



Blockhouse Bay

Primary School

We Seek - We Strive - We Soar

8th June 2017

PRINCIPAL'S SOAPBOX

The teachers are currently working hard to complete their assessments of the children and to write the mid-year reports. These will be sent home on Friday 30th June. With the exception of three classes, the teachers will then meet with parents and children the following week, on Wednesday 5th or Thursday 6th July.

Today, we are sending home details about how parents can book their meeting times with their child's teacher. Bookings open tomorrow afternoon so the sooner you log on to the booking sheet and select your time, the more likely you are to getting an appointment that suits you best. The race is on!

Please contact the school office if you have any questions about booking in your conference time.

Have a great week everyone!

Neil Robinson

Principal

The Kapa Haka Share music for NZ Music Month



An awesome day in our community library for 2017 Music Month!

Last week we got invited to the public library to perform some items we are getting ready for our Matariki assembly. It was good training for us! It seemed like there were 100 people there to watch us. We were all crammed into a small area!

We were very nervous but at end of the day we all loved it. Our Matariki performance is on Wednesday 28th of June, so bring your brother your sister and grandparents. On behalf of Kapa Haka we would like to say thanks for Whaea Jas for putting this together.

Ariana and Clayton

CALENDAR OF EVENTS TERM TWO

Monday 12th June - Rimu assembly
2pm start

Tuesday 13th June

- ICAS Writing and ICAS Spelling
- Junior School Cross-Country (Yrs 0-2)

Wednesday 14th June - Inter-school
Swimming for selected students
- Kowhai Assembly 2.30pm

Thursday 15th June - Junior School
Cross-Country postponement day
(Yrs 0-2)

Friday 16th June - West Auckland
Chess Championships for selected
students

Monday 19th June - Kauri Assembly
2.15pm

Thursday 22nd June - Year 3/4
Soccer Tournament for selected
students

Friday 23rd June - Science in a Van
visiting Kauri classes

Monday 26th June - Rimu assembly
2pm

Wed 28th June - Matariki Assembly
2pm

Thursday 29th June - Year 3/4 Soccer
postponement day

- Pohutukawa Assembly 2.30pm

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)

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Junior School Cross Country Year 0-2 – next Tuesday

Our Junior School Cross Country is fast approaching on **Tuesday 13th June (Week 7)** with the postponement day being Thursday 15th June. We will be starting the first race at 9:15am on our school field. Races are expected to finish by 10:20am. Parents and whanau are welcome to attend this exciting event and we would love to have your support!

On the day, please send your child to school wearing suitable running shorts, t-shirt and shoes on the day. They can bring their school uniform in their bags so that they can get changed after their race. Each child will also need a named water bottle. We look forward to seeing you there!

CHILD/PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES

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 will open online 3.30pm - Friday 9th June. 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 7, 12 and 13 will take place early in term three and children in these classes were sent home a letter about this yesterday. Please contact the school office for more details if your child did not bring this notice home and you would like another copy of this information.

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 details please check at the school office that we have your updated information.

CHANGE OF CLOTHES

With the wet weather we have been experiencing, children occasionally slip over and require a change of clothes. It is a good idea to keep a spare change of clothing from home in your child's school bag for such an occasion. Note that this does not have to be school uniform.

PTA NEWS

Urzila Carlson Adult Only Comedy Night- Friday 30th June

Tell your friends! Tickets are still available from www.urzilabhb.eventbrite.co.nz for \$25. Paper tickets will be sold at school on Wednesday 14th June outside the school office at the following times 8:15-8:45am and 2:45-3:15pm, unless sold out beforehand. Get in quick! Limited seats available.

Child Cancer Foundation Wig Wednesday- 21st June

We are excited to be taking part in this National event and to fundraise for kiwi kids with cancer. It's easy to take part- just wear a wig (or decorate your hair) and bring a coin donation for Child Cancer Foundation. All funds raised by our school will help support kiwi children with cancer and their families.

Friday Lunch Orders- No more Pita Pit orders for a while but they will be back later in the year. Pick up an order form from class, the office or our Facebook page and look for the new warm option of cheese toasties! Milo and cookies are still available at the PAC kitchen for \$1 (includes both items) on Friday lunchtimes.

Like us on Facebook - Blockhouse Bay Primary School PTA and if you would like to become a friend of the PTA email pta@blockhousebay.school.nz with the subject "friend". Thanks for your support.

THE INTERNATIONAL DAY OF YOGA - 21st June 2017

June 21st is the International Day of Yoga and this year we are celebrating at BHB Primary School by offering FREE Yoga! This event is sponsored by BHB Events Group.

Since 2014, BHB Event Group has been organizing the popular 'Festival of Colours' and 'Festival of Light' events at BHB School. All funds raised at these events are donated to the school. We would like to thank the parents of the School for supporting our family events.

As a token of appreciation, the BHB Event Group organisers are offering a FREE Yoga class on Wednesday June 21st between 6.30pm and 7.30pm.

Yoga is a physical, mental and/or spiritual practice. Everyone can do yoga regardless of their body type, race, gender and ability. We will have the services of a trained Yoga Instructor, Patrick Powdrell.

Patrick will demonstrate the basics of Yoga and this is a good opportunity to try these exercises even if you've never done it before. Come and try it out.

Please book your place early (either txt or call us).....the first 20 people to book will each receive a FREE yoga mat ! Please txt or call: Roma Kaur on 0212639947, Nisha Angra on 0212167446 or Bo Singh on 021721545

PARENTING ADVICE

Parents sometimes ask staff members for advice about the best way to teach their children about dealing with life and learning and so from time to time, we offer suggestions that we have collected along the way. Please feel free to ignore or use whatever advice you feel best applies to your family.

Resiliency Robbers

All parents have the best of intentions when raising their children. Sometimes, wanting what is best for kids can cause parents to make decisions that are not always in their (children's) long-term best interests.

If you buy the line that the promotion of resilience is in the best interests of kids then check out the following common parenting mistakes that reduce children's resilience.

Robber # 1: Fight all their battles for them

Nothing wrong with going into bat when children struggle or meet with difficulty inside or outside school but make sure this is the last resort, not the first option.

Resilience notion # 1: Give kids the opportunity to develop their own resourcefulness.

Robber # 2: Make their problem, your problem.

Sometimes parents can take too much responsibility for issues that are really up to children to work out or decide. Here's a clue if you are wondering what I am talking about: a jumper is something a mother puts on her son when she is cold!

Resilience notion # 2: Make their problem, their problem.

Robber # 3: Give kids too much voice.

In this era of giving children a voice it is easy to go overboard and allow them too much of a say in what happens to them. Kids often take the easy option to avoid hard or unpleasant situations.

Resilience notion # 3: Make decisions for kids and expect them to adjust and cope.

Robber # 4: Put unrealistic or relentless pressure on children to perform.

Expectations about success and achievement are important. Too low and kids will meet them. Too high and kids can give up. Too much and kids can experience anxiety.

Resilience notion # 4: Keep expectations in line with children's abilities and don't put excessive pressure on them.

Robber # 5: Let children give in too easily.

Resilient learners link success with effort. They don't give up because they don't like a teacher or when confronted with multi-step or more complex activities. Similarly they don't bail out of a sporting term half way through the season because the team is not winning or they are not enjoying it.

Resilience notion # 5: Encourage kids to complete what they have started even if the results aren't perfect.

Robber # 6: Neglect to develop independence.

Don't wait until they are teenagers to develop the skills of independent living. Start early and promote a broad skill set so that they can look after themselves if you are not around.

Resilience notion # 6: Don't routinely do for kids what they can do for themselves.

Robber # 7: Rescue kids from challenging or stretch situations.

There are many times children are put in situations that are outside their comfort zones for a time. For instance, giving a talk, singing at the school concert or going on school camp may be challenges for some kids. They are all situations that children usually cope with so show your confidence in them and skill them up rather than opt for avoidance or stepping in to take on the challenge yourself.

Resilience notion # 7: Overcoming challenges enables kids to grow and improve.

Sometimes the manageable hardships that children experience such as a friend moving away, not being invited to a party or completing a difficult school project are fabulous learning opportunities.

They help children to stretch and grow. Dealing with them effectively also teaches kids that they are capable of coping when they meet some of life's curve balls. And that is a huge lesson to learn at any age!


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