



**Blockhouse Bay**

Primary School

*We Seek - We Strive - We Soar*

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> August 2020

Dear Parents and Whānau,

I hope you and your family are coping with the additional challenges that Alert Level 3 is placing on us and that your children are enjoying taking part in the learning that is being provided online. If your children wish to take part in TV based learning, a reminder that this is being provided also. (details below)

Because of the current situation, a number of school-based events have had to be postponed or cancelled. For example, assemblies will be off the agenda for some weeks to come and sadly, the Movie Night and Winter Field Day for selected senior students has been cancelled. We have scheduled a couple of future events however with the afternoon of Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> December being the date for the Year 6 Graduation and the Blockhouse Bay School Centenary will now scheduled to be held next year on 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> April. We will provide you with a full list of what is on and what is not, in next week's newsletter.

Tomorrow evening, the Prime Minister will be briefing the country on whether or not we will be changing Alert Levels and when these changes would come into effect. If there is a change, we will update you all on Monday afternoon on what this will mean for our school community. Whilst most people will want to move down the alert levels as soon as we can, the need to keep everyone safe is a key factor for us all.

Have a great week everyone and keep safe.  
Neil Robinson  
Principal



***Locked and loaded!***

*Staff members worked hard last week to pack up and pass out hundreds of reading packs to help our children to keep learning. Great job ladies!*



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## SCHOOL QUESTIONNAIRE

Every three years, the school surveys the parents to get feedback about the service that we provide. We ask parents to give us their opinions about a whole range of things and then the staff and Board of Trustees use this information when planning future initiatives and ways of operating. So that everyone knows what parents think, we will be publishing the overall results from each of the questions

The next group of questions asked parents about what they thought about the school's effectiveness in promoting positive behaviour. We have listed the number of people who answered in each range as well as the percentage for each band of responses.

Overall Educational Experience	1-3	4-6	7-10	Don't Know
My child is getting a high-quality education	5 (2%)	29 (14%)	175 (83%)	1 (1%)
My child is encouraged to work to their full potential at school	9 (4%)	27 (13%)	165 (79%)	9 (4%)
My child is provided with appropriate challenging learning tasks and activities.	9 (4%)	32 (15%)	161 (77%)	8 (4%)
The school offers a wide range of quality enrichment activities (e.g. sport, chess, cultural, music, arts, dance and drama)	7 (3%)	27 (13%)	162 (77%)	13 (6%)

	Too Much	Too Little	Perfect
My Child is given the right amount of Homework	1 (1%)	107 (52%)	97 (47%)

## KNOWLEDGATHON

This information has been sent home and hopefully, the children are learning their facts and collecting sponsors. We would appreciate parents help to support the children to raise money by collecting sponsors and help learn their facts. Note that they will also be working on these in class. All of the money collected for this fundraiser goes to the Fundraising @ Blockhouse (FAB) team who will use it to renovate the external areas outside Rooms 4-9.

**There will be prizes** for the most money collected, the top scorers and some lucky dip prizes for participation so look out for the questions and sponsorship forms that were sent home yesterday.

Thanks for your support.

## PARENTS OF CURRENT YEAR 6 CHILDREN

### Blockhouse Bay Intermediate School

*Intermediate Experience Day - Note that this has been rescheduled to Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> September 9.20-11.45am*

If you have a child in Year 6 and you do not want them to go to the Intermediate Experience Day at BBI, please let us know and we will ensure that they stay here at school. Feel free to contact BBI directly if you have any questions or require any further information 6266414.



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The MOE have advised us that the wearing of masks at schools is optional for all. Children and staff are very welcome to wear masks if they wish. The MOE have provided the following information for parents [FAQs about face coverings](#).

#### Clarity around COVID-19 test and treatment

COVID-19 related care - including diagnosis, testing and treatment - [is provided and free of charge to anyone who requires it, who has symptoms](#).

This is irrespective of citizenship, visa status, nationality or level of medical insurance coverage. The **only time a person should be charged** is when they ask for a test in order to enter another country.

#### COVID-19 information on our parent website

Our [parent website](#) has information about COVID-19 alert levels for parents and whānau. It will be regularly updated as we get new information.

#### Using Home Learning TV and Mauri Reo Mauri Ora to support your students

Home Learning TV | Papa Kāinga TV is back on air with new lessons to support learning for students at home or at school.

Home Learning TV | Papa Kāinga TV will take over TVNZ DUKE's daytime schedule 9am to 1pm on weekdays. Programming for younger children includes the popular Karen's House at 9am, followed by programmes for children aged 5 to 7, including junior movement with the Dingle Foundation and junior science and maths with Suzy Cato.

DUKE is available on Freeview channel 13, Sky and Vodafone TV channel 23.

It can be live streamed on the TVNZ website, [www.tvnz.co.nz](http://www.tvnz.co.nz). Content will be available for catch up viewing on TVNZ OnDemand.

HLTV lessons are taught by New Zealand teachers and educators, and include:

Junior Health  
Junior Project  
Mid Science

Early Literacy and Language  
Junior Te Reo

Junior Maths and Science  
Mid Literacy and Language

Mauri Reo Mauri Ora is also back broadcasting on Te Reo Māori Channel via SkyTV, Vodafone channel 82 and Freeview Channel 15 from 9am to 3pm on week days. Te Korou Whangataua, Junea Silbery and Ani-Piki Tuari will host these interactive sessions focused on kōhungahunga in the morning through to wharekura in the afternoon.

[More information, schedules and previous sessions are available here](#). Content will be available for catch up viewing on [Māori Television](#) where you can also catch all the earlier episodes of Mauri Reo Mauri Ora.

#### FROM THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION NETWORK FOR LEARNING (N4L) - Free internet safety resources

The Ministry wanted to take this opportunity to remind you that their free safety filter is available to help protect ākonga (learners) from the worst of the web while they are learning from home.

#### FREE N4L safety filter for all students

Parents, you can set up the filter on your child's learning devices from home. Clear instructions on how to do this can be found at [switchonsafety.co.nz](http://switchonsafety.co.nz).

The free N4L safety filter (by global cyber-security leader, Akamai) blocks websites containing known cyber threats like phishing scams, malicious content and viruses, while also protecting children from content inappropriate for young eyes (like adult sites).

Please remember that technology is not a silver bullet and the filter is best used in combination with Netsafe's [online parent safety toolkit](#).

#### If you wish to set this up

Please look at [this flyer](#), to set up your free safety filter on your child's device. You will also find links to additional online safety tips from the team at Netsafe.

#### 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.

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