



Blockhouse Bay

Primary School

We Seek - We Strive - We Soar

29th June 2017

REMINDER

On Wednesday 5th July school will close at 12.45pm because of Parent Conferences
Please make sure that someone collects your child(ren) from
school at this time
(and please do not leave them unsupervised at the public library)

特此提醒家长留意，学校在七月五日，星期三，中午12:45放学，
下午家长会时间，没有课程。请安排到时有有人接孩子。
请勿将孩子单独留在图书馆。

PRINCIPAL'S SOAPBOX

Congratulations to all the children who took part in our Matariki assembly yesterday. It was great to see so many of you performing with such pride at this important event. Well done too to Whaea Jas and Mr Bennett who did such a great job in preparing you for the assembly.

Congratulations too to the children who were awarded with special certificates.

The winter sicknesses have well and truly kicked in and there are unusually high numbers of children who are away from school because of this. We of course like the children to be at school every day, but must insist on them staying home if they have vomited or have run a temperature in the previous 24 hours as they are quite likely to be contagious.

The children have been preparing individual reflections on how they are achieving at school and are looking forward to sharing these with you at the conferences next week (or in the first week back for Rooms 12 and 13 children). Please make sure that you have organised a Conference time so that they can show you this work and so that other matters can be discussed.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

TERM TWO

Fri 30th June - *Mid-year reports sent home*

- *Auckland Girls Inter-School Chess Championships for selected students*

- *PTA Comedy Night*

Monday 3rd July - *Kauri Assembly 2.15pm*

Wednesday 5th & Thursday 6th July

- *Parent/Child/Teacher Conferences (Note school closes at 12.45pm on Wednesday 5th)*

Friday 7th July

- *Mufti Day/ Sausage Sizzle*

- *Last day of Term Two (3.00pm finish)*

Senior Kapa Haka
group performing
at Matariki
Assembly



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PRINCIPALS AWARD WINNERS

These prestigious awards are given out at our once a term whole school assemblies. To qualify for a principal's awards, children must have displayed positive qualities outside of the classroom such as leadership, honesty or high levels of achievement. At last week's assembly, the award winners were: Taylor Griffin, Annabel Harris, Jayden Sharma and Sebastian Webster. Congratulations to these children.

MID-YEAR REPORTS COMING HOME

Mid-year reports provide information about how your child has done 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 Parent/Child/Teacher Conferences. We hope you enjoy getting this feedback on your child's effort, progress and achievement.

ATTENDANCE

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.

If your child is absent between 5-7 days, they receive 'not of concern' for attendance.

If a child is away more than 8 days this ½ year but there was a particular (usually one-off) reason, they also receive a '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'.

8 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.

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

Here is the information you will need about how you can book a time to meet with your child's teacher for the mid-year conferences. These take place on Wednesday 5th and Thursday 6th July. If these dates do not suit your family, please organise a different time with your child's teacher.

Please note that **school closes at 12.45pm on Wednesday 5th July** so that these meetings can take place. School finishes at the usual time of 3.00pm on Thursday 6th July.

Bookings are open online and parents can go to www.schoolinterviews.co.nz and enter the code **sp6d7.** 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.

Note that conferences for Rooms 12 and 13 will take place early in term three as Ms McIvor and Miss Schultz are both out of the country.

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.

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
- 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 our 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.

ALL CONFERENCES WILL BE HELD IN YOUR CHILD'S CLASSROOM

CAMP FOR YEAR 6 STUDENTS IN 2018

Thank you to those parents who have paid their deposit for this experience as we have had to pay the school's deposit to the camp. Remember, if you pay the deposit and your child does not end up going (e.g. sickness or leaving the school), this money will be refunded to you.

Our goal is to have everyone pay the \$100 deposit by the end of next week and the remaining \$190 by the 30th November. If you wish to discuss this payment, please contact the school office.

If you would like another copy of the information letter about Camp 2018, please contact the school office and we will get one to you.

PARENT REMINDER

If you have any issue with the behaviour of a child who is not your own, please inform your child's teacher and we will sort it out for you. We have had issues where parents have tried to sort these matters out themselves and this has led to other consequences which has not been helpful. Thank you.

NETBALL RESULTS

BHB Diamonds vs. Sunnyvale Golden Ferns (lost). Player of the Day Jessica Knight

BHB Sapphires (4) vs. St Dominic's Stars (9). Player of the Day

CARE 4 KIDZ is running a Holiday Programme in the July school holidays.

Programmes and enrolment forms are available from our supervisor in the Technology Room, daily after 2:45PM -Enrolments close 30 June 2017. For further information please ring EIs on 027 3628494

PTA NEWS

Urzila Carlson Comedy Night - TOMORROW NIGHT - The show is now sold out so there will be no door sales. If you have tickets, doors open at 6:45pm for beer, wine, soft drinks and food including samosas, pulled pork sliders, dumplings and mini pies - CASH ONLY, NO EFTPOS. Show starts at 7:30pm and closes at 9:30pm. The netball courts will be open for car parking. See you there!

Last day of term Friday 7th July - Mufti and sausage sizzle

Sausages (Hellers and halal lamb) and toasties will be ordered in class on the FRIDAY morning with the class teacher so please send \$2 per sausage/toastie PLUS another gold coin if you child is wearing mufti.

Carnival white elephant collection date - Sunday 6 August 4-5pm

If you are having a clear out over the school holidays, please keep any good condition toys, games, puzzles, homewares, books, children's clothing and donate it to our Carnival white elephant stall. You can drop these items off to the school pool next term on Sunday 6th August between 4-5pm.

Like our Facebook page - Blockhouse Bay Primary School PTA or email pta@blockhousebay.school.nz with the subject "friend" for ways to help.

CAR OF CONCERN

The police are wanting to talk to the owner of a vehicle in relation to an incident near Lynfield College this week. If anyone knows who owns the following car, please contact our school office or the Police directly: Black car Registration No. FCF299

PLATFORM- A HOLISTIC PROGRAMME FOR CHILDREN

Are you a busy parent who is looking for a holistic programme for your child which focuses on academic, physical and emotional wellbeing?

PLATFORM is the solution

Curriculum includes (but not limited to) fun Maths, presentation skills, handwriting, spelling, writing skills, self-defence, dance and techniques to deal with stress, anxiety, failures and peer pressure.

Programme run by a NZ registered teacher with 14 years' experience as a teacher, lecturer and dean.

Classes start Term three every Tuesday at 3.15 pm at Blockhouse Bay Primary School.

Fee: \$150 per term

For more information and enrolment pack, email platformnz2017@gmail.com or Call Roma Kaur on 0212639947

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