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Primary School  
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Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2018

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Whanau,

Welcome back everyone! I hope you all had a great break and are looking forward to another terms learning.

It is fair to say that the response from the Auckland Council to their trees landing on the school grounds has been quite disappointing. Apart from leaving us with a big mess to clean up, they are of the opinion that it is not their responsibility to pay for the fixing of our fence. Discussions are continuing in this area.

Well done to all of the Rimu and Kauri children who took part in the Cross Country on the last day of term one, it was great to see you all giving your all in this event. Congratulations to the children who were selected for the inter-school team. Good luck for your race next week.

The current government have not yet issued directives regarding replacing National Standards as a form of assessment but we have been beavering away in the background to ensure that everyone can be assured of receiving accurate information in the mid-year reports later in the term. In my conversations with overseas educationalists, I can assure parents that the NZ Curriculum is heralded as one of the best in the world and here at Blockhouse Bay Primary School, we will be reporting against this document when we send home the mid-year reports at the end of June.

We have a number of really exciting activities planned for the weeks and months ahead, some of which are shown in the Calendar of Events. I know that the children will enjoy the Art Inquiry focus that we are having this term, so watch out in the newsletter for more information about this.

Have a great week  
Neil Robinson - Principal

**ANZAC DAY COMMEMORATIONS**

On Wednesday 25th April, the New Lynn RSA held their annual ANZAC DAY Memorial Service.

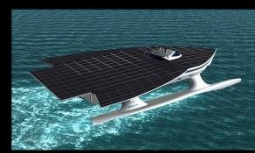
At the Memorial Service there were hymns, prayers and speeches. We also sang the National Anthem and also The Last Post whilst the flags were lowered. Lots of people attended the memorial service. There were children from other schools as well. Towards the end there was a wreath laying ceremony. We represented Blockhouse Bay Primary School in laying a wreath to respect our fallen soldiers. We felt proud to represent our School at the ANZAC Memorial Service. By Savera (Yr 5), Ghazal (Yr 4) and Rayan (Yr 6).

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS  
TERM TWO – 2018  
(Mon 30<sup>th</sup> April – Fri 6<sup>th</sup> July)**

- Mon 7<sup>th</sup> May - Kauri Assembly - 2.00pm
- Mon 7<sup>th</sup> May - ICAS Digital Technologies Exam
- Tues 8<sup>th</sup> May - Teddy Bears Picnic
- Tues 8<sup>th</sup> May - Interschool Cross Country
- Tues 8<sup>th</sup> May - Kowhai Assembly - 2.30pm
- Fri 11<sup>th</sup> May - Rimu Assembly - 2.00pm
- Mon 14<sup>th</sup> May - Lit Quiz for selected students
- Tues 15<sup>th</sup> May - Pohutukawa Assembly - 2.30pm
- Tues 15<sup>th</sup> May - Interschool Cross Country (Postponement)
- Mon 21<sup>st</sup> May - Kauri Assembly - 2.00pm
- Tues 22<sup>nd</sup> May - Kowhai Assembly - 2.30pm
- Wed 23<sup>rd</sup> May - BYOD Evening - PAC - 6.30pm
- Fri 25<sup>th</sup> May - West Auckland Interschool Chess
- Fri 25<sup>th</sup> May - Rimu Assembly - 2.00pm
- Tues 29<sup>th</sup> May - ICAS Science - 9am
- Tues 29<sup>th</sup> May - Junior Cross Country (9.15-10.30am)
- Tues 29<sup>th</sup> May - Pohutukawa Assembly
- Tues 29<sup>th</sup> May - Board of Trustees Meeting
- Thurs 31<sup>st</sup> May - Whole School Assembly - 2pm
- Fri 1<sup>st</sup> June - Junior Cross Country - Postponement Day
- Mon 4<sup>th</sup> June - Queen's Birthday (no school this day)
- Tues 5<sup>th</sup> June - Kowhai Assembly - 2.30pm
- Fri 8<sup>th</sup> June - Rimu Assembly - 2.00pm
- Fri 12<sup>th</sup> June - Pohutukawa Assembly - 2.30pm
- Wed 13<sup>th</sup> June - ICAS Spelling and Writing
- Mon 18<sup>th</sup> June - Kauri Assembly - 2pm
- Tues 19<sup>th</sup> June - Kowhai Assembly - 2.30pm
- Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> June - Rimu Assembly - 2.00pm
- Tues 26<sup>th</sup> June - Pohutukawa Assembly - 2.30pm
- Tues 26<sup>th</sup> June - Board of Trustees Meeting
- Wed 27<sup>th</sup> June - Interschool Gymnastics Competition
- Fri 29<sup>th</sup> June - School Reports are sent home
- Mon 2<sup>nd</sup> July - Kauri Assembly - 2pm
- Tues 3<sup>rd</sup> July - Kowhai Assembly - 2.30pm
- Wed 4<sup>th</sup> July - Student/Parent/Teacher Conferences (School will close at 1.00pm)
- Thurs 5<sup>th</sup> July - Student/Parent/Teacher Conferences
- Fri 6<sup>th</sup> July - Rimu Assembly - 2.00pm
- Fri 6<sup>th</sup> July - Term Two Ends



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## KAURI AND RIMU CROSS COUNTRY

The Rimu and Kauri Cross Country event was held on the last day of Term One. After extreme weather throughout the week and fallen trees threatening to prevent the event taking place, we were lucky enough to finally compete in true cross country conditions. Congratulations to all of the children that took part in the event and all of the training runs beforehand. Long distance running is always challenging and we were extremely proud of the effort and perseverance that you displayed. There were some awesome finishers down the shoot. Well done! A special congratulations to the following children who were our top place getters.

### 7 Year Old Girls

1st Place Tiana Ngata  
2nd Place Ava Parry  
3rd Place Hussay Khoroti

### 7 Year Old Boys

1st Place Cristofer Birdsall  
2nd Place Yaan Leyland  
3rd Place Alex Jackson

### 8 Year Old Girls

1st Place Emmie Butler  
2nd Place Sophie Hutchinson  
3rd Place Addison Leaning

### 8 Year Old Boys

1st Place Riley Bryant  
2nd Place Ayush Badal  
3rd Place Akarsh Shankar

### 9 Year Old Girls

1st Place Solin Kansil  
2nd Place Jessie Jackson  
3rd Place Ana Gallaher

### 9 Year Old Boys

1st Place Filipe Macedo  
2nd Place Bryan Chen  
3rd Place Nate Meikle

### 10 Year Old Girls

1st Place Maia Leaning  
2nd Place Ridsen Brown  
3rd Place Dorothy Kim

### 10 Year Boys

1st Place Ethan Beguely  
2nd Place Montel Tupou-Matenga  
3rd Place Ari Holt

### 11 Year Old Girls

1st Place Xin yue Wang

### 11 Year Old Boys

1st Place Maxwell Bancroft

Our top 12 place getters from each age group will be competing in the Inter school Cross Country next Tuesday 8th May at Blockhouse Bay Reserve. We wish all of the runners good luck!

## UPCOMING EVENTS

We have a range of interesting and exciting events coming up next term and all of the classes will be involved in some of them. For example, parents of year 4-6 children are invited to attend the digital technology information evening that is happening on the evening of Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May.

All parents are encouraged to look through the Term Two Calendar of Events on the front page of this newsletter and make a note of items that will apply to their child or children.

## TEACHER TRAINEES

From time to time we host trainee teachers in the school and we certainly appreciate the extra time and enthusiasm that they bring. Next week we welcome Wahiebah Johnstone who will be based in Room 5 and Nadia Petersen who will be based in Room 21.

## SCHOOL CROSSING

Let's keep our children safe on the school crossing. **We desperately need a parent helper** for Thursday mornings before school; from 8.10am to 8.40am. Please contact Mrs Addison: [helena@blockhousebay.school.nz](mailto:helena@blockhousebay.school.nz) or phone the school 096279940 and leave a message to say you can help.



## FAIR'S FAIR - MANA TAURITE

The teacher's union NZEI are organising a rally to highlight the lack of pay equity for people in education. This will be held at Aotea Square at midday on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> May.

Everyone is invited to take part in this event which aims to help address the lack of wage equality especially for people working in occupations which are dominated by women. For more information & to show your support go to: [campaigns.nzei.org.nz/pay-equity](http://campaigns.nzei.org.nz/pay-equity).

## FUNDRAISERS AT BLOCKHOUSE BAY (FAB) UPDATE

FAB is the new name for the PTA. We will use both names for a while to minimise confusion. We feel the new name clearly represents the purpose of the group. Our last fundraising project was the new sports turf, installed last year. Our next project is fundraising towards a new play/learning area outside rooms 12-14.

Our next meeting date is Monday 7th May (next week) at 7:30pm in the staffroom. Please join us to see how you might be able to help. If you can't attend the meeting but would like to help support our fundraising then you can email [pta@blockhousebay.school.nz](mailto:pta@blockhousebay.school.nz) with the subject "friend" to join our mailing list. You can also pay your PTA donation at the office if you haven't already done so.

Sushi lunches will start next week. Due to the new eating times, the sushi shop can't deliver on Fridays so we have changed the sushi lunch day to Thursdays. This means you must return your order forms to the office BEFORE 9am WEDNESDAYS. Sushi will be delivered to class at the first eating break at 10:50am on Thursdays.

Entertainment Book Fundraiser - new Entertainment books are available online and if you buy through our school order page, they give a portion of the profits back to our school. The Entertainment books are filled with hundreds of vouchers to save you money. Check it out at our Entertainment™ Online Order Page at <https://www.entertainmentbook.co.nz/orderbooks/986d39>

## AFTER SCHOOL SOCCER SKILLS SESSIONS

This activity is being organised and run by Sammy Negash who ran some lunchtime 'taster sessions' in the last few school weeks of last term. Parents can sign the children up to take part in the sessions which will run on the school turf from 14<sup>th</sup> May - 6<sup>th</sup> July by contacting Sammy on 0211954511. He will cater this for Year 3-6 boys and girls of all ability levels from beginners to advanced players.

Time: 3:15pm - 4:30pm

Monday's: Year 3/4

Friday's: Year 5/6

There will be two free sessions for Year 5/6 children after school tomorrow and next Friday (11<sup>th</sup> May) for any senior children who are interested in seeing what will happen.

Participants will need to wear suitable footwear which could include running shoes or moulded sole soccer boots. They will also need to bring a drink bottle and have clothing suitable for the weather conditions e.g. sunblock or raincoat.

Term Duration: 8 weeks yr 5/6 7 weeks yr 3/4 (note no training on 4th June due to public holiday)

Training Cost: \$80.00 (yr 5/6) \$70.00 (yr 3/4). Payable in advance.

Payment Process:

Account: Aspire Football Bank: ASB 12-3029-0357066-53 (Please use players name as a reference)

In the event of Football related enquires, please contact Sammy Negash at

[mr.negash11@gmail.com](mailto:mr.negash11@gmail.com) 0211954511

## NOEL LEEMING – NEW LYNN

### FRIENDS AND FAMILY DEALS FOR BLOCKHOUSE BAY PRIMARY

Noel Leeming- New Lynn branch only- are offering the friends and family of Blockhouse Bay Primary school students a special purchase price for products for the week of Monday 7th May - Sunday 13th May 2018.

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