



Blockhouse Bay

Primary School

We Seek - We Strive - We Soar

Thursday 18th February 2021

Dear Parents and Whanāu

Well that was not the week we were all planning! Thank you though for your support of the school through this time.

Some people were surprised that we could come back to school today but I have confidence that the Ministry of Health and Government who made these decisions, had all of the relevant information to move us back to Alert Level 2.

My opinion is that it is quite possible that we will go into lockdown again at some stage and encourage you all to be prepared for this. At school, we have plans in place for all alert levels just in case we need to change again quickly.

That said, we are thrilled to be back and attendance at school today was almost back to normal. There will continue to be some changes to the usual running of the school during Alert Level 2 and we will update you on these from time to time.

Have a great week everyone

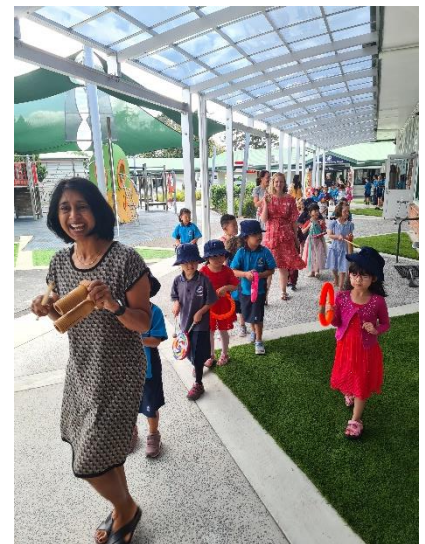
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Principal



TERM ONE CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2021

Please check the calendar weekly as dates and times may change.

Wed 24th Feb	9am - Rimu Assembly
Wed 24th Feb	2.30pm - Pōhutukawa Assembly
Thurs 25th Feb	2.15pm - Kōwhai Assembly
Tues 2nd Mar	Hui/Fono for Māori/Pasifika whanāu
Wed 3rd March	9am - Kauri Assembly
Wed 3rd March	Y5/6 T-Ball Tournament
Thurs 4th Mar	2.00pm - Whole School Assembly
Wed 10th Mar	2.30pm - Pōhutukawa Assembly
Wed 17th Mar	Y5/6 Cricket Tournament
Wed 17th Mar	9am - Kauri Assembly
Thurs 18th Mar	2.15pm - Kōwhai Assembly
Wed 24th Mar	Savings Day - Y5/6 Cricket Tournament
Wed 31st Mar	2.30pm - Pōhutukawa Assembly
Fri 2nd April	Easter - No School this day
Mon 5th April	Easter - No School this day
Tues 6th April	Easter - No School this day
Thurs 8th April	Interschool Swimming Carnival
Fri 9 th April	Centenary Celebrations including our Dance Festival. (more details to be provided)
Sat 10 th April	Centenary Celebration including Cultural Performances.
Wed 14 th April	9am - Rimu Assembly
Thurs 15 th April	2.15pm Kōwhai Assembly
Fri 16 th April	3.00pm -Term One Ends



Students celebrating Chinese New Year Last Friday



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CHROMEBOOKS AND LEARNING PACKS

We look forward to all students returning to school by Monday. Please remember to bring Learning packs and Chromebooks back to school.

CONTACT DETAILS

Over the past three days we have noticed that some of the email details and phone numbers were incorrect when trying to contact parents and caregivers to provide information.

This can make getting information out to our families difficult.

We may also need to contact you if your child becomes unwell or in an emergency.

If you have changed any of your contact details recently please email us on

office@blockhousebay.school.nz with the updated details.

SWIMMING POOL

In line with Covid Alert Level 2 guidelines the school pool will not be open after school hours to key holders.

Once we return to Level 1 we will re-open the pool.

Children will still take part in the normal swimming classes throughout the school day.

THE SCHOOL DAY

Yesterday evening, we sent everyone a letter on Hero, which explained the details about dropping children off and picking them up from school. We aren't going to repeat the whole letter, but thought that it was important to mention the start and end of the day finish times as a reminder:

Change to School Times

1. School will start as normal at 8.50 for all children. The gates will be unlocked at 8.15am and supervised by a staff member in the morning until 8.50am each day.
2. Children will leave school at three different times so that there is not too much crowding at the gate.
3. Leaving times will be:

2.55pm	Rooms 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25 and their older siblings
3.05pm	Rooms 12, 13, 14, 15, 1, 2, 3 and their older siblings
3.10pm	Rooms 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10

OTHER CHANGES TO SCHOOL OPERATIONS

- School assemblies will still be running but Parents and Whanāu are unable to attend under Alert Level 2.
- The Year 5/6 T-Ball Tournament has been moved to Wednesday 3rd March
- Whanau Aroha Day will be rescheduled when we know we are moving back to Alert Level One
- Please send back your child's Learning Packs if they did not make it back today.

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