



Blockhouse Bay

Primary School

We Seek - We Strive - We Soar

Thursday 11th June 2020

Dear Parents and Whānau,

With the move to Alert Level One, several things have changed for the country and we can all feel very proud of what we have all done to get New Zealand to the place we are in now. Please make sure that you read the information that has been sent home about how this will affect the school.

On behalf of the school and parent community, I would like to thank the Countdown manager Paula Wilcox for her ongoing support. Paula worked closely with the school to help design the entry and exit systems for the children and their flexibility and support is greatly appreciated.

With the move to Level One, we can confirm that Child/Parent/Teacher conferences can now take place on Wednesday 1st and Thursday 2nd July. The teachers are looking forward to reconnecting with you all so please try and arrange a meeting time. Bookings will open tonight at 6.00pm and close at 2.00pm on Tuesday 30th June. Our advice is to get in quickly to secure the time that best suits you.

You can make your booking by going to www.schoolinterviews.co.nz and enter the code **gb5vk**

If you are unable to make an appointment time online, please contact the school office on 627-9940 and they will make one for you. Please note **that school will close at 12.45pm on Wednesday 1st July so all these meetings can take place. After school care will begin early on this day.**

Every three years, we invite our school community to give us feedback about all aspects of the school and to provide ideas for things we could implement in the future. At the end of next week, we will be sending home an on-line survey form for families to read, discuss and fill in. The survey takes around 15 minutes to do and we would really appreciate all of our whanau spending some time to feedback to us in this way.

Have a great weekend everyone.

Neil Robinson
Principal

TERM TWO CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2020	
Tuesday 30th June	Mid-year reports come home
Wednesday 1st July	Parent Conferences - 12.45PM FINISH
Thursday 2nd July	Parent Conferences - 3.00PM FINISH
Friday 3rd July	Term Two Ends - 3.00PM FINISH
Mon 20th July - Fri 25th Sept	Term Three
Friday 7th August	Teacher Only Day



Parent/Student/Teacher Conferences
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THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTION TO OUR NEW PLAYSPLACE

Fundraising for this project began way back in 2018 so we have had to wait a long time to achieve our goal. Our FAB team have led the drive towards collecting over \$120 000 to make this idea a reality and we thank them sincerely for all the hours that they committed to this. Of course, this was very much a team effort with children, whanau, local businesses and staff members working together to chip away at this large amount of money. This repurposed area will be a great place for children to eat, relax, play and learn and the fale/stage area will certainly be well used for all of these things. This new facility will be open for use from next week onwards.

AFTER SCHOOL NETBALL

We are very pleased to announce that we have enough players, coaches and managers for three Year 5/6 teams who will start playing after school next Monday.

This week, we sent home notices home to Year 3 & 4 children who said they were interested in playing Netball this year. This competition doesn't start until after the July holidays, but we will need to get everything sorted before the end of this term so that we can enter the teams. Parents are asked to fill in the forms and send them back to us as soon as possible. Remember, we need to have enough coaches and managers for these teams too, so please don't be shy in volunteering!

For more information, please contact Amanda Whittome at amandaw@blockhousebay.school.nz

PARENTS OF YEAR 3 & 4 CHILDREN

Most of the children spent quite a bit of time in lockdown doing their home learning on devices and some parents have asked us if they can now bring those devices to school. We are therefore making it optional for Year 3 & 4 children to bring **Chromebooks (only)** to school each day if they have their parent's permission to do so. Note that this is up to parents and is neither compulsory or expected.

A digital return form will be sent to parents of these children to see if they wish for their children to bring a Chromebook to school.

QR CODE TRACING

We are supporting contact tracing by having QR code posters at our entrances - so if you haven't already downloaded the NZ COVID Tracer app the Ministry of Health's [NZ-COVID Tracer app page](#) has information to help you do that.

LOST PROPERTY

We have recently had quite a few items of clothing that have had no name on them so we have not been able to return them. A reminder to name all your child's clothing so that if found the office can return it to the rightful owner.

SWIMMING POOL KEYS

If you hired a key for the swimming pool over the period that the pool was open could you please return this to school with your child in a named envelope or drop it to the school office.

If you require the bond money to be paid back into your bank account please include your bank account number on the envelope and we will organise this for you

CARE 4 KIDZ SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

In the upcoming term break, Monday 6 July till Friday 17 July, CARE 4 KIDZ is running a Holiday Programme: Kaleidoscope of Activities.

For information you can ring Els: 027 3628494.

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

Enrolments close Friday 26 June 2020

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