



Blockhouse Bay

Primary School

We Seek - We Strive - We Soar

Thursday 8th August 2019

Dear Parents and Caregivers,
We have met with several groups of people this week and as a staff, we enjoy getting together with members of our school community to discuss things that are going to positively affect our children.

On Monday evening, a large group of Year 5 parents met with teachers to discuss next years camp for our senior children. If you are one of these parents and were not able to attend this meeting, please contact your child's teacher for more information. Our Positive Behaviour meetings are proving to be quite popular and we are enjoying getting feedback about this topic from our parents.

Tomorrow, we kickoff our Math-athon and the children will be bringing home information about this.

This event encourages the children to learn basic maths facts at their level and also collects money for the school which we will spend on improvements for the children. We ask that parents help the children to collect sponsors and also learn their basic facts over the next few weeks.

See you at the **Pink Parade** tomorrow!

NEIL ROBINSON
PRINCIPAL

Epro8

Last week some of our children competed in the Epro8 challenge. Below is an article written by Rose Elijas.

Doing the Epro8 challenge was a lot of fun, but a lot harder than I thought it would be. To me it didn't matter if we came first or second, it was about the learning experience. Overall, I had a great time. I recommended everyone joining up next year.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS - TERM THREE - 2019	
Thurs 8 th Aug	-6.30pm Te Manawa - Supporting Wellbeing parent meeting
Fri 9 th Aug	-Pink Shirt & Colourful Lunch Day
Fri 9 th Aug	-Kauri Assembly - straight after Pink Shirt Parade
Fri 9 th Aug	-Last day for ICAS Entry Forms for Yrs 4, 5 & 6
Fri 9 th Aug	-2.15pm-Rimu Te Raranga Assembly (rms 9,12,2,3)
12 th - 16 th Aug	-Maths Week
Tues 13 th Aug	-2.30pm Kōwhai Assembly
Wed 14 th Aug	-Winter Field Day Yrs 5 & 6
Wed 14 th Aug	-6.30pm Te Manawa - Supporting Wellbeing parent meeting
Thurs 15 th Aug	-Central West Gym Competition for selected students
Fri 16 th Aug	-2.15pm-Rimu Kete Whanau Assembly (rms 13,14,15)
Fri 16 th Aug	-FAB Movie Night
Tues 20 th Aug	-2.30pm - Pōhutukawa Assembly
Tues 20 th Aug	-Arataki Visitor Centre for Rms 2 & 3
Wed 21 st Aug	-Arataki Visitor Centre for Rms 9 & 12
Wed 21 st Aug	-Winter Field Day Postponement Day
Thurs 22 nd Aug	-Arataki Visitor Centre for Rms 13 & 15
Thurs 22 nd Aug	- Y6 Experience Day at BBI
Fri 23 rd Aug	-Arataki Visitor Centre for Rms 14 & 21
Fri 23 rd Aug	-9.00am -Kauri Assembly
Fri 23 rd Aug	-2.15pm-Rimu Te Raranga Assembly
Tues 27 th Aug	-Arataki Visitor Centre for Rms 19 & 20
Fri 30 th Aug	-Daffodil Day - Fundraiser Cancer Society
Fri 30 th Aug	-Arataki Visitor Centre for Rms 22 & 23
Fri 30 th Aug	-2.15pm Rimu Kete Whanau Assembly
Tues 3 rd Sept	-2.30pm - Pōhutukawa Assembly
Tues 3 rd Sept	-Arataki Visitor Centre for Rms 8 & 10
Tues 3 rd Sept	-ICAS Digital Technologies Exam
Wed 4 th Sept	-Arataki Visitor Centre for Rms 7 & 11
Thurs 5 th Sept	-ICAS Science Exam
Fri 6 th Sept	-9.00am Kauri Assembly
Fri 6 th Sept	-2.15pm Rimu Te Raranga Assembly
Tues 10 th Sept	-Arataki Visitor Centre for Rms 5 & 6
Tues 10 th Sept	-Icas Writing Exam
Tues 10 th Sept	-Kōwhai assembly
Thurs 12 th Sept	-Champions of Champions Gym Comp for selected students
Thurs 12 th Sept	-Arataki Visitor Centre for Rms 18,24&25
Thurs 12 th Sept	-ICAS Spelling Exam
Fri 13 th Sept	-Arataki Visitor Centre for Rms 16 & 17
Fri 13 th Sept	-2.15pm-Rimu Kete Whanau Assembly
Tues 17 th Sept	-ICAS English Exam
Tues 17 th Sept	-2.30pm Pōhutukawa Assembly
Thurs 19 th Sept	-ICAS Maths Exam
Thurs 26 th Sept	-2.00pm - Whole School Assembly
Fri 27 th Sept	-2.00pm - Whole Rimu Syndicate Assembly
Fri 27 th Sept	-End of Term Three (3.00pm finish)



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STAFFING UPDATE

For family reasons and for some time, Room 2 teacher Miss Ponniah has been thinking about returning to Christchurch and this week, she has been made a very exciting offer. A new school is opening up in this area and Tiffany is one of only a few teachers who have been selected to be a member of the foundation staff. There were a large number of applicants and to be chosen was a wonderful compliment to her warm personality and teaching ability. This new appointment starts in October so we will be searching for a replacement Room 2 teacher for term four in the weeks to come.

SUPPORTING WELLBEING PREVENTING BULLYING – PARENT MEETINGS

Parents are invited to come along and find out more about this initiative by attending one of the following information evenings:

Thursday 8th August 6.30-7.30pm in Te Manawa

Wednesday 14th August 6.30-7.30pm in Te Manawa

TERM THREE LEARNING

To help raise awareness that we all need to help strengthen wellbeing and prevent bullying we will be holding our very own **'Pink shirt' and 'Colourful Lunch' Day** tomorrow - Friday 9th August. Children and family members are invited to dress up Pink and show their support. Although this is similar to a mufti day, there is no charge to families (and no sausage sizzle).

As part of learning about Kaitiakitanga all classes will be visiting the **Arataki Visitor Centre in the Waitakere Ranges** and your child will bring home more information about this trip soon if they haven't already. Classes will learn about topics such as Nature's recycling, Investigating Invertebrates, Plant Power and Biodiversity Alert. The cost for this will be \$15 per child. We understand for families this is a significant amount- please email our Associative Principal, Elizabeth Crisp if we can help. elizabethc@blockhousebay.school.nz

MATH-A-THON 2019

This term all Blockhouse Bay Primary students will be taking part in a Math-a-thon. All the money collected for this fundraiser goes to the Fundraising @ Blockhouse (FAB) team who will use it to upgrade the area in what is now the playground in front of Rooms 12-14 (this project will begin later in the year). It is also a really good way for children to learn maths facts that will help them now and in the future.

Tomorrow, we will be giving the children a list of the facts that they need to learn and we would like these to be practised at home. We will also be practising them at school. They will also receive a sponsorship form and parents are asked to help the children to collect sponsors for the number of facts that they get right in the test during week 8 in mid-September.

Please contact your child's teacher if you have any questions.

NETBALL RESULTS - WEEK ENDING 4th AUGUST 2019

BHB Emeralds (0) v Vipers Bite	(16)	Player of the day was Alyssa
BHB Rubies (4) v Waitakere School	(2)	Player of the day was Magnolia
BHB Rubies (12) v Woodlands School	(5)	Player of the day was Raya
BHB Sapphires (13) v Peninsular Primary	(11)	Player of the day was Ayla

PARENTS OF CURRENT YEAR 6 CHILDREN - Blockhouse Bay Intermediate

Intermediate Experience Day - Thursday 22nd August 9.20-11.45am

Students and families are invited to spend a morning at the school. This is an opportunity to both see the whole school in operation and participate in some school experiences. The children will go on the bus to BBI and there is no charge to parents for this.

If you have a child in Year 6 and you do not want them to go to the Intermediate Experience Day at BBI, please let us know and we will ensure that they stay here at school. Feel free to contact BBI directly if you have any questions or require any further information 6266414.

Of course, families may be considering other options, so we advise parents to contact these schools if they are thinking of sending having their children attend these schools in 2020.

PRINCIPAL'S SOAPBOX

There has been some talk in the media about the stalled Collective Agreement discussions between the Government and Primary Principals. In essence, the offer is 2% a year over the next three years and in comparison to what the teachers received (where the issues are very similar) this is falling well short of what is required. The situation is that quite a few teachers will now earn more than Principals of small schools and these leaders are amongst the hardest working people in the profession. The NZEI is asking for the relativities to be restored so that people actually apply for Principals jobs and also want to align Primary Principals pay with that of their Secondary colleagues - same size school = same size pay. Hopefully a resolution will be found soon.

Neil Robinson
Principal

ICAS TESTING 2019 - Entries close tomorrow

2019 International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) are Australian online tests (Apart from Year 4 Writing) which are completed in some schools under normal examination conditions. Parents may choose to have their child sit these tests as they give them experience of external exam conditions, provide some alternative information about their child's strengths and highlight areas that may require more attention.

These tests are for years 4 - 6 children only.

The ICAS assessments will take place in the school between the 3rd of September and the 19th of September.

You may wish for your child to sit some or all of the following exams:

Digital Technologies, Science, Writing, Spelling Bee, English or Maths.

The ICAS assessments will take place in our school on the following dates:

- Tuesday 3rd September - Digital Technologies
- Thursday 5th September - Science
- Tuesday 10th September - Writing
- Thursday 12th September - Spelling Bee
- Tuesday 17th September - English
- Thursday 19th September - Maths

Order forms may be collected from the school office must be returned to the school office by tomorrow 9th August - 3.00PM - **LATE ENTRIES CANNOT BE ACCEPTED.**

Practice questions can be viewed online at: <https://www.eaa.unsw.edu.au/icas/download-practice-questions>

Fab Movie Night!

Movie Night - Friday 16 August 2019

Get your tickets to come watch The Incredibles 2 with your school friends & family. Tickets can be purchased through the Kindo online payment system only. Pizza and Incredibles plushies are available to order online as well. Bring cash on the night for other snacks and drinks.

If you already have a Kindo account, visit www.mykindo.co.nz. If you don't have an account, you can easily set one up - all you need is the email address the school has on record. If you need assistance, you are welcome to contact the school office.

If you are able to volunteer to help on Movie Night, please send an email to fab@blockhousebay.school.nz - we cannot do these amazing events without our wonderful parent help!



Family MOVIE NIGHT
with Incredibles 2

FRIDAY 16 AUGUST
5:00 pm
(Movie to start at 5:45 pm)
at the BHB Primary Performing Arts Centre (PAC)

\$5 per person
Tickets available online through Kindo only
Strictly limited tickets available

Available on the night - cash only:
Pizza, popcorn, chips, lollies & drinks
Also Incredibles Plushies for sale
(\$8 each or set of 5 for \$30)

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