



**Blockhouse Bay**

Primary School

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### SCHOOL CLOSED TOMORROW

A reminder that Blockhouse Bay School will be closed on **FRIDAY 20th NOVEMBER** because of the teacher only day. Please ensure that your children are being looked after on this day.

### 11月20日(周五)学校关闭一天

11月20日 (周五) 教师备课日。因此学校当天关闭。请家长们提早安排孩子的看护。感谢大家的配合。

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> November

Dear Parents and Whānau,

Recent 'scares' regarding Covid cases in the community have reminded us all of the need to stay vigilant with our precautionary measures regarding cleaning and staying away from school if displaying any suspicious symptoms. Thank you to all families who are protecting us all by taking these steps.

We had the school pool painted this time last year but we identified some issues with this and therefore needed to drain the pool and fix them up. This work has now been done and we will begin refilling it soon. We are still hoping to have the pool open for use by families from Monday 30<sup>th</sup> November so long as we can have a group of parents who are prepared to be on the 'committee'. Please contact the school office on 627-9940 if you would like to help in this way.

We have a number of 'occasions' over the next few weeks including teacher only day tomorrow, junior athletics and two parent meetings next week - BYOD and Camp. Please read the information in this newsletter about these events and contact the school office if you have any questions.

Have a great week everyone.

Neil Robinson  
Principal

### TERM FOUR CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2020

Please check each week for any updates made to these dates.

### Friday 20<sup>th</sup> Nov Teacher Only Day (school closed)

Tues 24 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Junior Athletics - 9.15am start
Tues 24 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Year 5 Camp Meeting - 6.00pm in Te Manawa
Wed 25 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Whole School Assembly - 2.00pm start
Weds 25 <sup>th</sup> Nov	BYOD Meeting - 6.00pm in Te Manawa
Thurs 26 <sup>th</sup> Nov	3.15pm - Te Whau - Netball prizegiving
Fri 27 <sup>th</sup> Nov	FAB Disco (see FAB notice for more information)
Fri 4 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Kauri Assembly 9.00am
Tues 8 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Kōwhai Assembly 2.15pm
Wed 9 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Graduation Assembly for Yr 6 children-1.20pm
Fri 11 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Sausage Sizzle / Mufti Day / Wacky Hair
Tues 15 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Last day of school year - 1.30pm finish



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### POHUTUKAWA AND KOWHAI JUNIOR ATHLETICS

This event will be held on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> November at 9.15am to 11.30am on the main field at school. Families are invited to come along and support your children and then stay on to have lunch with your child after the activities.

### TEACHER ONLY DAY - Friday 20th November (tomorrow) - No School this day.

On a Friday in November each year, we have a teacher only day to help our preparations for the following year's teaching and learning. Teachers come back to school in January anyway, but this helps us to get a head start on these plans.

The school stays open for an additional day in December to make up for this learning time.

Please note that the school will be closed on **Friday 20th November** and there will be no after school care on this day.

### MEETING FOR PARENTS OF YEAR 5 CHILDREN - SCHOOL CAMP 2021

We would like to meet with **parents and whānau of our current year 5 children** on **Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> November at 6.00pm** in Te Manawa. The meeting will last for around an hour and will introduce parents to what will happen at camp in May next year. Parents will be given the opportunity to ask questions during and after the meeting if they prefer.

Please make a note of this date if you have a child in Year 5 this year. We look forward to discussing this with you as it is always a real highlight of their primary school years.

### MEETING FOR PARENTS ABOUT BRING YOUR OWN DEVICE (BYOD)

For some years now, the school has operated a BYOD policy for Year 5/6 children and this year, this was extended to Year 3/4's. We usually meet with parents in term 3 about BYOD but were unable to do this because of the lockdown. We now invite any interested parents to come along and find out more about BYOD at **6.00pm on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> November**. **More information will be sent home this week.**

### SWIMMING POOL – OPEN TO FAMILIES FROM 30TH NOVEMBER – 1ST APRIL 2021

The Swimming pool will be open to families from the 30th November 2020. Keys will be available for purchase from the school office from Monday of next week.

The cost per key will be \$170.00 for the season and this includes a bond of \$50.00 that will be returned to parents on the return of the key at the end of the season. Please contact the school office for further information.

If you are able to be on the Pool Committee, please contact the school office.

### NETBALL RESULTS:

BHB Sapphires vs Baytex Panthers	( 0 - 8 )	Player of the day - Renee Sun
BHB Rubies vs Summerland Primary	(18 - 2)	Player of the day - Bella Jamieson Tia.
BHB Diamonds vs Western heights Primary School	(10 - 4)	Player of the day - Mahi Govind

### FLIPPA BALL RESULTS:

BHB Tiger Sharks 3 - 4 ROPS Pirates - "Player of the day" award went to Ati for a more awareness of the game and a much improved show. Other stand out performers, Sam, Oli, Abby and a spirited and very active Ethan.

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## FAB NEWS:

### DISCO DISCO DISCO!! - Friday 27 November

**Tickets \$5 available to purchase on Kindo now ([www.kindo.co.nz](http://www.kindo.co.nz))**

The countdown is on for our School Disco next week. Pizza, Snacks, Ice Cream/Ice Blocks, Drinks Lollies & fun Glow in the dark items will be available for cash-sales only on the night.

There are 2 disco sessions - Year 3 children can pick which session they would like to attend:

5.00-6.00pm - Junior Disco (Years 0-3) - Parents/Guardians can stay (only children need a ticket)

6.00-6.30pm - Pizza Sales between Discos

6.30-8.00pm - Senior Disco (Years 3-6) - Drop off only, No Adults

As always, we are not able to run these events without help so if you are happy to volunteer to help on the night, please let us know.

Please note the following 'House Rules' for our Disco Night:

- Children attending without adults are to be brought to the Te Whau (PAC) Foyer and collected from inside the foyer at the end of their Disco session
- Children will not be allowed to leave Te Whau at any time without an Adult
- No photos or Videos to be taken in the Disco area.
- No outside food and drinks (drink bottles are permitted). Please support our fundraising efforts by purchasing our food and drinks on the night (cash sale only).
- No alcohol or smoking permitted on school grounds

### PITA PIT LUNCH DAY - Thursday 26 November

Take a break from lunch making and order a Pita Pit lunch for our last school lunch day next Thursday. All orders are made online on Kindo - there is a huge variety that the kids can choose from.

Don't forget the amazing **Christmas Fundraisers** we have online on Kindo too! Great place to grab some awesome Christmas gifts.

If you have any questions/queries, feel free to get in touch with us by emailing [fab@blockhousebay.school.nz](mailto:fab@blockhousebay.school.nz)

#### UPCOMING FAB EVENTS

**Thursday 26 November** - Pita Pit Lunch Day

**Friday 27 November** - School Disco

**Monday 30 November** - Last FAB Meeting - all welcome. 7.00pm in the school staffroom

**Friday 11 December** - Sausage Sizzle + Mufti Day & Wacky Hair Day



#### Free fun at Blockhouse Bay Library

**Sat 21st, 28th November and 5th December 1-3 pm** Learn how to design, solder and assemble your own robot! For children aged 10-16. Bookings are essential and children must attend all four sessions. Parents need to stay with children aged under 14.

**Sat 28th Nov 10am-4pm and Sun 29th Nov 12-4pm** DIY gift tags and Christmas bunting. Come in anytime during our opening hours and make your own gift tags and bunting for Christmas! For all ages.

**Sun 13th Dec 2-3pm** Christmas Card-Making Workshop with Marlene Rei. Join Marlene in making Christmas themed cards. For children aged 5 - 12 years. Bookings are required.

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