



Blockhouse Bay

Primary School

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Dear Parents and Whānau,

Welcome back to Term Three at Blockhouse Bay School. We hope that you all had a wonderful break and are looking forward to what the new term will bring. We have a number of exciting things happening in the second half of the year.

Attendance at the Term Two Child/Parent/Teacher Conferences was excellent with over 90% of children being represented. Thank you to everyone for taking the time to interact with your child's teacher in this way.

Have a great week everyone.

Neil Robinson
Principal



TERM THREE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Please check weekly as dates and times may change

Wed 4th Aug	9am-Rimu Assembly
Tues 10th Aug	6pm-BBI Parent Information Evening
Wed 11th Aug	9am- Kauri Assembly
Thurs 12th Aug	Central West Gym Comp - selected students
Thurs 12th Aug	2.15pm -Kowhai Assembly
Fri 13th Aug	Teacher Only Day (No school this day)
Mon 16th Aug	9am- ICAS English
Wed 18th Aug	9am-Rimu Assembly
Thurs 19th Aug	2pm-7pm Expo Parent Information Evening
Wed 25th Aug	2pm Whole School Assembly
Thurs 26th Aug	BBI Experience Day for Year 6 Students
Mon 30th Aug	9.00am ICAS Maths
Tues 31st Aug	2.30pm Pohutukawa Assembly
Thurs 2nd Sept	2.15pm Kowhai Assembly
Wed 8th Sept	Winter Field Day for selected students
Wed 15th Sept	Winter Field Day - Postponement Day
Thurs 16th Sept	Gymnastics Champ of Champs for selected students
Tues 21st Sept	2.30pm Pohutukawa Assembly
Wed 22nd Sept	9.00am Kauri Assembly
Thurs 23rd Sept	2.15pm Kowhai Assembly
Fri 1st October	Term 3 Ends

The children have certainly enjoyed being back at school and playing with all their friends.

Great to have a little sunshine!



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TEACHER ONLY DAY

When teachers signed their Collective Agreement in 2019, the Government granted them permission to have a number of Teacher only days so that they could carry out work that would reduce their workload and improve the quality of the education that they provided. On Friday 13th August, we will be having a teacher only day to look at the new teacher appraisal information and also to spend some concentrated time working together on the school's positive behaviour plan. **Whanau are reminded then that school will be closed for the children on Friday 13th August** which is in two weeks' time.

PRINCIPAL'S SOAPBOX

LYNFIELD COLLEGE LETTER TO PARENTS

It has come to my attention that Lynfield College have sent a letter home to parents regarding a person who was living in their area that had previously committed crimes involving children. I was very concerned to hear this and contacted both the College Principal and the Corrections Community Liaison Advisor Craig Colquhoun who co-wrote the letter.

In summary, the response from Mr Colquhoun was that:

- There are many people released into the community all the time and they are 'managed' by Corrections
- Lynfield College was at the outer edge of the 'notification zone' which stretches in the opposite direction to our school

He went on to say that Corrections must decide where the boundaries for notification zone are and, in this case, we were not within it. For example, New Windsor Primary and Chaucer Primary were not notified either.

I said, of course, people can travel anywhere, and he said yes but people such as this are fitted with tracking devices that allow Corrections to monitor their whereabouts full-time and there are strict conditions about where they can and cannot go, including the distance they can go from their home without being arrested. He added that people are very welcome to contact him if they had any further questions and his phone number is 0275455238.

Whilst I was left with some unease about the situation, I do accept the points that he raised. It does reinforce though that we should always know where our children are and that they are supervised where possible.

BLOCKHOUSE BAY INTERMEDIATE ENROLMENT 2022

As our closest Intermediate School, BBI have a range of ways that families of Year 6 children can find out about the school, so that parents can make an informed choice. These include:

- This week, BBI Principal Mr Malins came with a small group of ex BHB Primary pupils to speak to the year 6 children.
- Tuesday 10th August - Family information evening at BBI
- Thursday 26th August - Year 6 morning visit to BBI

So that they can make staffing decisions, please ensure that your Year 6 child is enrolled at their next year's school before the end of term three.

Please visit the BBI website for all enrolment information www.bhbint.school.nz

Enrolment Online, Forms now open

Blockhouse Bay Intermediate School use online enrolment forms for student year seven applications in 2022. Please use the address below. The code is 1232 use your email address and set a password to get started: <https://enrol.etap.co.nz>

Remember to click, go to page to **save each screen** and fill in all boxes that are applicable to your child's enrolment. **Out of Zone Enrolment closes at 4pm on 1st September 2021.**

MATHATHON

This term all Blockhouse Bay Primary children will be taking part in a Math-a-thon. This is a fundraising event where children are asked to collect sponsors, who will commit to paying a small amount of money per question that they have learnt the answers to.

All of the money collected for this fundraiser goes to the Fundraising @ Blockhouse (FAB) team who will use it to have a company paint new lines and markings on the play areas.

A math-a-thon is also a really good way for children to learn facts that will help them now and in the future.

More information about the Mathathon will be provided next week.

FUNDRAISERS AT BLOCKHOUSE BAY (FAB)

This small group of parents plan and oversee all of the fundraising at Blockhouse Bay School. Over the years, they have funded improvement such as the playgrounds, pool heating and the artificial turf. Last year's fundraising helped pay for the cover that protects us all from the elements in front of Rooms 4-9.

In addition, to collecting money for these major projects, the FAB also pays for some less costly items such as contributing to the expenses of some year 6 parents to go to camp, so that we can afford to have very safe child:adult ratios. The main goal of the FAB then is to fund items that directly benefit children's enjoyment and learning and we can certainly say that over the years, they have done a superb job of this.

Their fundraising goal for the remainder of 2021, is to pay for new court markings around the school and this will also be of benefit for all the children. Their longer-term goal is to contribute to a cover that will go over at least part of the netball courts. This will provide a playing area that can be accessed by all the children, no matter what the weather as well as being yet another great community resource.

FAB members and their supporters are unpaid and contribute their time for the good of the children. They understand that a number of parents are unable to commit to helping during weekdays, and will be looking forward to your support at the school's Carnival event which will be taking place on the 27th November. If you can help in other ways or at other times, please email them and let them know

fab@blockhousebay.school.nz



A HUGE THANKS to all the helpers who came for the end of Term 2's Sausage Sizzle. We are so grateful for all the help!

Term 3 is here and School Lunch fundraisers are back from next Thursday. First up is **Pita Pit** on Thursday 5 August, followed by **Jester's Pie** on Thursday 12 August and then **Sushi** on Thursday 19 August. Pita Pit and Jester's Pie are now available to order on Kindo. If you don't have **Kindo** it is very easy to set up by registering on the Kindo website, go to mykindo.co.nz/Register or download the app available on Apple and Android. If you need any help you can ask our friendly office staff.

2021 CARNIVAL - Saturday 27 November

Our small FAB team met this week to discuss this year's Carnival. We have decided to go ahead with running a Carnival for 2021!!! Carnival this year may look very different as we do not have the manpower to run it in the same format as previous years so....

WE NEED YOUR HELP! If you would like to be involved in any way with this year's Carnival, we would love to hear from you. Here are some ways you are able to help:

- * Join our Carnival Organising Team
- * Offer to take charge of a Carnival stall
- * Sponsorship
- * Volunteer on the day of Carnival
- * Donation of goods

We are also opening up applications for market stalls and food trucks for the day AND looking for acts for the Stage Performances. If you are able to help with any of the above, or would like to get more information, the contact details are as follows: **Contact - Jasmine** **Email - fab@blockhousebay.school.nz**

School Disco

Get excited for Disco night! The Term 3 Disco is set for Friday 3 September. Tickets will go on sale on Kindo closer to date. More info to come.

Entertainment Membership Fundraisers

Support the school by getting yourself an Entertainment Membership (www.entertainmentnz.com). With each purchase the school will receive 20%! It's an easy way to support the school, you get the great discounts and the school benefits.

UPCOMING FAB EVENTS

- Thursday 5 August** - Pita Pit Lunch Day (next week)
- Thursday 12 August** - Jester's Pie Lunch Day
- Thursday 19 August** - Sushi Lunch Day
- Friday 3 September** - Disco Night
- Tuesday 7 September** - FAB Meeting 7pm Staffroom, All Welcome
- Saturday 27 November** - School Carnival



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