



**Blockhouse Bay**

Primary School

*We Seek - We Strive - We Soar*

**Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> September 2020**

Dear Parents and Whānau,

Just like everyone everywhere, we are reluctant to go too far into organising events as we are unsure about what the restrictions will be in the future. We are hoping for a much more settled Term 4 and if this is the case, we can get back to having our usual events with parents and whānau being invited to these. More information on term 4 events will be provided in next Thursday's newsletter and in the ones to follow.

Well done to all the students who tried their best to learn their facts. All children were tested on Monday and should have brought home a results certificate on Tuesday with their final score. We would now like any sponsorship money and forms to be returned to the office in an envelope or bag with the child's name and room number. The final date for returning money is the end of Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> September. Prizes will then be drawn and awarded to the winners on Friday 25<sup>th</sup>, the last day of term.

We do understand that families may not have been able to collect sponsors but you can still return blank forms with the child's name and room number to be entered into a lucky dip draw for anyone who learned their facts, even if they didn't collect any money.

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*  
Fri 25<sup>th</sup> Sept - End of Term Three (3.00pm finish)

**TERM FOUR CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2020**

Term Four - Monday 12<sup>th</sup> October - Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December  
Monday 12<sup>th</sup> Oct - Optional parent meeting re Puberty Talks  
Friday 16<sup>th</sup> Oct - Pink Shirt Day  
Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> Oct - Year 3-6 Athletics Day  
Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> Oct. - Teacher Only Day (school closed)  
Monday 26<sup>th</sup> Oct - Labour Weekend Monday (school closed)  
Friday 20<sup>th</sup> Nov - Teacher Only Day  
Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> Nov - Carnival  
Thurs 10<sup>th</sup> Dec - Graduation Assembly for Year 6 children  
Tues 15<sup>th</sup> Dec - Last day of school year

## Hero ready to download in Term 4!



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

During the first week back at school we will be ready to share Hero with you. Our first step will be to share school notices with you through Hero.

After Labour Weekend we will be ready to share children's learning with you. All End of Year Reporting to parents will take place through Hero in Term 4.

More information will be provided in the coming weeks including information about meetings for parents about the use of Hero.



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## MESSAGE FROM THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

*Kia ora*

*Our extended community are continuing to take COVID-19 seriously through using the COVID tracer App, staying away if they are sick, seeking medical advice and getting tested if recommended to do so. Thank you all, for your efforts.*

*While we are doing the right things, it is important that we continue to pay attention to the right information. Misinformation is designed to create panic, fear and confusion. Check your source. Get the real deal from the [Ministry of Health](#) or [Unite Against COVID-19](#) websites. The Ministry of Education also provides information for schools and early learning services including specific information for [parents and caregivers](#).*

*Our knowledge of COVID-19 is developing quickly. But misinformation spreads further and faster. Be part of the solution. Don't share posts or stories if you're not sure if they're true or aren't from trusted sources like the Ministry of Health or Unite Against COVID-19 websites.*

*Āraia te kino and protect yourself, your whānau and your whakapapa.*

*Ngā mihi*

Kia ora e te whānau,

Kei te whakanui tātou i te wiki o te reo Māori i tēnei wiki. Kua ako ō tamariki i ō rātou akomanga i tēnei wiki? Ka pātai a koutou i ō tamariki, ka ako a koutou! Me korero Māori tātou i tenei wiki, i ngā wā katoa!

This week we are celebrating Māori language week. What have your children learnt in their classrooms this week? Ask your children and you will learn too! Let's all try speaking some te reo Māori this week and every week!

## PUBERTY TALKS TO YEAR 5 (and some year 6) STUDENTS

As part of the New Zealand Health and Physical Education Curriculum we have engaged Nest Consulting to provide their 'Positive Puberty Plus' Programme for our Year 5 Students. We can also include any Year 6 students who have not taken part in the programme previously either here or at other schools.

All topics will be covered age appropriately and in a way that relates to male and female puberty, the changing body, sense of self, decision making, media influences, celebrating diversity and body confidence.

An information evening run by Nest Consulting will be held for parents and caregivers on Monday 12th October 2020 (First day of Term 4) in the school staffroom (if Alert Levels allow) at 6.30pm. This will give you information about the student programme and up to date information regarding puberty and pre-adolescence as well as how to support your child through this time of change. Further information can also be found on their website [www.nestconsulting.nz](http://www.nestconsulting.nz)

If you have any concerns about your Year 5 child attending the programme then we encourage you to attend the Whānau Information Evening for more information before deciding whether to withdraw your child from the programme. A form has been sent home with your child.

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## KNOWLEDGATHON

Testing took place on Monday and hopefully, all families will have seen the results certificate for their children. What we would like now would be for parents to support their children in collecting their sponsorship money and bringing it into the school office. All money raised will go towards the renovation of the areas outside Rooms 4-9 to provide more inviting learning and play spaces and we are hoping for this work to be done during the summer holiday break.

Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> September - 3.30pm Last day for money to be returned if children wish to be in the draw for prizes.

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> September - Prizes will be given out on the last day of term

If you have any further questions please email Annette Bradley at [annetteb@blockhousebay.school.nz](mailto: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 EIs: 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 "

# Ask Avinesh

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