



Blockhouse Bay Primary School

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Thursday 6th May 2021

Dear Parents and Whānau

I hope that you all had a great break after what was a very busy first term. The Centennial certainly was a highlight and praise has been coming into the school for lots of aspects of the event, but especially for the way that the children interacted with our visitors and performed at each of the 'shows'.

This term, we welcome back our assemblies which I know is a highlight for the children and whānau. Keep an eye on the Calendar for dates and times.

In a few weeks' time, the Year 6 children will be off to Camp which is always an exciting event for our older students. It might be a bit colder this time, but I am sure it will be a memorable occasion.

Lots of children will be starting their winter sports seasons soon so we hope the weather is kind for you all. Good luck to our school netball teams that have their first game of the season next week.

Have a great week everyone.

Neil Robinson
Principal

TERM TWO CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2021

Please check regularly as dates and times may change. More details for each event will be provided closer to the time

Mon 3rd May	8.50am - Term Three Commenced
Wed 12th May	9am - Rimu Assembly
Thursday 13th May	6pm - Parent Helper Camp Meeting
Tues 18th May	2.30pm - Pōhutukawa Assembly
Wed 19th May	9am - Kauri Assembly
Thurs 20th May	2.15pm - Kōwhai Assembly
Thurs 20 th May	6pm - Parent Helper Camp Meeting
Fri 21 st May	National Pink Shirt Day
Wed 26th May	9am - Rimu Assembly
Thursday 27th May	Expo: Information for Parents and Whānau Session 1: 2.30 - 4pm Session 2: 5.00 - 6.30pm
Friday 28th May	9am - School Cross Country Year 0-6
Friday 28th May	FAB Movie Night - more details to come
Tues 1st June	9am - School Cross Country - Save Day
Wed 2nd June	9am - Kauri Assembly
Fri 4th June	Teacher Only Day - No school
Mon 7th June	Queen's Birthday - No school
Tues 8th June	2.30pm - Pōhutukawa Assembly
Tues 8th June	Interschool Cross Country
Wed 9th - Fri 11th June	Year Six Camp
Thurs 10th June	2.15pm - Kōwhai Assembly
Thurs 17th June	2.00pm - Whole School Assembly
Wed 23rd June	9.00am - Rimu Assembly
Tues 29th June	2.30pm - Pōhutukawa Assembly
Wed 30th June	9-3pm - Kī-O-Rahi Tournament
Wed 30th June	9.00am Kauri Assembly
Thurs 1st July	2.15pm - Kōwhai Assembly
Wed 7 th & Thurs 8 th July	Parent/Child/Teacher Conferences
Fri 9th July	Term Three Ends - 3.00pm finish

Friday 21st May is National Pink Shirt Day. Our school will be participating in this day which aims to spread aroha, kindness and raise awareness about bullying. Children are invited to wear PINK or any colourful clothes to celebrate our diversity for the day. If you would like to support this national event, you can purchase an official Pink Shirt Day t-shirt from Cotton-On stores and all money from shirt sales goes to the NZ Mental Health Foundation.

Families are also invited to make an optional donation at school, which will be donated to the Mental Health Foundation. This money can be sent to the office and we will send any donations on to the charity. We will be holding a parade on the morning and we will have a focus of Random Acts of Kindness for the day. We will follow up this event later in the term with an Inquiry about pro-social skills and how we can all help to spread kindness.



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ARGYLE UNIFORM PRICE INCREASE

We have been informed by Argyle, our uniform supplier that they will be increasing the price of the school uniform by 3-5 percent. This is due to the increase in wages and freight costs.

This increase will take effect from the 1st June 2021 so if you need to purchase any uniform items, we suggest that you do so before this date.

LYNFIELD KAHUI AKO STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY - Friday 4th June

On this day all of the local schools will be closed so that over 350 or so teachers and support staff can meet at Blockhouse Bay Intermediate to look at a range of different things including culturally responsive teaching and the new NZ History Curriculum document. No teachers will be left at the school, so we ask that parents make alternative arrangements for their children's supervision. This day was chosen so that families can get a head start on the traffic if they are travelling out of town for Queen's Birthday long weekend.

POLICY REVIEW

The Staff and Board of Trustees regularly review the school's policies and these are made available to parents for comment also. They can be found on the School's website, click on 'Our School' scroll to the bottom and look for School Policies. The most recent reviewed policy is 'Home Learning'.
If you wish to comment on any of these policies, please feel free to email your thoughts to the school office and the Board will consider these as part of their review process.

2022 TERM DATES – note that these are for next year

We always like to publish the dates early so that parents can organise holidays with their children. Fingers crossed that we will all be able to have the holidays we want by then! Unless something happens that we do not know about, the following will be our dates for 2022:

Term One	Tuesday 1st February - Thursday 14th April
No school on	Monday 31st January - Auckland Anniversary Monday 7th February - Waitangi Day
Term Two	Monday 2nd May - Friday 8th July
No school on	Friday 3rd June - Teacher Only Day Monday 6th June - Queen's Birthday Friday 24th June – Matariki (new holiday)
Term Three	Monday 25th July - Friday 30th September
Term Four	Monday 17th October - Friday 16th December
No school on	Friday 21st October - Teacher Only Day Monday 24th October - Labour Day

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Welcome back to Term 2! We are excited to be working on this term's fundraising events. Coming up in Term 2 is our Movie Night in Week 4, School Lunch days and the popular Milo & Cookie pop ups.

Our next FAB meeting is Tuesday 11 May 7pm in the Staffroom. All welcome! We would love to see some new faces and invite you to join our small and friendly team. As always, if you have any suggestions/feedback but can't make the meeting, you can always email them to us at fab@blockhousebay.school.nz

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%!

UPCOMING FAB EVENTS

Tuesday 11 May - FAB Meeting 7pm Staffroom (all welcome!)

Friday 28 May - Movie Night - more details to come



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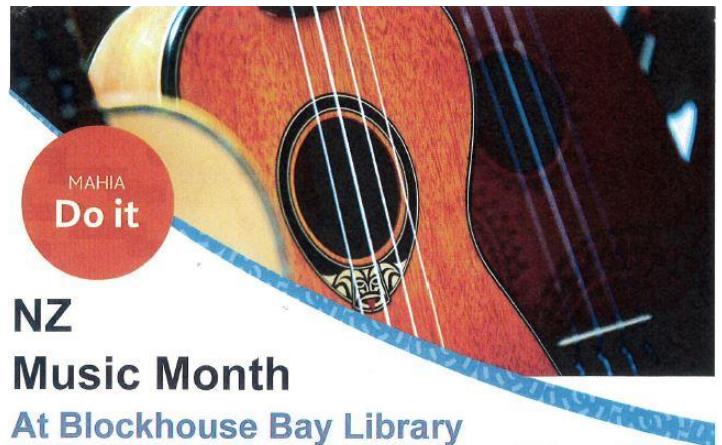
WHEN: Sunday, 16th May 2021
 9.30am—2pm

WHERE: Blockhouse Bay Community Centre
 524 Blockhouse Bay Road, Blockhouse Bay

WHAT: Large collection of antiques, collectables, memorabilia and now crafts including crafts such as pottery, paintings, sewing and much more.

ENTRY: \$2.00 Adult, Children free

Who: Contact Sue on 09 445-1227 or
hyattfam@extra.co.nz



NZ Music Month At Blockhouse Bay Library

Instrumental Excerpts. Saturday 1 May - Monday 31 May
 Are you a musician? Can you sing or play a musical instrument? Would you like to perform at Blockhouse Bay Library during NZ Music Month? Talk to us about taking part in Instrumental Excerpts! Conditions apply and registrations are required.

Mini Harp Ensemble Concert and Demonstration Sunday 16 May, 2 - 3pm
 Harpist and teacher, Anna Dunwoodie, will present a mini harp ensemble concert. Adults can have turn at playing a harp and have a short group lesson. Students (from beginner to advanced) from Anna's Blockhouse Bay harp studio will join Anna for the concert, and help show people a few tips about harping. (Bookings required)

Glenavon Choir and Junior Singing Club Showcase. Saturday 22 May, 11am - 12pm
Glenavon Junior Singing Club.
 The junior singing club will be singing a song called "Treat People with Kindness". These children are a motivated and fun group of singers that will make you smile.
The Glenavon Choir.
 The Glenavon Choir are an energetic group passionate about singing. They perform - contemporary pieces. (No bookings required)

Blockhouse Bay Primary School Choir. Saturday 29 May, 11am - 12pm
 Blockhouse Bay School students will be singing a medley of songs by New Zealand artists, in celebration of NZ music month. (No bookings required)

For more information or to book: visit our library or phone 09 377 0209 or email blockhousebaylibrary@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz with your name, phone number and email address.


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