



**Blockhouse Bay**

Primary School

*We Seek - We Strive - We Soar*

Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> August 2020

Dear Parents and Whānau,

I want to thank parents for their cooperation in having their children at home during Alert Level 3. We do fully understand that this was not an option for all of our families as some parents needed to be out during the day and we were pleased to be able to assist you in carrying out your important work.

On Monday, we return to school under Alert Level 2 and we are looking forward to seeing as many children as possible back in class. There are of course some children will not be able to come back and these include:

- Those who have been advised by health authorities to remain at home for whatever reason including those who are awaiting Covid 19 test results
- Those who are currently too sick to return with any flu or cold-like symptoms
- Children who are have a high vulnerability to illness

As we emphasised earlier in the week, the government has been far more direct with us with regards to sending home children if they are showing any flu or cold-like symptoms. This is straight from the advice given to us: *Staff are to observe students/children on arrival checking for symptoms and ask those presenting as unwell to arrange for parents and caregivers to come and pick them up. Please note, this does not mean that temperatures are to be taken.*

When everyone went into Alert Level 3, we sent home thousands of books and some devices to help the children with their learning. It would be great if these could come back to classrooms on Monday morning so that we can restock our bookshelves and reallocate the devices to classrooms.

Have a great weekend everyone and keep safe.

Neil Robinson

Principal

**LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING YOU  
ALL ON MONDAY!**



**TERM THREE CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2020**

*Note that all events are subject to change due to Alert Levels*

Tues 1<sup>st</sup> Sept - FAB Meeting 7pm (postponed)  
 Fri 4<sup>th</sup> Sept. - Daffodil Day - Fundraiser Cancer Society  
 Thurs 17<sup>th</sup> Sept - BBI Intermediate Experience Day  
 Fri 25<sup>th</sup> Sept - End of Term Three (3.00pm finish)

Term Four - Monday 12<sup>th</sup> October - Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December  
 Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> Oct. - Teacher Only Day  
 Thurs 10<sup>th</sup> Dec - Graduation Assembly for Year 6 children



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### KNOWLEDGATHON

We hope that you are all enjoying quizzing each other on the facts from the Knowledgathon. We have heard stories about children learning them in cars and in games that they have created with their parents. Of course, it is just as important for people to have collected sponsors so that we can hand over as much money as possible to the FAB team who are raising money to upgrade the front of Rooms 4-9.

**Remember, there will be prizes** for the most money collected, the top scorers and some lucky dip prizes for participation.

Thanks for your support.

### KNOWLEDGE-ATHON UPDATE

Thank you to everyone who has been working on the knowledgathon facts at home with their children. Teachers are also planning to work on them in class when we return next week. These are the new key dates:

- 27<sup>th</sup> Aug-13<sup>th</sup> September - Continue to learn facts
- Monday 14<sup>th</sup> September - Children will be tested in class
- Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> September - Results certificates will come home  
Parents and children start collecting sponsorship money.  
***Please return money and forms to the school office.***
- Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> September - 3.30pm Last day for money to be returned if children wish to be in the draw for prizes
- Friday 25<sup>th</sup> September - Prizes will be given out on the last day of term

We understand that times are tough for some people and children can return forms even if they have no sponsors. Prizes will be awarded for top money collected AND top test scorers AND lucky dip from any forms returned.

All money raised will go towards the renovation of the areas outside Rooms 4-9 to provide more inviting learning and play spaces.

Some parents have asked about testing. All tests will be administered at the class teacher's discretion. Many children will use a multiple choice answer sheet and some will have the test read to them if required. We will remove all obstacles to allow the children to be successful and rewarded for their efforts.

If you have any further questions please email Annette Bradley at [annetteb@blockhousebay.school.nz](mailto:annetteb@blockhousebay.school.nz). Thank you for your ongoing support.

### 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 physical environment. We have listed the number of people who answered in each range as well as the percentage for each band of responses.

Physical Environment	1-3	4-6	7-10	Don't Know
The school provides a safe physical environment	3 (2%)	14 (7%)	187 (92%)	0 (0%)
The school's buildings are well presented	3 (2%)	12 (6%)	188 (93%)	0 (0%)
The school's grounds and fields are well presented	1 (.5%)	13 (6%)	189 (93%)	0 (0%)
We are able to find our way around the school easily	1 (.5%)	11 (5%)	191 (94%)	0 (0%)

# Get a Market Analysis of your property in 30 Minutes.

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## HELPFUL ADVICE

Helping children and young people cope with the changes caused by COVID-19 means providing accurate information, discussing facts without causing undue alarm, and re-establishing routines. More guidance for parents, caregivers and whānau is available [here](#) and online at [Te Rito Toi](#).

There is advice for parents on looking after their wellbeing, and the wellbeing of others, on the learning from home website. There are also [three COVID-19 Wellbeing Guides](#) available providing further advice to parents and teachers.

If parents are looking for some general information about COVID-19 to in different languages, you may find helpful information here: Updates and resources | Unite against COVID-19 and [Translations | Unite against COVID-19](#). This is from the government website and addresses general matters that might be of use in parents' home languages. Please feel free to share this with anyone who you feel might benefit from it.

## 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. We will let you know closer to the time if this event is going to take place.*

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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## YEAR 7 ENROLMENT FORMS ONLINE

BHBI have started online enrolments for students starting 2021 Please use the address below. The code is **1232** and use your email address to get started:

<https://enrol.etap.co.nz>

Remember to save as you go, fill in all boxes and upload documents required, that are applicable to your child's application.

Out of Zone enrolments close at 4pm on 2nd September 2020.

Ballot 9th September

Thank You.

## HELPING HANDS ACROSS AUCKLAND

This has been a challenging time for some people financially and we hope that these members of our community will be able to rebound successfully from this. For those of you who might be finding things more difficult than usual, a reminder that there is a large range of support available for businesses and the community. We encourage you to go to [covid19.govt.nz](https://www.covid19.govt.nz).

There are also a number of agencies that can provide more help if required:

1. **Auckland City Mission Foodbank** - If you need a food parcel call ACM 09 303 9266 and speak to the Crisis Care team. You will then be given a time to collect from ACM distribution centre at 15 Auburn Street, off Boston road in Grafton. Everyone must take ID with them.
2. **Salvation Army** food parcels - Contact the Mt Wellington Salvation Army Community Ministry 09 379 7615 - or their local Salvation Army Community Ministry (ring 0800 53 00 00 to find your local ministry). You will be given a time to collect your food parcel.
3. **Presbyterian Support Northern** - Call 09 309 2054 to arrange a pick up at 8 Madeira Lane, Grafton. Strictly no walk-ins and collections are strictly between 11-12am Mon-Fri.
4. **St Vincent De Paul** in Newton Branch - Call 09 815 6122 or email - [Auckland@stvinnies.co.nz](mailto:Auckland@stvinnies.co.nz) and they can deliver a food parcel.
5. **Orakei Foodbank** - Call 521 5712 and leave message on voicemail with details of how many in family etc. Parcels are only delivered on Tuesdays and Fridays to Orakei, Kohimarama and Mission Bay.
6. **Hills Church** on Hillsborough Road can be emailed at [office@hillschurch.nz](mailto:office@hillschurch.nz) Please provide details on your needs and they will do their best to provide a food parcel. Hills Church has also offered to go shopping for those that cannot leave home due to self-isolation if needed

## 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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