



Blockhouse Bay

Primary School

We Seek - We Strive - We Soar

Thursday 24th June 2021

Dear Parents and Whānau,

We have had lots of children and staff members staying home this week because they are sick. This is the right thing to do of course when you are unwell and we thank everyone who has taken this action.

The Ministry of Health has instructed all schools to remind parents to keep their children away if they have any cold or flu symptoms.

We know that this can be difficult for some families, but we cannot have any children in classrooms with runny noses or displaying other symptoms of sickness.

Around 65% of parents have arranged their child's Student/Parent/Teacher conference time and the teachers are looking forward to reconnecting with you all on Wednesday 7th and Thursday 8th July. Please try and arrange a meeting time as bookings are now open and will close at 2.00pm on Tuesday 6th July. Our advice is to get in quickly to secure the time that best suits you.

You can make your booking by going to

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The children love coming to school for our Matariki breakfast and the permission slips are coming in steadily for this years event which takes place next Friday from 6.15am. Please contact the office or your child's teacher to get another permission slip if you would like one.

Neil Robinson - PRINCIPAL



TERM TWO CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2021

Wed 30th June	9.00-3.00pm - Ki-O-Rahi Tournament
Wed 30th June	9.00am Kauri Assembly
Thurs 1st July	2.15pm - Kōwhai Assembly
Friday 2 nd July	6.15am Matariki Breakfast
Tues 6th July	2.30pm - Pōhutukawa Assembly
Wed 7 th July	12.45pm finish - Parent/Child/Teacher Conferences
Thurs 8 th July	3.30-6.00pm Parent/Child/Teacher Conferences
Fri 9th July	Term Three Ends - 3.00pm finish



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BOARD OF TRUSTEES PROFILE - SALLY KILPATRICK

Kia ora! My name is Sally Kilpatrick and I am the Staff Representative for the Board of Trustees. I'm a teacher at the school and have been teaching in various classrooms over the last 5 years, but mainly in the Juniors. One of my other roles is co-ordinating the school sport, along with Hayley Davies and Amanda Whittome. I particularly enjoy this role, especially in watching the children at Blockhouse Bay participate in various sports at school and also competing at Inter school events. It also allows me to get to know many children across the school. I have two children that attend Blockhouse Bay Primary, Tom in Year 6 and Charlotte in Year 3. They love being at Blockhouse Bay and make the most of the many exciting opportunities that it has to offer. I have been part of the Board for over two years now and it has been a very interesting and a great learning experience, both from a parent and staff perspective. I look forward to continuing to get to know your children during their time at Blockhouse Bay!



Inter-school Cross Country 2021

A large group of over 80 children from Year 3 to Year 6 represented Blockhouse Bay at the Inter-school Cross Country on Wednesday 16th June at the Blockhouse Bay Reserve. Running a longer distance at quite a fast pace is always challenging and our children ran exceptionally well across the age groups. Many of our runners finished in the top ten which is a great achievement out of groups of 30-40 runners. A big thank you to the parents that helped with walking the groups to and from the park, also helping with marshalling and of course supporting and cheering on our teams. Congratulations to all of the runners that competed, you should feel very proud of yourselves!

7 YEAR OLD GIRLS

4th Place Charlotte Kilpatrick
5th Place Emma Burrows
6th Place Caelyn Capps
8th Place Danya Capps
10th Place Jahrval Chan Chui

7 YEAR OLD BOYS

2nd Place Otto Hart-Tyson
3rd Place Callum Horsford
9th Place Elvin Li

8 YEAR OLD GIRLS

4th Place June Ticharwa
9th Place Arden Horsford

8 YEAR OLD BOYS

6th Place Arlo Kronfeld
7th Place Toby Lane
8th = Taylor Reardon
9th Niko Chen

9 YEAR OLD GIRLS

8th Place Angeline Cheung
9th Place Meimei Keith

9 YEAR OLD BOYS

7th Place Ayden Kissun
10th Place Leo Xu

10 YEAR OLD GIRLS

10th Place Neena Timmins

10 YEAR OLD BOYS

1st Place Joseph Logie
2nd Place Tom Kilpatrick
6th Place Yaan Leyland
10th Place Bahaa Khan

11 YEAR OLD GIRLS

1st Place Addison Leaning
2nd Place Vrinda Kumar

11 YEAR OLD BOYS

4th Place Ezra Repia-Makea

WEST AUCKLAND INTER-SCHOOL CHESS COMPETITION

On Tuesday 15th June 17 children from Blockhouse Bay Primary competed in the West Auckland Inter-school Chess Competition held at St Paul's Primary School in Massey. The children from Years 4 to 6 made up four teams. There were over 30 teams in the competition and points were awarded for a win or a draw.

Congratulations to the children who competed. There was a mixture of results with wins, draws and losses. The children had fun on the day and definitely enjoyed learning more about the game from playing 6 games against various capabilities of opponents.

A big thank you to the parents and caregivers who gave up their time to drive the children to and from the event.



STUDENT/PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES

The teachers are looking forward to reconnecting with you all at the Child/Parent/Teacher conferences on Wednesday 7th and Thursday 8th July. Please try and arrange a meeting time as bookings are now open and will close at 2.00pm on Tuesday 6th July. Our advice is to get in quickly to secure the time that best suits you.

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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 7th July so all these meetings can take place. After school care will begin early on this day.

Parakuihi Matariki ✨ Matariki Breakfast - Friday 2nd July 2021(next week)

Please save the date!!

We will be welcoming in Matariki (Māori new year) with a Parakuihi Matariki on Friday 2nd July. Matariki is a cluster of stars that re-appear in the night sky during July. Their reappearance signifies the start of a new year in Aotearoa (New Zealand).

As a school we are celebrating Matariki by inviting all those that would like to take part, to rise before te rā (the sun) and head up to school to observe the Matariki whetu (stars) in the sky and to see te rā rise before sharing parakuihi (breakfast) together. Our Kapa Haka group will be performing to celebrate Matariki. Please note that this is an optional event and children are very welcome to come to school at the usual time. Please return the form to school if you are attending.

Parents and whānau are very welcome to join us, or Blockhouse Bay School children can be dropped off at school from 6.15am.

NETBALL RESULTS

Year 5 & 6

BHB Opals v Tiri Moana	(10-4)	Player of the day - Vienna
BHB Crystals won by default		No player of the day.
BHB Rubies v St Leonards Takahe	(8-3)	Player of the day - Alizay

Year 4

BHB Sapphires v St Dominic's	(3-1)	Player of the day - Arden
BHB Diamonds v BHB Sapphires	(10-4)	Player of the day - Jody.
BHB Diamonds v Kaurilands	(11-2)	Player of the day - Saisha
BHB Emeralds v Matipo Opals	(9-2)	Player of the day - Losi



Weekly Lunch Fundraisers

Thank you to everyone who has supported our weekly lunch fundraisers this term. We finished off the term with today's Sushi Lunch. There will be no lunch orders for next week and we will have a Sausage Sizzle for the last day of School (Friday 9 July). Weekly lunches will return from Week 2 of Term 3 with a similar rotation of lunch options we have offered this term.

Sausage Sizzle & Mufti Day - Friday 9 July

On the last day of each term, the FAB team and team of volunteers run a Sausage Sizzle for the kids. For the event to run smoothly and for the kids to receive their Sausage Sizzle in time, we require a team of 8-10 volunteers. The jobs include cooking sausages, collecting the bread from Countdown, packing the sausage sizzle for each classroom and helping with cleaning up afterwards. This is usually from about 9.30-11.30am.

If you are able to help with the Sausage Sizzle, **WE NEED YOU!** Please email fab@blockhousebay.school.nz if you can volunteer to help on this day. If we are not able to get enough helpers by Tuesday 6 June, we would have to cancel the Sausage Sizzle.

Entertainment Membership Fundraisers

Don't forget you can always support the school by getting yourself an Entertainment Membership (www.entertainmentnz.com). With each purchase the school will receive 20%! Until Monday 30 June, anybody who purchases a \$69.99 Single City Membership will be upgraded to a Multi City Membership valued at \$119.99 for FREE! PLUS you are currently automatically entered with a QLD holiday for two when you purchase a Single City Membership at the moment.

UPCOMING FAB EVENTS

Friday 9 July	- Sausage Sizzle & Mufti Day
Tuesday 3 August	- FAB Meeting 7pm @ Staffroom
Friday 20 August	- Disco Night

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Special Activities:

19th June - 11th July, 2021:

- Poi Making
- Te Reo Reading and Music
- Matariki Art and Craft
- Star Creation
- Matariki story time with Librarian. Visit on **July 6th at 10.30**

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