Cancer Society
Daffodil Day
 With your help there is hope

DAFFODIL DAY - **TOMORROW**

Every year Blockhouse Bay Primary supports the Cancer Society by selling Daffodils at the school office.

Children can bring a gold coin tomorrow and they will receive a daffodil and a sticker.

Please help us support this worthy cause. Every little bit helps.

MEASLES IN AUCKLAND:

I am sure you are all aware of the current measles outbreak in Auckland.

We have been asked by the Ministry of Health to ensure you all receive the information about vaccinating your child against measles.

Please note that should a child get measles at school, all unvaccinated children will have to stay at home for a period of time.

For further information go to www.arphs.health.nz/measles

Measles in Auckland schools

The only way to protect your family is to make sure they are vaccinated or immune.

Please see your doctor now to catch up on missed vaccinations. They are FREE at your GP.

If your children are vaccinated, they won't need to stay at home if there is measles at your school.

Keep your child at home if they are sick and watch out for symptoms:



If you or your children show symptoms please stay at home and call your doctor or Healthline (0800 611 116) for advice.

Measles info at: arphs.health.nz/measles



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WINTER FIELD DAY

The Winter Field Day for the Year 5 and 6 Winter Sports Teams went ahead after many days of anticipation and nail biting due to the unpredictable weather and condition of the fields! For the Year 6's, Mrs Davies and Mrs Kilpatrick this was a huge relief due to the cancellations in 2018.

Blockhouse Bay had four Football teams, two Ripa Rugby teams, three Netball and two Hockey teams representing the school at various venues, some ankle deep in mud and water! The children spent many lunchtimes training for the event and this helped contribute to a very successful and fun day. We would like to thank all of the coaches and parents that helped make the day so memorable for the children. We strongly value the experiences the children get from participating in sporting events like this. Without your support and time we wouldn't be able to allow over 100 children to compete. Congratulations to the following teams that achieved excellent results on the day.

Netball Sapphires Team won all of their matches- Coached by Louise Matson

Football A 1 Team won all of their matches- Coached by Hayley Davies



DIWALI 2019

Namaste! We are planning a Dazzling Diwali week which commences on October 21st to October 25th. If you are able and willing to support or even host a range of activities that might include mehndi or teaching children how to wear a sari, I would love to hear from you!! Let's work together to create a great week for our children. Please email me at melindan@blockhousebay.school.nz or pop in and visit me in Room 21 to express your interest.

ARATAKI VISITOR TRIPS

The trips to the Arataki Visitor Centre have gone ahead and classes will continue to visit until the 20th September.

If a trip is postponed due to the weather we will advise parents of the new date for your child's class. Please ensure you have paid your \$15.00 to the school office and return your permission slip. If there are any problems or concerns please contact the school office.

ARE YOU HELPING YOUR CHILD BY GETTING THEM TO SCHOOL ON TIME?

In the busy lives that we all lead, it can be difficult to get children to school on time. Aiming to have them **at school by 8.30am** allows them to settle in for the day and also gives families a buffer if the unexpected happens or traffic is unusually heavy. It also means the learning time of the other children is not interrupted. Thank you for helping your children to be at school on time.

PARENTING ADVICE

As always, parents are very welcome to read or not pay any attention to this advice, but we try and make it as relevant as we can to situations that parents might be facing.

Do you ever feel like the only words that come out of your mouth are direct orders? "Clean your room, be nice to your sister, quit jumping on the couch!!!" A big part of preventing bad behaviour, however, is to provide encouraging words to reinforce good behaviour when you see it.

*And a quick "good job" doesn't cut it—in fact, phrases like "good boy," "you're so smart!" and "you're the best on your team!" are not considered encouraging words. Instead of focusing on positive internal qualities, they put the emphasis on outward praise, which does nothing to promote good behaviour in the future. True encouraging words **focus on the deed, not the doer**. It motivates a child from the inside to demonstrate similar positive behaviour in the future, and to value things like hard work, improvement, teamwork and perseverance.*

List of Encouraging Words and Phrases

Encouraging words can be as simple as, "Thanks for your help!" or "You really worked hard!"

Here are a few more examples to try around your house:

Thank you for your help!

You should be proud of yourself!

Look at your improvement!

That "A" reflects a lot of hard work!

You worked really hard to get this room clean!

Thanks for helping set the table, that made a big difference.

I noticed you were really patient with your little brother.

What do you think about it?

You seem to really enjoy science.

Your hard work paid off!

That's a tough one, but you'll figure it out.

Look how far you've come!

I trust your judgment.

The time you're putting into your homework is really paying off.

I love being with you.

You really put a smile on her face with your kind words!

That's coming along nicely!

You really worked it out!

That's a very good observation.

Thank you for your cooperation.

I see a very thorough job!

That's what we call perseverance!

I can tell you really care.

You make it look easy!

You've really got the hang of it!

I can tell you spent a lot of time thinking this through.

I really feel like a team when we work like this!

The best part about using encouraging words with your kids is the glow of happiness you'll see on their faces. After all, "Your hard work is really paying off!" says you noticed their work, while, "You're so smart," might be hard to live up to next time. Try a few of these encouraging words with your children, watch their behaviour—and effort—improve.



FAB NEWS: - We were all excited about our hot Jester's Pies for lunch today! If you missed out this time, keep an eye out for our next lunch fundraiser. The kids have also been telling us how much they love our little pop up shops so watch this space as we organise our next pop up! Our FAB team met earlier this week and we did a lot of planning for this year's School Carnival. If you don't already have this in your diary, the Carnival will be on Saturday 30th of November. **We will need YOUR help leading up to Carnival** - we need people to help at our upcoming working bees, pick up & return items closer to carnival date, provide sponsorship, donate prizes, etc - ALL help, big or small, is greatly appreciated. Please email us fab@blockhousebay.school.nz letting us know what you are able to help with.

Some dates to take note of:-

- Sunday 15 September 2-4pm - our first White Elephant drop off
- Tuesday 24 September 7pm - next FAB meeting @ Staffroom



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
questions "Ask Avinesh"
over a cup of coffee...



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