



**Blockhouse Bay**  
Primary School  
*We Seek - We Strive - We Soar*

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2019

Dear Parents and Caregivers

Measles are a major issue in Auckland at the moment with hundreds of children being affected either by the condition or because they have needed to stay home from school to prevent it spreading. We do need to point out to parents that if we receive a directive from the Ministry of Health, all children who are not immunized, will need to stay home from school. We do not wish to get involved in the immunization v non-immunisation debate but we will definitely be following those instructions if asked.

Lastly, good luck to the Gymnastics team who are representing us at the Auckland finals next Thursday.

Have a great week everyone

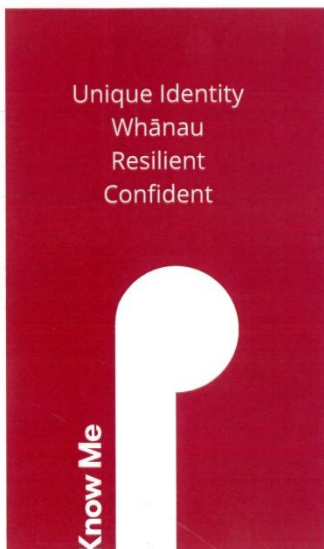
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**CALENDAR OF EVENTS - TERM THREE - 2019**

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
Fri 20 <sup>th</sup> Sept	-Arataki Visitor centre for Rms 14 & 21
Tues 24 <sup>th</sup> Sept	- FAB School Carnival Planning Meeting - 7.00pm staffroom
Wed 25 <sup>th</sup> Sept	- Arataki Visitor Centre for Rms 7 & 11
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)

# He Manu Rere

A Soaring Bird - Learner Profile



**Unique Identity:** Unique Identity means what makes you, you. It is what is special and unlike anybody else. It includes a person's qualities, beliefs and culture.

**Whānau:** Whānau is family, friends and community. You belong to many whānau, right now, before us and in the future.

**Resilient:** Resilient means when obstacles and hard times come you can bounce back on the right track and be yourself again. Sometimes resilience makes you stronger than you were before.

**Confident:** Confident means being proud of yourself, being brave and being determined even when it's challenging.

## He Manu Rere

'He Manu Rere' is our Learner Profile. Our community identified these attributes as essential for our tamariki to be 'soaring' ready for the next stage of learning when they leave Blockhouse Bay School.

Our tamariki collaborated to define each of these attributes in their own words. Over the next few weeks we would like to share the children's definitions with you, starting with the first section of 'He Manu Rere' which is 'Know me'.

'Know me' is about knowing who we are, where we belong and being confident and resilient.

A future Pulitzer Prize winner will write her name for the first time...



Right here...

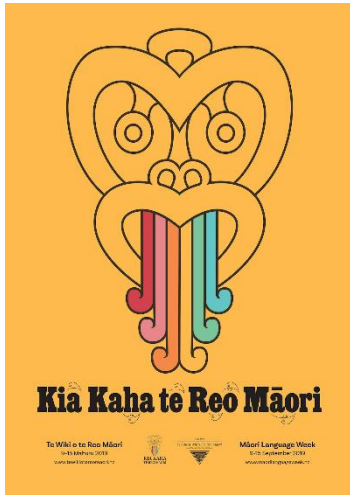
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### **Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori:**

Te wiki o te reo **Māori** takes place next week. Kia Kaha te reo **Māori** is the theme for this year's **Māori Language Week**. 'Kia Kaha' is a well known phrase in New Zealand, meaning 'be strong'. We will be celebrating **Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori** at school. Try this link if you wish to learn some māori words with your children: [kupu.maori.nz/te-kupu-o-te-wiki-2018](http://kupu.maori.nz/te-kupu-o-te-wiki-2018). Also, watch our facebook pages next week for more updates.

Some Māori phrases you could use with your children:

Good morning: **ata mārie**

Good night: **po mārie**

### **ENROLMENT 2020**

**Do you have a child starting school in 2020? Have you let the school office know?**

We are in the process of planning for 2020 and we need to know if you have a child starting school next year.

If you have not let us know your child will be attending here next year please phone Leanne Hems on 627-9940 or email [leanneh@blockhousebay.school.nz](mailto:leanneh@blockhousebay.school.nz)

### **CONTACT DETAILS**

If you have changed your address, phone numbers or email address, please ensure you inform the school office. This helps us to contact you should the need arise with sickness, injury etc.

### **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](mailto:melindan@blockhousebay.school.nz) or pop in and visit me in Room 21 to express your interest.

### **TREATS AT SCHOOL**

We have a school rule that states that no lollies, chocolate, fizzy drinks or nuts can be brought to school by the children. There are a range of reasons for this including the effect these products have on children and that they become the object of theft or envy. Other reasons are they are sometimes shared by children when they are brought and their ingredients can impact upon children with allergies or go against personal, cultural or religious preferences such as vegetarianism and halal.

For these reasons, we have made the following decisions:

- Staff members will not be giving out lollies to children at school
- We ask that parents do not bring items to school when their children have a birthday or other occasions. Whilst teachers will always recognise these occasions, parties and food can happen at home.
- Parents taking children on trips are asked not to purchase any food items for children after the events

Thank you for your support in these matters.

## ARATAKI VISITOR CENTRE TRIPS

Due to the inclement weather some of these trips have had to be transferred to another day. Parents should receive a notice home advising you of the new date of the trip for the class. Please ensure you have paid the \$15.00 for your child to attend at the school office.

## MATH-A-THON

Thank you for supporting your child with learning their basic facts over the last few weeks for the Math-a-thon. This week they will be tested and will bring home a results certificate which will say how many they got correct. They can then collect their sponsor money and bring it to the office in a named envelope before Friday the 20<sup>th</sup> September.

All funds raised will go towards the new Playground outside Rooms 12 to 15



## FAB NEWS

**We NEED YOUR HELP for the upcoming School 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 letting us know what you are able to help with ([fab@blockhousebay.school.nz](mailto:fab@blockhousebay.school.nz))

Our very first White Elephant drop off will be on **Sunday 15 September from 2-4pm.**

The next collection will be Sunday the 13<sup>th</sup> October just before Term 4 starts so it will give you plenty of time during the school holidays to do a bit of spring cleaning! We accept most items but no clothing or electronics/electrical items - bring books, toys, etc but in good condition.

Next FAB meeting - **Tuesday 24 September 7pm @ Staffroom.** Come join us!

Upcoming Fundraising Events:

**Thursday 12 September** - Milo & Cookie Pop Up Fundraiser

**Friday 27 September** - Last day of school Sausage Sizzle & Mufti Day

## CARE 4 KIDZ SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

**CARE 4 KIDZ** is running a Holiday Programme from 30th September till 11th October.

The theme this time is SUPERHEROES.

Further information and enrolment forms are available from our supervisor, daily after 2:45PM in the Technology Room.

The final day we can accept enrolments is 20 September 2019.

## 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: [aphs.health.nz/measles](http://aphs.health.nz/measles)



**THANK YOU.**

Last week we raised \$282.00 for the Cancer Society on Daffodil Day.

Thank you to all those who supported this worthy cause.





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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