



Blockhouse Bay

Primary School

We Seek - We Strive - We Soar

Thursday 10th September 2020

Malo 'etau lava

Dear Parents and Whānau,

Thank you to everyone for your cooperation around the school gates at entry and exit times. We think that the systems we have in place are allowing for as smooth a process as possible whilst allowing adults to socially distance from each other.

That said, there remains some congestion at the library carpark at the end of the day and we would recommend that some parents change to the Countdown exit as there is more space. If you choose to do this, please let the office know and we will ensure that the children meet you there.

Because we lock the gates shortly after 8.50am as staff need to go about their work, it is even more noticeable when children arrive late to school - over 40 yesterday. Please have your children at school by 8.30am so that they can settle into the school day and the staff do not have to unlock gates to allow them to enter the school.

Have a great week everyone and keep safe.

Neil Robinson

Principal

TERM THREE CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2020

Note that all events are subject to change due to Alert Levels

Thurs 17th Sept - BHB Intermediate Experience Day

Fri 25th Sept - End of Term Three (3.00pm finish)

Term Four - Monday 12th October - Tuesday 15th December

Friday 23rd Oct. - Teacher Only Day (school closed)

Monday 26th Oct - Labour Weekend Monday (school closed)

Thurs 10th Dec - Graduation Assembly for Year 6 children

A Hero is Coming!



Hero is a new interactive system we are going to use at school to share information and learning with parents and whānau.

In the school survey, a number of parents commented that they would like us to make the children's learning more visible to them in real time and some of you will have experienced something similar at preschool or other schools.

The teachers and children are currently learning how to make posts for their family members to read, as well as how to link these to their learning goals.

The system goes live after Labour Weekend. More information will be provided in the coming weeks about the use of Hero to keep everyone more informed about children's learning at Blockhouse Bay School.



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OUT OF ZONE BALLOT - BLOCKHOUSE BAY PRIMARY FOR TERM ONE ENROLMENT IN 2021

Enrolment at Blockhouse Bay Primary School is governed by an enrolment scheme. Students who live within the home zone are entitled to enrol at the school. There will be an out of zone ballot held on **Wednesday 21st October** for students not living in the school's home zone. This is part of the out of zone procedures set down by the Ministry of Education. Ballot application forms are available from the school office between Monday to Friday, 9am to 3.00pm or can be found on the school website www.blockhousebay.school.nz

Please email leaneh@blockhousebay.school.nz if you require any further information.

The closing date for receipt of applications for out of zone places at the school office is

3.30pm, Wednesday 14th October

Blockhouse Bay Primary School Board of Trustees has determined that there are likely to be the following approximate number of places for Term One Enrolment in 2021:

Year 1 12 places

KNOWLEDGATHON

Just a few days left to collect sponsors and learn the knowledgeathon facts. We hope that you are enjoying working on this with your children. The tests will be done early next week and then we would like families to contact their sponsors to arrange the collection of the money offered.

These are the key dates:

10 th -13 th September -	Continue to learn facts
Monday 14 th September -	Children will be tested in class
Tuesday 15 th September -	Results certificates will come home
	Parents and children start collecting sponsorship money.
	<i>Please return money and forms to the school office.</i>
Wednesday 23 rd September -	3.30pm Last day for money to be returned if children wish to be in the draw for prizes
Friday 25 th September -	Prizes will be given out on the last day of term

We understand that times are tough for some people and children can return forms even if they have no sponsors. Prizes will be awarded for top money collected AND top test scorers AND lucky dip from any forms returned.

All money raised will go towards the renovation of the areas outside Rooms 4-9 to provide more inviting learning and play spaces.

Some parents have asked about testing. All tests will be administered at the class teacher's discretion. Many children will use a multiple choice answer sheet and some will have the test read to them if required. We will remove all obstacles to allow the children to be successful and rewarded for their efforts.

If you have any further questions please email Annette Bradley at annetteb@blockhousebay.school.nz. Thank you for your ongoing support.

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CARE 4 KIDZ HOLIDAY PROGRAM

In the upcoming term break, Monday 28/09 till Friday 09/10, CARE 4 KIDZ is running a Holiday Programme: Hands On.

For information you can ring Els: 027 3628494.

For a programme and enrolment form, please see our supervisor in the Technology Room, daily between 2:45 and 6:00pm.

Enrolments close Friday 18 September 2020 "



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2021 Year 7 Parent School Tours

Deputy Principals will be running guided school tours for **parents only** throughout week 8. Under alert level 2.5, we request that face covering to be worn when on site please and each group size will be 10 adults.

- Monday 7th September - 3.30pm
- Wednesday 9th September - 12pm
- Friday 11th September - 9.30am

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