



**Blockhouse Bay**

Primary School

*We Seek - We Strive - We Soar*

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> August 2020

Dear Parents and Whānau,  
Just as we thought that everything was going so well, our lives have suddenly been turned upside down once again! Thank you to everyone for your support over the last 48 hours. If everything has gone to plan, you will have received your child's online learning and they will be taking part in these activities. We are having some technical issues with Zoom but hope to have these sorted out soon.

We will be keeping you up to date with videos and emails in the weeks to come so please look out for these.

Congratulations to our gym team and chess teams who represented us with pride last week. In the gymnastics, there were teams from outside of our zone at this event and once they were taken out of the results table, we ended up with a larger group who will represent us at the Auckland championships in a few weeks' time. Well done to you all.

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**

- Tues 18<sup>th</sup> Aug - 2.30pm - Pohutukawa Assembly
- Thurs 20<sup>th</sup> Aug - Y6 Experience Day at BBI
- Fri 21<sup>st</sup> Aug - 9am - Rimu Assembly
- Fri 21<sup>st</sup> Aug - FAB Movie Night
- Fri 28<sup>th</sup> Aug - Daffodil Day - Fundraiser Cancer Society
- Tues 1<sup>st</sup> Sept - FAB Meeting 7pm
- Wed 2<sup>nd</sup> Sept - Winter Sports Field Day for selected Yr 5 & 6'S
- Tues 8<sup>th</sup> Sept - 2.30pm Kowhai Assembly
- Wed 9<sup>th</sup> Sept - Winter Field Day Postponement Day
- Thurs 10<sup>th</sup> Sept - Champions of Champions Gymnastic Competition
- Fri 11<sup>th</sup> Sept - 9.00am-Kauri Assembly
- Thurs 17<sup>th</sup> Sept - Whole School Assembly
- Tues 22<sup>nd</sup> Sept - 2.30pm Pohutukawa Assembly
- Fri 25<sup>th</sup> Sept - 9.30am - Rimu Assembly
- Fri 25<sup>th</sup> Sept - End of Term Three (3.00pm finish)

Term Four - Monday 12<sup>th</sup> October - Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December

**CHESS COMPETITION**

Last Thursday, Twenty-nine Y5 and 6 students took part in the West Auckland Chess competition. Congratulations to all who took part and a big Thank you to the parents who helped to transport the children to the event. It was a great day and there was some stiff competition. Well done to Krish Reddy who got a perfect score on board 4 and to our A team who came 5th out of 30 teams and our B team who came 6th.



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## KNOWLEDGATHON

This information has been sent home and hopefully, the children are learning their facts and collecting sponsors. We would appreciate parents help to support the children to raise money by collecting sponsors and help learn their facts. Note that they will also be working on these in class. All of the money collected for this fundraiser goes to the Fundraising @ Blockhouse (FAB) team who will use it to renovate the external areas outside Rooms 4-9.

**There will be prizes** for the most money collected, the top scorers and some lucky dip prizes for participation so look out for the questions and sponsorship forms that were sent home yesterday.

Thanks for your support.

## 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.

## SCHOOL QUESTIONNAIRE

Every three years, the school surveys the parents to get feedback about the service that we provide. We ask parents to give us their opinions about a whole range of things and then the staff and Board of Trustees use this information when planning future initiatives and ways of operating. So that everyone knows what parents think, we will be publishing the overall results from each of the questions

The next group of questions asked parents about what they thought about the school's effectiveness in promoting positive behaviour. We have listed the number of people who answered in each range as well as the percentage for each band of responses.

	1-3	4-6	7-10	Don't Know
Overall, how well does the school promote positive behaviour and wellbeing?	0 (0%)	16 (7%)	189 (87%)	(6%)

Over the last few years, we have introduced our school rules: 'Manaakitanga - Be Kind, Be Honest and Be Respectful'.	Yes	No
My child knows and understands our school rules	211 (98%)	3 (2%)
My family uses the school rules at home	193 (91%)	20 (9%)

How effective do you think the school is in:	1-3	4-6	7-10	Don't Know
Preventing bullying?	8 (3%)	22 (10%)	149 (67%)	40 (19%)
Responding to allegations of bullying?	4(2%)	13 (6%)	148 (65%)	56 (27%)
Teaching children about bullying and how to stay safe?	7(3%)	17 (8%)	149 (71%)	38 (18%)
Providing training and information for parents and whānau about bullying and how to support children?	9(4%)	33 (16%)	129 (61%)	39 (19%)

## NETBALL RESULTS -

Results are as follows for the last round of games

BHB Diamonds vs Kaurilands Diamonds (2 - 6)      Player of the day Jody  
BHB Rubies vs Konini Kakapo's (6- 3)              Player of the day Isabel  
BHB Sapphires vs Peninsula Pry School (6 - 5)      Player of the day Angela

## Year 5 & 6 Results

BHB Emeralds vs Flanshaw Frogs (25-1)              Player of the day Brooke  
BHB Crystals vs Birdwood School (3-28)              No Player of the day  
BHB Opals vs Woodlands Park Keas (3-8)              Player of the day Annie

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## PARENTS OF CURRENT YEAR 6 CHILDREN

Families may be considering these or other options, so we advise parents to contact these schools if they are thinking of sending having their children attend these schools in 2021

Green Bay Intermediate School 131 Godley Road, Green Bay  
Open Day - To be rescheduled  
Open Evening - To be rescheduled

### Blockhouse Bay Intermediate School

*Intermediate Experience Day - Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> August 9.20-11.45am (hopefully this will happen next week)*  
Students and families are invited to spend a morning at the school. This is an opportunity to both see the whole school in operation and participate in some school experiences. The children will go on the bus to BBI and there is no charge to parents for this.

If you have a child in Year 6 and you do not want them to go to the Intermediate Experience Day at BBI, please let us know and we will ensure that they stay here at school. Feel free to contact BBI directly if you have any questions or require any further information 6266414.

## FAB NEWS

Thank you to everyone who supported the Milo & Cookie Fundraiser, especially all our amazing volunteers. We hope the kids enjoy a warm cup of milo and a cookie treat these past 2 weeks.

*The following provides information about upcoming events which of course won't take place if we are not at school. If you have already paid money on Kindo and they don't happen, we can either hold your money as a credit or return this money to you.*

We are counting down until our next fundraiser! The kids have voted and hopefully, we will be showing Toy Story 4 at our Family Movie Night on Friday 21st of August. Tickets are \$5 each and are now available to purchase on Kindo ([www.kindo.co.nz](http://www.kindo.co.nz)). You can also pre-order your pizza on Kindo. Get in quick as tickets are limited and there will be no door sales. Doors open at 5pm with the movie starting at 5.45pm. Cash sales available only for food and drinks on the day. If you require some assistance with Kindo, please see our friendly office staff.

If you are able to help on Family Movie Night, please let us know by emailing us. We are just finalising some lunch day dates so will update these soon. As always, if you are interested in finding more about FAB or joining our Team, or have any suggestions/queries/questions, please feel free to contact Jasmine by emailing [fab@blockhousebay.school.nz](mailto:fab@blockhousebay.school.nz)

## ONLINE SAFETY

The school uses an online safety screen provided by the government's N4L (Network for Learning). Parents can access this service as well and we recommend that everyone at least looks at this option. It is free for parents so for more information go to [switchonsafety.co.nz](http://switchonsafety.co.nz).

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Disney · PIXAR  
**TOY STORY 4**  
**Family Movie Night Fundraiser**  
Friday 21st August  
5pm - PAC

\$5 per person  
Movie to start at 5:45pm  
Tickets available online through Kindo  
Strictly limited tickets - no door sales

Available on the night - cash only:  
Pizza, popcorn, chips, lollies & drinks  
Plushies for sale

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