



Blockhouse Bay

Primary School

We Seek - We Strive - We Soar

9th November 2017

TRASH 2 FASH 2017

This year's Trash 2 Fashion show was a real display of the creativity and innovation of Blockhouse Bay children.

The costumes were amazing and reflected the hours of work the teams or individuals had put in to create them. The assessors had a careful look at them and considered the construction, the adherence to the rules and the creativity involved.

There were two Highly Commended prizes awarded, these went to Team 'Moonstone' - Maia Leaning and Mia Bradley and to 'Fashion o Fab' - Lydia Taylor.

The Supreme award went to 'Firestorm' created by Myra and Braden Clemmett.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

TERM FOUR

- Tues 14th Nov - 2.00pm - Whole School Assembly
- Wed 15th Nov - Yrs 3-6 Interschool Athletics Day
- Thurs 16th Nov - 2.30pm Pohutukawa Assembly
- Mon 20th Nov - 2.15pm Kauri Assembly
- Wed 22nd Nov - Yrs 3-6 Athletics Postponement Day
- Wed 22nd Nov - 2.30pm -Kowhai Assembly
- Thurs 23rd Nov- School Closes 12.45 pm
- Fri 24th Nov - Teacher Only Day (No School this day)
- Mon 27th Nov - Swimming season commences
- Tues 28thNov - Pohutukawa and Kowhai Athletics
- Thurs 30th Nov -2.30pm- Pohutukawa Assembly
- Sat 2nd Dec - PTA Carnival Day - 10.00am
- Mon 4th - Fri 9th Dec - Kauri Syndicate Safer Boating
- Wed 5th Dec - Pohutukawa Waste free Camp Day
- Wed 6th Dec -2.30pm - Kowhai Assembly
- Thurs 7th Dec - 2.00pm - Rimu Assembly
- Wed 13th Dec - Reports go home
- Wed 13th Dec - Year six graduation ceremony
- Fri 15th Dec - End of School Year - 1.30pm

A future master chef will find the perfect balance...

Right here.



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JUNIOR ATHLETICS – POHUTUKAWA AND KOWHAI SYNDICATE

When: Tuesday 28th November 2017

Time: 9:15 to 12:45

Where: On the main field at school.



Families are all invited to come and support your children for this event, and then you could stay on and have lunch with your child after the activities 😊.

Kind regards,

Pohutukawa and Kowhai Teachers



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PRINCIPAL'S SOAPBOX

Dear Parents, Caregivers and family members,

SCHOOL SURVEY

Every three years, the Board carry out a survey of their current parent community so that the decisions made by the Board and staff can be influenced by what parents think. There is no directive from the Ministry or government to do this, but we feel that it is important to get this feedback.

I say influenced by because in almost every area of the survey, there was a range of opinions in what people believe so it is impossible to do what everyone thinks. We also need to take into account that the survey reflects the opinions of approximately 20% of our parents as we had around 100 submissions from a nearly 500 families.

Over the next few months, we will be publishing summaries of the results of the survey questions in the newsletter. It is impossible to include all of the comments as there is not enough room and we need to be conscious of confidentiality as some individual names of children and staff were mentioned. We can assure you however that all comments are taken into account when we make future decisions.

The first of these summaries are listed below. Please note that the percentages do not always add up to 100 as sometimes people answered 'don't know'.

Overall Relationship with Blockhouse Bay Primary. How satisfied are you that:

Criteria	How many scored 1-3	Percentage scoring 1-3	How many scored 4-6	Percentage scoring 4-6	How many scored 7-10	Percentage scoring 7-10
The school has suitable classroom materials & equipment to teach the children	1	1%	15	16%	74	78%
Children are given a wide range of educational opportunities	4	4%	22	23%	63	64%
The school encourages child development	3	3%	18	19%	69	73%
I feel welcome at the school	2	2%	6	6%	85	92%
I am proud of the school in the community	0	0%	6	6%	85	89%

Have a great week everyone!

Neil Robinson

Principal

REMINDER:

- **Colference - 23rd November 2017 - School closes 12.45pm**

A reminder to parents and caregivers that school will close early on the 23rd November so that all staff can attend a professional development session with all of the schools from the Lynfield Community of Learning (CoL).

Please ensure you have made arrangements for your child to be collected as teachers will be leaving the school to attend the meeting.

Care 4 Kidz will run from 12.45pm in the Technology room in the Manukau Block.

- **Teacher Only Day - 24th November 2017 - No school on this day.**

School is also closed the following day for a teacher only day. On this day, the staff continue their plans for organisation and planning in preparation for the new school year. This work carries on between then and Christmas, and continues in January so that we are ready to start straight back into learning on the first day of school, Tuesday 30th January.

PHOTOLIFE

Shoot Key codes have been sent home. If you wish to order a photo please go online to photolife.co.nz and enter your code. Free delivery will end on Sunday 19th November 2017 so get in quick. Envelopes are available from the school office if you are unable to order online.

CAMP FEES

Thank you to the parents who have paid this in full. A reminder to parents of year five students that the camp fee must be paid by the 30th November.

If you have any queries or concerns re the camp please do not hesitate to come to the school office or phone us on 627-9940

YEARBOOK 2017

Get your orders in now! Complete the order form sent home with this newsletter and return it to the school office with your payment of \$25.00. Every child appears at least once in the magazine. Full colour, glossy, high quality. When the books arrive they will be distributed to your child. Get in fast as once sold out there will be no more.

PTA NEWS

Thanks to all the wonderful parents who came and helped at our working bee on Sunday and also to everyone who made a jolly jar for mufti on Friday. There is a great selection of jars to be bought on Carnival day- Saturday 2nd December 10am-2pm. Save the date and invite your friends and family. Like our Facebook page for updates on what will be going on at Carnival and other fundraising activities- Blockhouse Bay Primary School PTA

CALENDAR ART

The deadline for orders has now been extended to Wednesday 15th November. Use the unique order number from the flyer that came home last week. Please check that you received your child's form with their name at the top as the order number is unique to their art. If you have been mistakenly given the wrong form, please see your child's teacher.

TOYWORLD

Special shopping evening- TONIGHT- Lynmall Toyworld 6:30pm-8:30pm. 20% off everything for Blockhouse Bay Primary families only. A great way to support the school as they donate a portion of profits back to us. Happy Christmas shopping!

Next PTA Carnival meeting Monday 13th November at 7:30pm in the staffroom. All welcome. We are still looking for a new treasurer for next year so come along and see what you think.

Email pta@blockhousebay.school.nz if you would like to sponsor our school carnival.

LIKE DISTANCE RUNNING AND WANT TO TRY SOMETHING NEW?

Auckland Orienteering Club has a public event based on Craigavon Park and Motu Moana on Wednesday 29 November 2017. The Auckland Council has given permission for the event and your permission is requested to also place a few controls in Blockhouse Bay Primary School's grounds.

The Auckland Orienteering Club's SummerNav is a series of 18 runs over the summer based on Auckland Council Parks and various campuses. Participants may start any time between 5:30pm and 6:45pm, with everyone expected to be finished and the course closed by 8.00pm. Participant numbers are around 150, spread out over several hours.

Students and staff of Blockhouse Bay Primary School are invited to take part and entry is free. Those attending simply mention they are staff, or a student, of the school at the registration caravan which will be in the Connaught Street car park.

SHIPPING CONTAINER FOR THE SCHOOL

We have decided to purchase a shipping container to assist with our storage needs and would love to hear from someone who could assist with us gaining 'school friendly pricing' and advice with this. If you do know of anyone who might be able to help us, please provide their contact details to the office and we will discuss this with them.



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CHRISTMAS EVENING

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DATE: THURSDAY 9th NOVEMBER, **TIME:** 6:30PM - 8:30PM
WHERE: TOYWORLD LYNN MALL,
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