



## Community notice in response to media article in the NZ Herald from the Board Chair.

September 26, 2017

Dear Blockhouse Bay Intermediate families and caregivers.

I would ask a moment of your time to shed some light on Saturday's media release in the NZ Herald pertaining to the apology letter to the Warriors. As a Board, we are extremely proud of our "Positive Behaviour for Learning" stance and we are extremely proud of our staff and how they conduct and model themselves on our values.

Blockhouse Bay Intermediate is a school with high expectations for learning as well as behaviour.

To protect the identity of individuals, the school was unable to engage any further with the media to provide factual clarity on the situation. I ask that you consider that just because it is in the media, does not mean it is true.

The release on Saturday reflects an unfortunate element in our school community that is unable to follow the school's very clear procedures when any concern is raised and which needs to be brought back to the school. Not only do these actions have the potential to undermine the school, they also put individual students and families right to privacy, at risk.

A number of parents have been vocal in discrediting the school through social media, I can be clear that while we will continue to welcome their children, parents who use social media to undermine our staff and community, will no longer be welcome in our school.

I encourage all parents as members of our community and with students in the school, to follow the school's procedures.

Our Board is fully supportive of our school leaders, our values, our vision and our commitment to developing resilient students.

On Behalf of the Blockhouse Bay Intermediate Board of Trustees.

Russell Mathews Chairperson.