



Blockhouse Bay

Primary School

We Seek - We Strive - We Soar

Thursday 18th June 2020

Dear Parents and Whānau,

The teachers are looking forward to reconnecting with you all at the Child/Parent/Teacher conferences on Wednesday 1st and Thursday 2nd July. Please try and arrange a meeting time as bookings are now open and will 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. Soon, 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

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SCHOOL UNIFORMS

A few reminders:

Old logo uniform: We have noticed a few old logo Sweatshirts/Trackpants/Jumpers being worn. Please note that these can no longer be worn. Please purchase the new uniform as soon as you are able.

School beanies: Only the blue school beany can be worn, no other hats please (apart from cultural head coverings which should also be black) School beanies can be purchased from www.argyleonline.co.nz at a cost of \$16.00 each

Black items only can be worn under the school uniform. No other colours please.

The supplies of school uniforms should be arriving in the country soon and we apologise to those families who have not been able to purchase certain items.

Any questions or concerns please contact Elizabeth Crisp, Associate Principal elizabethc@blockhousebay.school.nz

ARRIVAL AT AND DEPARTURE FROM SCHOOL

Thank you everyone for making the effort to get your children to school on time. This is making our mornings run much smoother and the children are enjoying being part of the class at the beginning of the day. So many children have grown in independence through the experience of walking to and from school themselves. We ask parents to continue to support this by encouraging children to walk in to class or from the gate by themselves.

At the other end of the spectrum is that children should not be at school before 8.15am. We will be opening the gates at this time each day, so please do not have them at school before then.

- School pick up from gates can be any time from 3.00-3.20pm. A teacher will supervise the children.
- School pick up from the classroom is 3pm.
- After 3.20pm children who have not been picked up will be at the school office.

We are very grateful to Countdown for allowing our parents to use their carpark at the beginning and end of every school day. To help speed up the exit from this carpark, parents are asked to turn left (not right) and go around the roundabout if they need to, so people do not block the two entrances. Please take care when walking to your car.

We have been experimenting with some new ways of managing our beginning and end of the day procedures and have now decided to make the following adjustments:

- Our School Ambassadors will greet and assist other children at the gates each morning.
- Quick Pick up is available at the Library, Countdown and Yellow Gates. Children will be supervised by staff members from 3pm-3.20pm. (Countdown: we will no longer then use the Holding Area behind the fence as very few parents are using this option- children walking over will meet their parents at the gate entry which will be supervised)
- Classroom Pick up: Please park in surrounding streets or the Countdown carpark and walk to class.

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

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.

Anne Kayes - Author Visit and Book for Sale

On Monday 22nd June, author, Anne Kayes, will come to school to visit Kauri and Rimu students. She will share her thoughts about writing and read from her books, 'Tūi Street Tales' and 'Tūi Street Heroes'. Ms. Kayes will be back during first break on Tuesday 23rd June in Te Whau foyer to sign and sell her books to any interested students. 'Tūi Street Tales' is \$17.00 and 'Tūi Street Heroes' is \$20.00. She will have change if your child can't bring the exact amount. Children who wish to purchase these books are to bring their money in a named envelope and give it to the teacher in the morning.

If you wish to find out more about Anne Kayes or her books, here's the link to her website: www.annekayes.com

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

ICAS TESTING 2020

2020 International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) are Australian online tests which are completed in some NZ 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 24th August

Maths - Monday 31st 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 office by:
Friday 31st July.

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

Late entries cannot be accepted

The Kaitiaki nature club is planting some plants for the butterflies and the bees. If you have any old tyres we would appreciate it if we could use them to make a colourful garden.

Please email Mrs Bradley if you can help
annetteb@blockhousebay.school.nz

Thank you!

By Millie and the Kaitiaki Nature Club



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