



**Blockhouse Bay**

Primary School

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**SCHOOL CLOSED TOMORROW- FRIDAY 7th AUGUST**

A reminder that Blockhouse Bay School will be closed on FRIDAY 7th AUGUST (tomorrow) as we are having a Teacher Only Day. Please ensure that your children are being looked after on this day.

**8月7日(周五)学校关闭一天**

下个星期 8月7日 (周五) 是教师备课会议日, 因此学校当天关闭。请敬爱的家长们提早安排孩子的看护。感谢大家的配合。

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> August 2020

Dear Parents and Whānau,

Kia Ora,

Today we have sent home all of the information that families will need for this year's knowledgathon. This is a major fundraiser for the school in a year that has had these opportunities reduced because of Covid. If you are unsure of what you can be doing to support this event, please feel free to ask at the school office or Mrs Bradley for more details.

It is great to see the children involved in school inter-school sports events for the first time in months. Netball has started, gymnastics was held on Tuesday and a large number of senior students are preparing for the winter field day which happens in a few weeks' time. Thank you to parents who are supporting us with these activities and teachers Sally Kilpatrick, Hayley Davies and Amanda Whittome who give up lots of their own time to organise and train these teams.

A reminder that we have a **teacher only day tomorrow Friday 7<sup>th</sup> August** so please be ready for school being **closed on this day**. The staff will be using this time to help prepare us for using our new student management software and more information will be provided to you all about this later in term three. Have a great week everyone.

Neil Robinson  
Principal

*Some pictures from the Gymnastics Competition held on Tuesday.*

*Well done to all of you who competed.*



**TERM THREE CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2020**

- Fri 7<sup>th</sup> Aug** - Teacher Only Day - school closed
- Tues 11<sup>th</sup> Aug** - 2.30pm -Kowahi Assembly
- Fri 14<sup>th</sup> Aug** - 9am - Kauri Assembly
- Tues 18<sup>th</sup> Aug** - 2.30pm - Pohutukawa Assembly
- Thurs 20<sup>th</sup> Aug** - Y6 Experience Day at BBI
- Fri 21<sup>st</sup> Aug** - 9am - Rimu Assembly
- Fri 21<sup>st</sup> Aug** - FAB Movie Night
- Fri 28<sup>th</sup> Aug** - Daffodil Day - Fundraiser Cancer Society
- Tues 1<sup>st</sup> Sept** - FAB Meeting 7pm
- Wed 2<sup>nd</sup> Sept** - Winter Sports Field Day for selected Yr 5 & 6'S
- Tues 8<sup>th</sup> Sept** - 2.30pm Kowhai Assembly
- Wed 9<sup>th</sup> Sept** - Winter Field Day Postponement Day
- Thurs 10<sup>th</sup> Sept** - Champions of Champions Gymnastic Competition
- Fri 11<sup>th</sup> Sept** - 9am-Kauri Assembly
- Thurs 17<sup>th</sup> Sept** - Whole School Assembly
- Tues 22<sup>nd</sup> Sept** - 2.30pm Pohutukawa Assembly
- Fri 25<sup>th</sup> Sept** - 9am - Rimu Assembly
- 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**



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## KNOWLEDGATHON

This term all of our students will be taking part in a Knowledge-a-thon. Children have been given facts to learn about our school, New Zealand and for some, the wider world. We would appreciate your help to support your child to raise money by collecting sponsors and help learn their facts although they will also be working on them 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.

## CENTRAL WEST GYMNASTIC COMPETITION

Blockhouse Bay had 26 children from Year 4 to 6 competing in the Central West Competition at Tri Star on Tuesday. The children had been training for only a few weeks to prepare for the competition and performed their best on the day against a high standard of competitive gymnasts. They showed resilience and sportsmanship and looked amazing in their gym uniforms. Addison Leaning came 7th Overall in the Year 5 Girls section. She will go on to compete at the Champion of Champions at the end of the term.

Thank you to the parents that assisted with transporting the children and also for your positive support during the day.

A very special thank you to **Lou Bryant**, who has been coaching the gym children for 12 years. Lou has been a knowledgeable and positive role model for the children and always brought the best out of them. She has committed many hours before school and lunchtimes to teach the children the routines and skills they have needed for the competitions and there have been many successes over the years.

Another thank you goes to **Kate Mallin** who very kindly donated the girls gym uniform at short notice for them to wear. They looked fantastic on the day. Thank you!

## 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 their interactions with the staff members – teachers, office staff and principal by registering their response on a 1-10 scale with 1 being poor and 10 being excellent. We have listed the number of people who answered in each range as well as the percentage for each band of responses.

The Teaching Staff	1-3	4-6	7-10	Don't Know
<b>Are approachable and easy to deal with</b>	4 (2%)	13 (6%)	206 (92%)	1 (1%)
<b>Are competent and professional</b>	2 (2%)	18(8%)	201 (89%)	2(1%)
<b>Understand and respond to the learning needs of my child (ren)</b>	5 (3%)	27(12%)	186 (83%)	4(2%)

The Office Staff	1-3	4-6	7-10	Don't Know
<b>Are welcoming and friendly</b>	4 (2%)	33 (7%)	202 (90%)	2 (1%)
<b>Deal appropriately with the issues that we have</b>	4 (2%)	16(7%)	219(88%)	7(3%)

The Principal	1-3	4-6	7-10	Don't Know
<b>Is friendly to adults and children</b>	3 (2%)	7 (3%)	209 (93%)	4 (2%)
<b>Is knowledgeable and professional</b>	3 (2%)	8(4%)	203 (90%)	10(4%)
<b>Keeps us up-to-date with what is happening at school</b>	2 (1%)	4(2%)	214 (96%)	3(1%)
<b>Follows up on issues where appropriate</b>	3 (2%)	7(3%)	190 (85%)	23 (10%)

## NETBALL RESULTS

Year 3 & 4 enjoyed the first games of the season last Thursday.

Results are as follows:

BHB Diamonds vs Waitakere (0 - 7)	Player of the day Saanvi.
BHB Rubies vs Tiri (11- 14)	Player of the day Alizay.
BHB Sapphires vs Kaurilands Takahe (6 - 2)	Player of the day Alariyah.

### Year 5 & 6 Results

BHB Emeralds vs Titirangi Tuis (32-1)	Player of the day Bella.
BHB Crystals vs Oratia Muriwai (7-15)	Player of the day Varnika.
BHB Opals vs Summerlands Primary (7-13)	Player of the day Gia.

## PARENTS OF CURRENT YEAR 6 CHILDREN

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

Green Bay Intermediate School 131 Godley Road, Green Bay

**Open Day** Thursday 13 August 2020 Venue: Room 15 Time: 9.00am-1.00pm

Parents are very welcome to take their children to this event

**Open Evening** Thursday 13 August 2020 Venue: School Hall Time: 6.30pm - 7.30pm

### Blockhouse Bay Intermediate School

*Parent Information Evening - Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> August 6.00-7.30pm*

### *Intermediate Experience Day - Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> 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.

## Maths Week August 10th-14th

We will be celebrating the wonderful world of Maths during the week beginning Monday the 10th August. There will be competitions and breaktime activities throughout the week. These will be advertised in the daily notices. One competition may need parent help. We want to see how and when the children use Maths in their everyday lives. We will explain the competition to the children but they will need your help to email the photos in. See below for the information the children will get.

### Maths Photo competition

Math is a part of our lives, whether we clean the house, make dinner or mow the lawn. Wherever you go, whatever you do, you are using maths daily without even realising it. It just comes naturally. It is now your opportunity to show how you use Maths outside the classroom. Be creative with your ideas. Take a photo of you using maths and a sentence to say what kind of maths it is. Please email [meganl@blockhousebay.school.nz](mailto:meganl@blockhousebay.school.nz) or [angiec@blockhousebay.school.nz](mailto:angiec@blockhousebay.school.nz) with your entry before Thursday 13th August. We will announce the winners on Friday the 14th.

## POOL KEYS

Thank you to all those who have returned the Pool Key. We still have some keys not returned.

Could we please have these returned to the school office as soon as possible.



## FAB NEWS

Thank you to everyone who supported the Milo & Cookie Fundraiser, especially all our amazing volunteers. We hope the kids enjoy a warm cup of milo and a cookie treat these past 2 weeks.

We are counting down until our next fundraiser! The kids have voted and we will be showing Toy Story 4 at our Family Movie Night on Friday 21st of August. Tickets are \$5 each and are now available to purchase on **Kindo** ([www.kindo.co.nz](http://www.kindo.co.nz)). You can also pre-order your pizza on Kindo. Get in quick as tickets are limited and there will be no door sales. Doors open at 5pm with the movie starting at 5.45pm. Cash sales available only for food and drinks on the day. If you require some assistance with Kindo, please see our friendly office staff.

If you are able to help on Family Movie Night, please let us know by emailing us. We are just finalising some lunch day dates so will update these soon. As always, if you are interested in finding more about 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)

### FAB Date of Events:

**Friday 21 August** - Family Movie Night from 5pm - Toy Story 4

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



Disney · PIXAR  
**TOY STORY 4**  
**Family Movie Night Fundraiser**  
Friday 21st August  
5pm - PAC

\$5 per person  
Movie to start at 5:45pm  
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