



Blockhouse Bay

Primary School

We Seek - We Strive - We Soar

Thursday 23rd July 2020

Dear Parents and Whānau,

Welcome back to Term Three at Blockhouse Bay School. We hope that you all had a wonderful break and are looking forward to what the new term will bring. We have a number of exciting things happening in the second half of the year and I think we are all hoping for a more settled time.

Attendance at the 2020 Term Two child/parent/teacher conferences was the highest ever with over 95% attendance. Thank you to everyone for taking the time to interact with your child's teacher in this way.

The teacher's met in the holidays to continue to prepare the school for our new Student Management System which we will be rolling out later in the year. The next phase in this preparation will be taking place at our **teacher only day on Friday 7th August so please be ready for school being closed on this day in just two weeks' time.** For parents, this new system will mean that we will be able to send you real-time evidence of your child's learning at school and we are looking forward to being able to update you all in this way. More information on this initiative will be provided later in term three.

Have a great week everyone.

Neil Robinson
Principal

KNOWLEDGATHON

This term all Blockhouse Bay Primary children will be taking part in a Knowledge-a-thon. This is a fundraising event where children are asked to collect sponsors, who will commit to paying a small amount of money per question that they have learnt the answers to. All of the money collected for this fundraiser goes to the Fundraising @ Blockhouse (FAB) team who will use it to upgrade the area in front of Rooms 3-9. It is also a really good way for children to learn facts that will help them now and in the future.

The aims of the Knowledge-a-thon are:

1. To increase the students' knowledge of New Zealand
2. To increase the students' knowledge of our school identity and recent concepts learned in our Inquiry
3. To raise funds for the Fundraising @ Blockhouse (FAB) team. This year all money raised will be put towards an upgrade in the area in front of Rooms 3-9.

More information about the Knowledgathon will be provided soon.

CONCERNS OR COMPLAINTS

From time to time, parents might wish to ask us or express concerns about something that is happening at school and we are more than happy to discuss these matters with you. We do ask you though to follow our procedures for this which includes speaking to the teacher first if it involves your child. We have enclosed our concerns and complaints flowchart to help everyone understand how this process works.

TERM THREE CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2020

Wed 29 th July	- FAB Milo & Cookie Fundraiser
Tues 4 th Aug	-Y6 Parent Information Evening at BBI
Tues 4 th Aug	-Central West Gym Competition for selected students
Wed 5 th Aug	- FAB Milo & Cookie Fundraiser
Fri 7th Aug	- Teacher Only Day - school closed
Thurs 20 th Aug	- Y6 Experience Day at BBI
Fri 21 st Aug	- FAB Movie Night
Fri 28 th Aug	- Daffodil Day - Fundraiser Cancer Society
Tues 1 st Sept	- FAB Meeting 7pm
Wed 2 nd Sept	-Winter Sports Field Day for selected Yr 5 & 6'S
Wed 9 th Sept	-Winter Field Day Postponement Day
Thurs 10 th Sept	-Champions of Champions Gymnastic Competition
Fri 25 th Sept	- End of Term Three (3.00pm finish)



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SAFETY AROUND THE OUTSIDE OF THE SCHOOL

Thank you to everyone for helping to make sure that the streets around the school are safe for everyone to use. There is a large number of people using these areas and your kindness and consideration is appreciated.

- We now have Student Ambassadors on the gates in the morning to welcome the children as they arrive at school **after 8.15am** and we feel that this is a really nice way for everyone to start the day. We are continuing to have staff members helping at dismissal time as well to help ensure that everything flows as smoothly as it can.
- A reminder to people using the Gill Crescent gate to please go at least some distance down the road to turn around. This will help prevent congestion around this area and make it safer and more convenient for everyone.
- Parents exiting the Countdown carpark are advised to turn left and go around the roundabout if they need to so as not to hold up traffic behind them who are also trying to leave.
- We are still looking for parents to help out with supervising the School Crossing in the mornings from 8.10-8.45am. If you are able or be on a reliever if someone gets sick, please contact Mandy Barrett mandyb@blockhousebay.school.nz or phone the office 096279940 and leave a message if you are able to help.

HEALTH TOPICS

Every so often, schools are required to inform parents about the health-related topics that they will be looking at over the next year or so. This can be a little problematic as we go into these topics in a level-appropriate way, but we have tried to provide some information.

- Know Me : Our Unique Identity and Whānau- Healthy Communities
- Strengthening Wellbeing, Preventing Bullying - Healthy Friendships, Manaakitanga
- Change: Personal growth and development: physical, social, and emotional, Year 5 and some year 6 children will also be given the option of taking part in the Positive Puberty programme (more information to be provided later in term three)
- Games: Designing, Participating and Fair play

If you have any comments about these or would like to ask any questions, please contact our associate Principal at elizabethc@blockhousebay.school.nz.

STAFFING UPDATE

This week, Miss Suzy Lee opened her own new entrant class upstairs in Room 1 (Manukau Block).

We have welcomed Mrs Sonal Singh to our part-time teaching team. Mrs Singh has been volunteering at the school over the last few months and will be working mostly in Rooms 24/25 with Ms McIvor and Miss Hew, although she will also be teaching in other rooms from time to time.

We also welcome 4 trainee teachers who will be working at the school for several weeks:

Ms Latifah Nazif - Room 15

Mr Mehmet Yumrukuz - Room 12

Mr Mubaarak Mosavel - Room 11

Ms Sangeeta Negi - Room 17

NETBALL RESULTS for 20th July

BHB Opals VS Holy Cross Mystics (Holy Cross Henderson) 0-18. Player of the day Ashmeet Kaur.

BHB Emeralds VS Kelston School 18-09. Player of the day Raya.

BHB Crystals VS Swanson Magic. 1 - 5. Player of the day Jordan Harrison

FURNITURE FOR FREE!!

We have some older furniture items that we do not need and so have decided to donate them to anyone who wishes to take them. We will display these outside Te Whau (PAC) on Friday afternoon from around 2.30-3.30pm. Parents are very welcome to come in and have a look to see if anything will be of use to them.

PARENTS OF CURRENT YEAR 6 CHILDREN - Blockhouse Bay Intermediate

Parent Information Evening - Tuesday 4th August 6.00-7.30pm

Parents and Caregivers are welcome to attend an Information evening at the school. Information about the school, how we deliver the curriculum and the opportunities offered and available to students will be shared. There will also be an opportunity for families to meet and talk with the students and staff members.

Intermediate Experience Day - Thursday 20th August 9.20-11.45am

Students and families are invited to spend a morning at the school. This is an opportunity to both see the whole school in operation and participate in some school experiences. The children will go on the bus to BBI and there is no charge to parents for this.

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.

Of course, families may be considering other options, so we advise parents to contact these schools if they are thinking of sending having their children attend these schools in 2021.

FAB NEWS

Welcome back to Term 3! We had our first FAB meeting on Monday this week since school returned after lockdown and are excited to be planning some fun fundraising events this term for the children (see below). We are working on adding some school lunch days for the kids this term too and should have some more details and dates for these soon.

Entertainment Membership

Grab an Entertainment Membership and support our School. 20% of each membership sold comes directly to our school fundraising. Visit: <https://www.entertainmentbook.co.nz/orderbooks/986d39>

FAB Date of Events:

Wednesday 29th July - Milo & Cookie Fundraiser
@ 11am at the Te Whau - \$1 for a warm cup of milo and cookie. *Children can bring their own non-breakable cup/mug for the milo if they wish.*

Wednesday 5th August - Milo & Cookie Fundraiser
- \$1 for a warm cup of milo and a cookie.

Friday 21st August - Movie Night

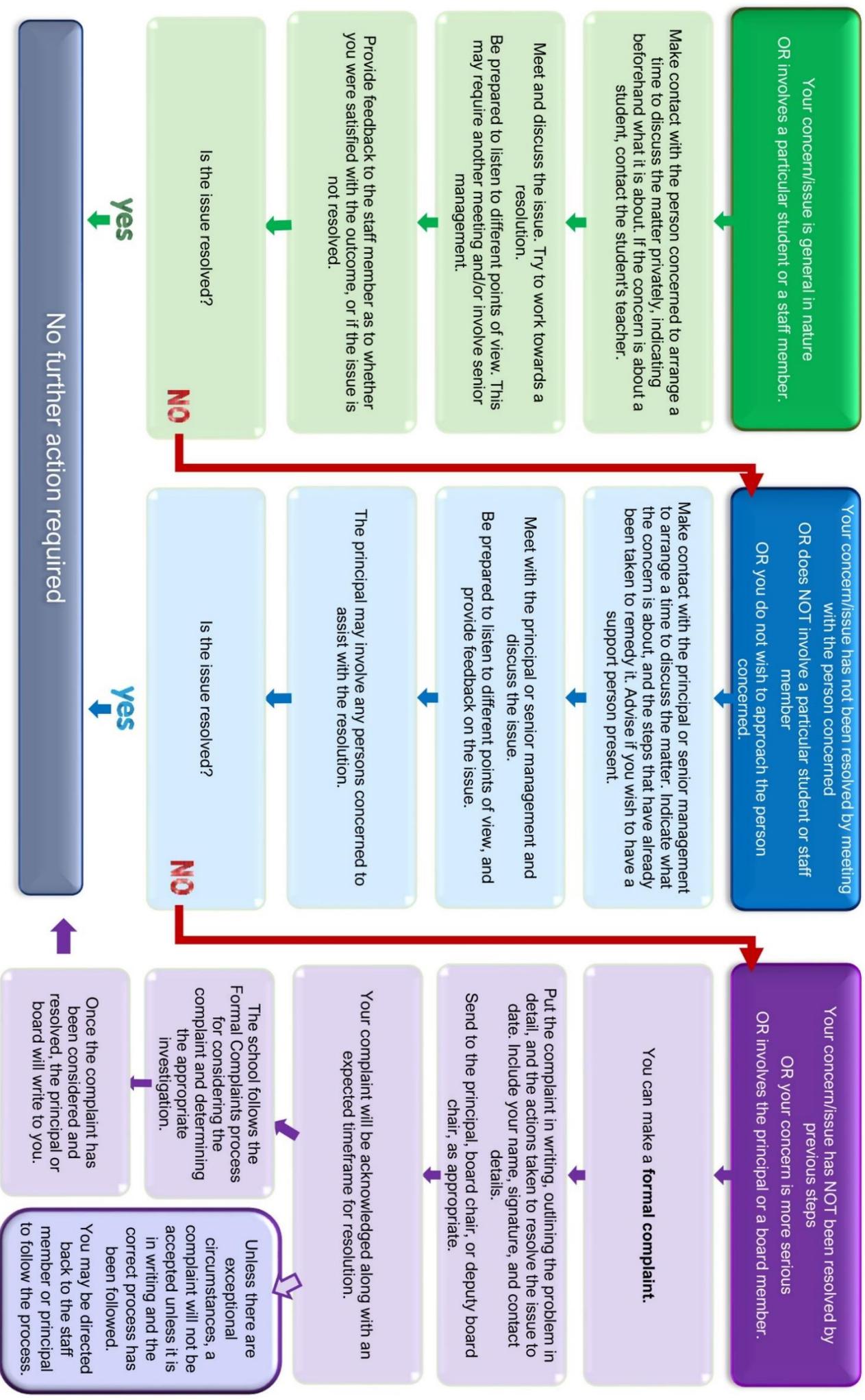
Tuesday 1st September - FAB Meeting 7pm in the Staffroom

As always, if you are interested in finding more about the FAB or joining our team, or have any suggestions/queries/questions, please feel free to contact Jasmine by emailing fab@blockhousebay.school.nz



Concerns and Complaints Process

Most concerns can be resolved informally by discussions with the people concerned.



This flowchart aligns with the school's Concerns and Complaints policy and procedures.


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