



Blockhouse Bay
Primary School
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Thursday 17th June 2021

Dear Parents and Whānau,

The Year 6's had an awesome time on camp last week and I know that they have enjoyed telling the Year 5's about how exciting it was, over the last couple of days. Thank you to the parents and staff who worked so hard to ensure that the children were able to have this experience. Staying away from home can be a real challenge for some children but we feel it is a good way to stretch their resilience and independence within a supportive and fun environment. Later in the year, we will be asking parents of Year 5 children to come to a presentation about next year's camp so that we can answer any questions that you might have.

The teachers are looking forward to reconnecting with you all at the Child/Parent/Teacher conferences on Wednesday 7th and Thursday 8th July. Please try and arrange a meeting time as bookings are now open and will close at 2.00pm on Tuesday 6th July. 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 **rf27p**

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 7th July so all these meetings can take place.** After school care will begin early on this day.

Have a great week everyone.
Neil Robinson
Principal

TERM TWO CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2021	
Thurs 17th June	2.00pm - Whole School Assembly
Wed 23rd June	9.00am - Rimu Assembly
Wed 30th June	9.00-3.00pm - Ki-O-Rahi Tournament
Wed 30th June	9.00am Kauri Assembly
Thurs 1st July	2.15pm - Kōwhai Assembly
Friday 2 nd July	6.00am Matariki Breakfast
Tues 6th July	2.30pm - Pōhutukawa Assembly
Wed 7 th July	12.45pm finish - Parent/Child/Teacher Conferences
Thurs 8 th July	3.30-6.00pm Parent/Child/Teacher Conferences
Fri 9th July	Term Three Ends - 3.00pm finish



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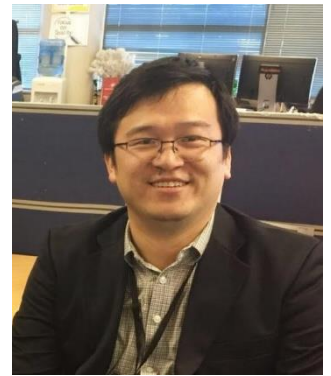
BOARD OF TRUSTEES PROFILE - TAO QIN

Hi, my name is Tao Qin; I am the Board of Trustees Treasurer.

I came to New Zealand 20 years ago and I drifted around for some years. I settled down in Blockhouse Bay six years ago with my family. I have three daughters, they all been too Blockhouse Bay Primary. I absolutely love this community, best I have ever experienced during my 20 years in New Zealand.

My family and I all have quite a bit of “bookworm” inside us, so most of the free time we have, we spend it on reading and movies. However I do love soccer and two of my girls play futsal, so you might see us playing for a bit on the fields at Blockhouse Bay Primary during weekends. I currently work as a member support person for Parliamentary Services which is quite different from my previous role working for Work and Income New Zealand.

If you see me around, just come and say hi, I would love to talk to you.



PARENTS OF YEAR 6 CHILDREN

It is quite likely that parents of year 6 children have been giving some thought as to where their child will go to school next year. This is of course a decision for you and your family, but we recommend that you start your investigation soon if you are not yet sure of where your child will go. Early next term, BBI will send us information about their orientation programme which provides information about their school and we will send this to you when it arrives. Other schools too have open days and meetings to help parents make their choice, so watch out for this too.

It is very helpful for schools to know by the end of September how many children are coming to them so that they can make staffing and resourcing decisions, so we recommend that everyone has enrolled their Year 6 child by that time.

ICAS EXAMINATIONS 2021

2021 International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) are Australian online tests which are completed in some schools under normal examination conditions. Parents may choose to have their child sit these tests as they give them experience of external exam conditions, provide some alternative information about their child's strengths and highlight areas that may require more attention.

These tests are for Years 4 - 6 children only.

The ICAS assessments will take place in our school on the following dates:

English - Monday 16th August

Maths - Monday 30th August

This year we are only offering English and Maths. You may wish for your child to sit one or both of these exams.

Order forms may be collected from the school office and must be returned to the school office by: Friday 30th July.

Practice questions can be viewed online at: <https://www.eaa.unsw.edu.au/icas/download-practice-questions>

Late entries cannot be accepted.

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AFTER SCHOOL TRAFFIC IN GILL CRESCENT

We have had complaints from two local residents who are concerned about how some parents are effectively blocking off Gill Crescent at the end of the school day. They have given examples of their driveways being blocked and people double or even triple parking, which completely stops the movement of traffic. We know that the traffic moves much quicker in and out of the Countdown carpark these days and we advise our parents to use this exit if you do need to drive the children to and from school. You can even arrange for them to meet you there.

The Council parking wardens and Police may patrol this area in response to these complaints, so our advice is to make sure that everyone complies with the road rules and are courteous of other road users.

40 HOUR FAMINE

A number of our older children have chosen to sign up for this event which raises money for children who are suffering in Africa. The children will go without something for an extended period of time and then send sponsorship money into World Vision to be used in this way. Well done to these children for taking action for those less fortunate than themselves. Please contact the school office if you have any questions regarding the 40 Hour Famine.

Parakuihi Matariki ✨ Matariki Breakfast - Friday 2nd July 2021

Please save the date!!

We will be welcoming in Matariki (Māori new year) with a Parakuihi Matariki on Friday 2nd July. Matariki is a cluster of stars that re-appear in the night sky during July. Their reappearance signifies the start of a new year in Aotearoa (New Zealand).

As a school we are celebrating Matariki by inviting all those that would like to take part, to rise before te rā (the sun) and head up to school to observe the Matariki whetu (stars) in the sky and to see te rā rise before sharing parakuihi (breakfast) together. Our Kapa Haka group will be performing to celebrate Matariki. Please note that this is an optional event and children are very welcome to come to school at the usual time. Please return the form to school if you are attending.

Parents and whānau are very welcome to join us, or Blockhouse Bay School children can be dropped off at school from 6.15am.



Sushi Lunch Day - Thursday 24 June

Our Sushi Lunch is now available to order on Kindo (www.kindo.co.nz). There is a huge range to choose from. 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.

Milo & Cookie Pop Up - CANCELLED

Unfortunately the Milo & Cookie pop ups have been cancelled for Term 2. We know that some of the children will be disappointed by this, but we hope to be able to run a few pop ups in Term 3 instead.

FAB Meeting - Monday 21 June 7pm

Please come and join us at our next FAB meeting on Monday 21 June 7pm in the Staffroom. We are a small friendly team that organise all the fundraising events for the school. We would love to see you!

Entertainment Membership Fundraisers

Don't forget you can always support the school by getting yourself an Entertainment Membership (www.entertainmentnz.com). With each purchase the school will receive 20%! Until Monday 30 June, anybody who purchases a \$69.99 Single City Membership will be upgraded to a Multi City Membership valued at \$119.99 for FREE! PLUS you are currently automatically entered with a QLD holiday for two when you purchase a Single City Membership at the moment.

UPCOMING FAB EVENTS

Friday 18 June - Milo & Cookie Pop Up - CANCELLED

Monday 21 June - FAB Meeting 7pm Staffroom - All Welcome

Thursday 24 June - Sushi Lunch Day

CARE 4 KIDZ - HOLIDAY PROGRAMME:

In the upcoming term break, Monday 12th July till Friday 23rd July, CARE 4 KIDZ is running a Holiday Programme: Icy Adventure. For information you can ring Els: ph 027 3628494.

Programmes and enrolment forms are available from Monday 14th June 2021. Please see our supervisor in the Technology Room, daily between 2:45 and 6:00PM: Enrolments close Friday 2nd July 2021.



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Special Activities:

19th June - 11th July, 2021:

- Poi Making
- Te Reo Reading and Music
- Matariki Art and Craft
- Star Creation
- Matariki story time with Librarian. Visit on **July 6th at 10.30**

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