

Blockhouse Bay Intermediate School

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A very quiet BHBI :(

Calendar:

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Welcome to Term 3, week 9!

Tēnā koutou, e te whānau o Blockhouse Bay Intermediate

Welcome to week nine of term three.

A copy of this newsletter will be posted on our brand new **website**. Early in the year we surveyed our families (as it was well past time for a refresh) on how we could improve our link with the outside world. Have a look [here](#).

Move to Level 3

The announcement that we will be moving to level 3 is a move in the right direction, but a move with similar restrictions to level 4.

School remains closed except to students of essential workers who have no choice but to send their children to school.

If you have to send your child to school please let us know [here](#).

Level 3 under Delta is more restricted than previous level 3. Student bubbles are no larger than 10. A strict two-meter distance will be maintained and students will be required to stay at their desk and only move to the designated toilet and return. Fortunately the weather has improved and windows will be open to allow air to flow. During breaks, bubbles will be in different spaces. Students will need to bring their own drink bottle and lunch.

At any alert level, children, young people or teachers who wish to wear face coverings at school are supported to do so.



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Safe hand hygiene and cough etiquette will be required and it is also important that parents fully support this approach by doing their bit – keeping children home if they are unwell and seeking medical advice about whether a child may need to be tested, strictly maintaining their family 'bubble' outside the school environment and ensuring great hygiene practices at all times.

School Bus Ritchies 008 and the 011 will not operate during level 3. Kiwi coaches TBC.

The school is currently being prepared with a deep clean for the arrival of a limited number of students and staff.

Reporting & Assessment End of Year 2021

Tāmaki Makaurau has been locked down at Alert Level 4 due to Covid-19 Delta for five weeks, with the shift to level 3 taking us to the end of Term 3. Although online teaching and learning has continued, it would be remiss of leadership not to review our practices and delivery of information sharing and reporting of student progress and achievement to parents for this year.

To ensure the maximum number of opportunities for teaching and learning do occur within term four and to fill any gaps that have occurred over the disrupted term three. Our end of year assessment will occur later this year - approximately Week 6/7 (with some exceptions due to EOTC activities and other). This assessment will be reported to parents in data format at the end of the term (Thursday of Week 8). Reports will include the NZC level. students are operating at, and a validation for student effort.

The end of year report will be an abbreviated version and restricted to **data only, to support teachers' presence in the classroom during the vital time period of transitioning children back into the classroom, teaching and learning and preparing for transitions for next year.**

2022 enrolments

Due to the impact of COVID level 4 restrictions, the Ministry of Education has allowed Blockhouse Bay Intermediate School to delay the closing date for all enrolment to the 18th October 2021. Our contributing schools have shared this information with their community.

Could we please have **all in zone and out of zone** applications prior to this date. This will allow parents an opportunity to drop off any enrolments to the school office once we reopen. (preferably into our school letter box in level 3 please.)

We are **missing around 100 enrolments**, which we know are out there and we do need **all** applications complete, with information required to include these in the ballot. Please check your emails as some online enrolments are incomplete and require further information.

We would like to thank all those families who have completed applications to date. This is essential for staffing and planning for 2022. You can drop any (in and out of zone) completed enrolments in the school letterbox and they will be picked up and processed.

Year 6 tours (for our Year 7 2022 cohort)

In place of our Year 6 Experience days that were cancelled this term, we have organised Year 6 tours that will occur in Term 4, Week 7. Only enrolled students will be invited to attend.

NOW SHOWING IN LOCKDOWN

Lockdown is hard... especially when you have bored kids. Try some of these fun activities to hopefully keep them entertained (when they aren't working super, duper hard learning of course)!

- **Bake together**

Cookies, cakes, brownies. Anything! Baking is a great lesson in measuring, ingredients, and of course, making delicious goodies.



- **Break out the board games**

Scrabble, Monopoly, Candy Land, Checkers, Chess, Snakes and Ladders...



- **Try origami**

Might as well hone our origami skills, right? Learn how to make dozens of origamis: dinosaurs, swans, frogs, and more.



- **(Virtually) visit Alaska**

Take a family trip to Alaska... virtually, of course. Visit Denali National Park a la Google Maps and learn about the wildlife, environment, terrain, and more.

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These tours align with our Developing our Talent (DOT days) so students will see a lot of our exciting programmes they can be a part of when they join BBI, for example Kapa Haka, Bollywood, Pasifika Beats, Choir, GnT Art, GnT drama, as well as have a look our library, SPEC and classrooms in action! Further information will be provided to our main contributing primary schools mid-Term 4. If you require more information now, please contact our office.

	9:20am-10:50am	11:45-1:15pm
Wednesday 1st December	Marshall Laing & Halsey Drive	Chaucer & Arahoe
Thursday 2nd December	New Lynn & New Windsor	Blockhouse Bay Primary & Other schools

Planning for 2022

While under level four, staff have not only been delivering distance learning to our students, but we also maintain all the behind the scene preparations and meetings that make up school life. We are in the process of planning for 2022 and the changes the new year will bring.

We are reviewing, updating and improving all our curriculum delivery models. We have surveyed our community (during the first Student led conference), surveyed staff and student coaches on how we can improve on our already strong curriculum. The introduction of the New Zealand Histories curriculum is a wonderful opportunity to do this in depth analysis. Similar to the Digital Literacies curriculum in 2019.

We look forward to preparing and delivering a curriculum that is relevant to our community, highly engaging and supports our students to prepare for a successful life ahead, including transition to High School.

Along with our reviewed and refreshed curriculum and website, our very talented Arts specialist Marissa Ramlu (who also prepares these newsletters) has refreshed our Graduate profile. The graduate profile is an aspirational tool for delivering the very best outcomes for every student at BBI. A graduate profile is about delivering equity so that every student has every opportunity to be the very best that they can be.

Our graduate profile has been elevated in our learning tab on the new school website [here](#).

Community support and increased patrols

Schools are closed to the public during level four. Playgrounds are closed and facilities are closed. Despite this we have had to beef up security patrols because members of the public continue to breach level four restrictions. Our great neighbours have alerted us and the police to instances where a group of cars for example, have even turned up at the school and up to 16 teenagers were playing football on the field. At other times security guards have moved people on.

It is situations such as these that have the potential to keep us in lockdown for longer. Safer communities together.

Preparing for year 8 school camp term 4

Year eights are looking towards next term's school camp, parent helpers will be called for and health and consent forms are being gathered. We want this year's camp to be another incredibly special event, as was last year's after a year of Covid.

Our year eight students deserve a very special send off. This cohort of year eights are the only cohort in over 100 years who have spent their Intermediate years in a pandemic. They are a brave and resilient lot and we want them to end the year with very fond memories of a particular time in their schooling, one they will never forget.

Take care.

Michael Malins
Principal



A **big thank you** to Jamie and his team at *Green Bay New World* for their continued support with our school values and well-being initiatives by sponsoring student prizes. It's amazing having support from local businesses and we look forward to further collaboration in the near future.



Mt Roskill Grammar School

Enrolments are now open for 2022



Out of Zone applications close Wednesday 1st September.

Out of Zone ballot held Wednesday 8th September.

Notification of results will be emailed out by 10th September.

Please access the link to do an online application: kamarportal.mrgs.school.nz/index.php/enrolment

Paper applications are available from the school office.

We look forward to welcoming you to our MRGS Family



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2022 ENROLMENT UPDATE

Spaces available for Year 7 and 9
Limited enrolments at other levels

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