



**Blockhouse Bay**

Primary School

*We Seek - We Strive - We Soar*

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2020

Dear Parents and Whānau,  
Thank you to everyone who made the time to come to our Learning Conferences this week. The teachers enjoyed meeting with you once again to discuss your child's learning.

Thank you too for all of those people who took the time to fill in the school survey. We look forward to going through your feedback to help us prepare for the years ahead.

The aggregated percentages will be published in this newsletter throughout the rest of the term so people can see where they think the school fits on the questions asked.

Thank you too to all of the whānau members who have supported us this term. We really do appreciate the way that the Blockhouse Bay School Community has helped us to get through this most challenging of terms.

In breaking news, we have an optional sausage sizzle (\$2.00 each) and mufti day (gold coin donation) tomorrow so children can get into the excitement of the holidays, nice and early!

Have a great holiday break everyone.

Neil Robinson  
Principal

**TERM THREE CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2020**

- Mon 20<sup>th</sup> July** - Term Three Commences - all children here by 8.30am
- Tues 21<sup>st</sup> July** - 2.00pm - BBI Principal to visit Year 6 students
- Tues 4<sup>th</sup> Aug** - Y6 Parent Information Evening at BBI
- Thurs 4<sup>th</sup> Aug** - Central West Gym Competition for selected students
- Fri 7<sup>th</sup> Aug** - **Teacher Only Day - school closed**
- Thurs 22<sup>nd</sup> Aug** - Y6 Experience Day at BBI
- Fri 28<sup>th</sup> Aug** - Daffodil Day - Fundraiser Cancer Society
- Wed 2<sup>nd</sup> Sept** - Winter Sports Field Day for selected Yr 5 & 6'S
- Fri 6<sup>th</sup> Sept** - 2.15pm Rimu Te Raranga Assembly
- Wed 9<sup>th</sup> Sept** - Winter Field Day Postponement Day
- Thurs 10<sup>th</sup> Sept** - Champions of Champions Gym Comp
- Fri 25<sup>th</sup> Sept** - End of Term Three (3.00pm finish)

**SCHOOL AND INTERSCHOOL SPORT**

Covid 19 has affected sporting events all over the world and we are no exception to this. The local sports organisation committee has decided to not run the term one and two events that we have missed because of lockdown as the pressure on staff and timetables would be too much. There will therefore be no interschool cricket, cross country or swimming in 2020. There will also be no cross-country events at our school either.

Next term, we will be sending teams to take part in the gymnastics and winter field day, which includes netball, soccer, rugby and hockey players from our senior school.



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## 2021 school terms and holidays

We like to publish these as early as possible so that families can make holiday arrangements outside of term time. In 2019, the Government approved some additional teacher only days that schools could use to provide extra training for staff members, and we have mostly attached these to long weekends, to give family members the opportunity to enjoy a longer break.

At our last Board of Trustees meeting, the following dates were approved:

### **Term One      Tues 2<sup>nd</sup>/Wed 3<sup>rd</sup> February to Fri 16<sup>th</sup> April**

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> February - Auckland Anniversary

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> February - Meet the Family - face to face meetings with new teachers

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February - all children back at school

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> February - Waitangi Day

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> - Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> April - Easter Break

### **Term Two      Mon 3<sup>rd</sup> May to Fri 9<sup>th</sup> July**

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> June - Teacher Only Day

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June - Queen's Birthday

### **Term Three      Mon 26<sup>th</sup> July to Fri 1<sup>st</sup> October**

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> August - Teacher Only Day

### **Term Four      Mon 18<sup>th</sup> October to Tues 14<sup>th</sup> December**

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> October - Teacher Only Day

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> October - Labour Weekend

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> November - Teacher Only Day

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> December - last day of school

## **FAB NEWS**

### **Sausage Sizzle & Mufti Day TOMORROW**

#### ***\$2 for Sausage and Gold Coin Donation for Mufti***

We will be running a sausage sizzle tomorrow as our very first school fundraiser for 2020. We will have Hellers sausages, Halal sausages and Vegetarian Sausages available. The kids can also come in Mufti for last day of term tomorrow for a gold coin donation.

Thank you to the parents who have volunteered to help with the Sausage Sizzle tomorrow. If you haven't volunteered but are able to help, you are more than welcome. We will meet at the Te Whau (School Performing Arts Centre) after the school bell.

### **Entertainment Membership**

Grab an Entertainment Membership and support our School. 20% of each membership sold comes directly to our school fundraising. It is a great time to grab a membership just before school holidays. Buy a membership before July 13 and receive a \$10 or \$20 Countdown Gift Card and a chance to win a \$1000 JP Hifi eGift card. Plus there is a bonus 2 months added to all memberships.

Visit: <https://www.entertainmentbook.co.nz/orderbooks/986d39>

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](mailto:fab@blockhousebay.school.nz)

## **NETBALL RESULTS**

It has been a great start to the Netball season with teams being currently graded. Congratulations to all the students who are taking part in the Netball season.

## YEAR SIX STUDENTS - BLOCKHOUSE BAY INTERMEDIATE

The Blockhouse Bay Intermediate School Principal will speak to the Y6 Students at our school on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> July -2.00pm - Parents are welcome to attend.

If you are unable to make this date there is a Parent Information session being held at Blockhouse Bay Intermediate on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> August - 6.00pm-7.30pm



### School Crossing Duty

Thank you so much to the parents who support us with the before school crossing duty. Surbhi Chandra, Sheenal Chandra, Michele Crawshaw, Merv Horsford, Erin Capps and Shubhrta Chandra - we appreciate your commitment to this job as it keeps our children safe at this busy intersection. Some parents are no longer able to do this duty on a regular basis and we are now looking for more parents to support this. If you are able to offer your time for one morning a week from 8.10am - 8.45 we would be very grateful.

Please contact Mandy Barrett [mandyb@blockhousebay.school.nz](mailto:mandyb@blockhousebay.school.nz) or phone the office 096279940 and leave a message if you are able to help.

## FAMILY ZONE

The school uses a version of this product to help us with digital safety and we encourage parents do subscribe to this service for use at home. The following provides some information that might be helpful to parents over the next couple of weeks.

### Community Engagement News

#### School Holidays Edition

It is no surprise that children's technology use increases during school holidays, with some research showing that it can almost double! With holidays just around the corner, now is the perfect time for parents to learn how to use Family Zone. We've compiled some resources to help your parents make managing their family's online life even easier.

#### This Month's Parent Resources

**Live Webinar: Getting Started with Family Zone**  
Wednesday 1 July 7pm NZST. [Click here to register](#)

**Live Webinar: Managing Screen Time During School Holidays**  
Tuesday 7 July at 7pm NZST. [Click here to register](#)

**Live Webinar: Family Zone's Favourite Features**  
Wednesday 15 July at 7pm NZST. [Click here to register](#)

**Blog Post: Taming the square-eyed monster: Holiday screen-time survival tips.** The long lazy days of holidays are just around the corner. Don't let screen-time battles get in the way of your kids' good times - or yours either. ;) [Read more...](#)

**App Review: LIKEE: What parents need to know about this risky TikTok wannabe.** With 500 million downloads on the Google Playstore, video creation app Likee is giving TikTok a run for its money. So why are experts calling it "a paedophile's paradise"? Here's what you need to know. [Read more...](#)

**Webinar On-Demand: Managing Screen Time During School Holidays** [Click here to watch the recording.](#)

#### Feature Guides

Share the following Feature Guides with your community so they can learn how to use some of Family Zone's important features at home.

- [How to change a "School Day" to a "Rest Day" for the School Holidays](#)
- [How to: approve an access \(Quick Time Change\) request](#)



  
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