



Blockhouse Bay

Primary School

We Seek - We Strive - We Soar

Thursday 7th June 2018

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Whānau,

We were saddened to hear about the loss of one of our long-standing teachers Natasha Dickson on Friday last week. Along with some staff members, I attended the funeral in Rotorua yesterday and a packed out hall of friends, family and children shared some wonderful memories of this warm and fun-loving lady. Thank you to everyone who has offered up their condolences while we come to terms with this painful occasion.

Parents and children are welcome to come in and fill in a memory card that we will include in a special collection that will be handed on to Ms. Dickson's family. If you would rather email these to the school office, please feel free to do so and we will make sure they are included.

The teachers are currently assessing the children and preparing their mid-year reports which will be sent home on Friday 29th June. **Bookings for the Child/Parent/Teacher Conferences go live at 3.30pm tomorrow (Friday 8th June)** and parents are encouraged to book early to get the time and day that

they would like. Feel free to bring or send your handwritten booking preference sheet to the school office staff and they will do this for you if you prefer.

A reminder that school closes early for the day on Wednesday 4th July so that these meetings can take place.

Five months seems like a long time but when you are organising a School Carnival, the time goes really quickly. The organising team would love to have new members who could help with this project so if you are able to give some time, please email Chairperson Annette on pta@blockhousebay.school.nz or come along to their next meeting in the school staffroom this Monday 11th June at 7.30pm.

Lastly, its good luck to our swimming team that are representing the school next Wednesday. These children were selected way back in March so they have been waiting a long time to show what they can do!

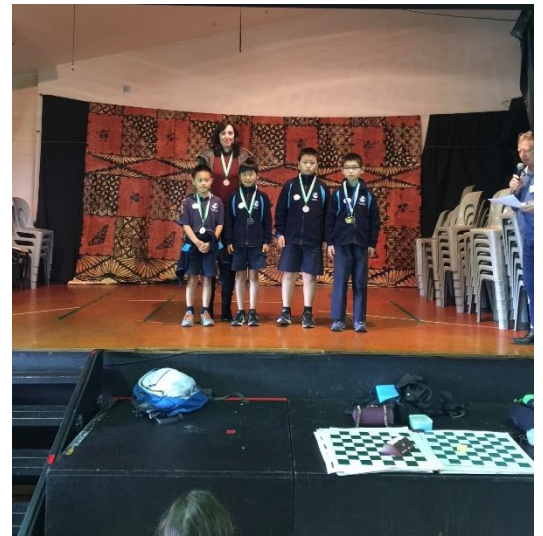
Have a great week everyone.

Neil Robinson

Principal

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS
TERM TWO – 2018**

- Fri 8th June -Rimu Assembly - 2.00pm
- Tues 12th June -Pohutukawa Assembly-2.30pm
- Tues 12th June -ICAS Spelling and Writing
- Mon 18th June -Kauri Assembly - 2pm
- Tues 19th June -Kowhai Assembly -2.30pm
- Wed 20th June -BYOD Evening - PAC - 6.30pm
- Fri 22nd June -Rimu Assembly - 2.00pm
- Tues 26th June -Pohutukawa Assembly -2.30pm
- Tues 26th June -Board of Trustees Meeting
- Wed 27th June -Interschool Gymnastics Competition
- Fri 29th June -School Reports are sent home
- Mon 2nd July -Kauri Assembly - 2pm
- Tues 3rd July -Kowhai Assembly-2.30pm
- Wed 4th July -Student/Parent/Teacher Conferences (School will close at 1.00pm)
- Thurs 5th July -Student/Parent/Teacher Conferences
- Fri 6th July -Rimu Assembly - 2.00pm
- Fri 6th July -Term Two Ends (3.00pm finish)



Pictured above with teacher and master chess coach Angie Cannon are Abraham Deng, Xiaoyang Shen, Abraham Li and Sean Liu who came third in the West Auckland Inter School Competition last week.

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WET WEATHER -CHANGE OF CLOTHES AT SCHOOL

Due to the wet weather a number of students have needed to have a change of clothes from the sick bay recently. If your child was one of these children, could you please wash the borrowed clothes and return them to the school office as soon as possible as we are very low on spares.

It is a good idea at this time of year to put a spare change of clothes in your child's bag (does not need to be uniform) in case they do need a change at school when playing.

CONTACT DETAILS

When your child is ill or has had an accident at school we may need to contact you urgently throughout the day. Recently a number of phone numbers that we hold appear to be inactive.

If you have changed any of your phone, email or emergency details, please let the school office staff know so that we have your updated information.

UPCOMING EVENTS

PARENT MEETING FOR *BRING YOUR OWN DEVICE* - Wednesday 20th June - 6.30pm

This meeting is **open to all interested parents** but is particularly targeted at those who have children in Years 4-6. We had originally advertised a date in May for this meeting but we did not consider Ramadan, so we have rescheduled it for next month.

At this meeting, students will be sharing what and how they learn on devices and teachers will be available to answer questions. We will also be having a guest speaker from 'Family Zone' who offer online software available for parents that monitors what their children are viewing in real time.

WACKY HAIR DAY - Thursday 21st June

Wacky Hair Day is designed to provide a bit of extra fun in the school day whilst encouraging the children to donate a gold coin to a worthy cause, by dressing their hair up in a funny way. Wigs are fine but some families choose to dress up their children's hair in a whole range of ways. Because there can sometimes be some mess involved, the children are allowed to wear mufti on this day if they are taking part in Wacky Hair Day.

RECOGNISING MATARIKI - Tuesday 26th June

Each year, the school uses this occasion to help the children gain an understanding of Matariki and as a context to learn Māori language and concepts. In the past, we have included a Matariki assembly as part of this focus but will be doing something a little bit different in 2018.

Early in the morning on Tuesday 26th June, we will be inviting all children and parents to come up to school to observe Matariki in the night sky. We will meet out on the field at 6.15am, so people will need to be up and out really early on this day! We will then stay on to have breakfast together and learn more about Matariki as well as watching our Kapa Haka and Manu Mātauranga groups perform for us.

This promises to be a very exciting morning for the children so hopefully the weather will be kind to us.

NETBALL RESULTS WEEK ENDING 30th MAY 2018

Year 3&4 Netball Results

BHB Diamonds 1 v Kaurilands Warriors 1	- Player of the day : Ellie Fifita.
BHB Opals 5 v Summerland Bulletz 3	- Player of the day : Elias Capps.
BHB Crystals 1 v Flanshaw Sparklers 1	- Player of the day: Avani.

Year 5/6 Netball Results

Sapphires 10 v Konini Fireflies 7	- Player of the Day: Harmann Mahey
Emeralds 3 v Glenora Stars 4	- Player of the day: Soha Ebkote

NETBALL RESULTS WEEK ENDING 6th JUNE 2018

BHB Crystals 2 VS Matipo Stars 5	- Player of the day: Ashmeet Kaur
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PARENT/CHILD/TEACHER CONFERENCES

Enclosed in this newsletter is some information about how parents can book a time to meet with their child's teacher for the mid-year conferences. These take place on Wednesday 4th and Thursday 5th July. The teachers enjoy meeting with families to have these discussions so if these dates do not suit you, please organise a different time with your child's teacher.

Please note that **school closes for the day at 1.00pm on Wednesday 4th July** so that we have enough time for these meetings to take place. School finishes at the usual time of 3.00pm on Thursday 5th July.

FUNDRAISERS AT BLOCKHOUSE BAY (F@B) UPDATE

We would like to thank the wonderful parents who have been helping to run the sushi lunches so far this term. We appreciate your time and commitment to helping us provide this service to our families.

This **Friday 8th June** from 3-3:30pm at the PAC - Re-usable bag and straw fundraiser stall. Another of our wonderful parents has organised a fundraising solution to help us all reduce and recycle. Come and see the samples, buy with cash or take an order form to pay online. Flyers will also be coming home and on our Facebook page if you can't make it to school. All profits raised will go towards our next project of a new play/learning area outside rooms 12-14.

Monday 11th June from 7:30-9pm in the staffroom - Carnival planning meeting for all. We would love your help to start planning our biggest fundraising event of the year, the school Carnival. We do need more people involved with the planning this year so if you have any contacts for donations or sponsorship or have a couple of hours a week to help out with organisation, please come along to the meeting or email pta@blockhousebay.school.nz to offer your support.

Entertainment books are still available for sale at the office (cash only) or pick up an order form at the office to pay online. All sales support our school fundraising. Check out the sample book at the office before you buy. Order online here: <https://www.entertainmentbook.co.nz/orderbooks/986d39>

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COMMUNITY NOTICES

Edventure Outdoors- School Holiday Camps

These July school holidays we are running 2 awesome camps.

Tramping, rock climbing, possum trapping, team building challenges, hot pools and much more

Edventure Outdoors Camp, Mt Pirongia, July 9-13th

Edventure Winter Camp, Aongatete lodge, July 16-20th

- 8-14 yr olds

- OSCAR available

- Pick up/drop off AKL, BOP, Waikato

Book at www.edventure.co.nz or email mark@edventure.co.nz

Lego Show

Calling all LEGO® Lovers, Sunday 17 June 10am - 4pm we have the LEGO® Fan Display with competitions to enter (up to the age of 13), plenty of LEGO® to play with, Displays to see and you can talk to the creators who are proud to exhibit their models. Tickets \$8. See fundraisingevent.co.nz for more information (free parking!) Kohia Terrace School, 3 Kohia Terrace, Epsom, Auckland.

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