

# Blockhouse Bay Intermediate School

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Whanaungatanga



Rangatiratanga



Wairuatanga



Manaakitanga



## Calendar:

2021

14th December: End of term 4, 2pm

2022

8th February 2022: Term 1 starts



Can you please help us out? We have over **\$40,000** worth of school equipment out in the community. This includes:

- Library books,
- Netball uniforms
- Netball bags of equipment
- Sports camp clothing

We have arranged for the *Library* to collect everything. To ensure we keep our students safe and to minimise contact with anyone on site, you can return it to the Library between:

**8.45 - 9.45am and 1.45 - 2.45pm.**

As with any outstanding school property, you will be charged if the property is not returned. We would like everything returned by **Dec 6th** at the latest.

Thank you for your support with this, Ngā mihi

'tis the  
season

TO BE JOLLY

## Welcome to Term 4, week 6!

Tēnā koutou, e te whānau o Blockhouse Bay Intermediate

It was a very different return to school last week as we welcomed 40% of students on site and 40% engaged in online learning. This was a tremendous start and way above the average.

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We certainly appreciated that many parents wanted to follow a wait and see approach and to feel assured that school was well managed, with strong structures in place for student safety, before returning their child.

We had worked hard to ensure the highest level of risk assessment and elimination was in place and we started with girls adapting to the routine easily and a smooth start. The boys required a bit more managing and being reminded of the two metre rule while outside. By their second day the routine was established and the new norm was understood.

We are very clear and consistent on adhering to the safety requirements as set by the MoH. As teachers, we have our own children and wider whānau to consider and so we expect no less from our students.

Our one remaining area of focus lies with a small number of our students and their ability to self-manage social distancing outside. Delta is highly transmissible as an air borne pathogen and the requirements are for social distancing of two metres with a mask off when outside. We ask you to work with us as a community to strongly reinforce this with your child. Even when walking home with friends.

Everybody on site must follow the expectations we are mandated to install for all our community to be assured and to be safe. We continue to provide online learning and that is an option available to those who would prefer until the end of the year.

We expect more students on site as the year counts down and a natural desire to see the end of year off with friends and their teacher. We will continue to maintain the highest level of safety.

We can not thank our community enough for your support to enable us to run a smooth and efficient transfer back to school.

We have gained a very real appreciation of how lucky we were before Delta and how hard it has been for students overseas, where delta has been ongoing all year.

Our ongoing self-review cycle identified what works well.

- Well prepared. Pre-planned, well-resourced.
- Staff well-managed and in the right spaces
- Good, clear communication with staff & community.
- Teachers were well-planned for lessons, to engage students when they returned.
- Lots of happy students to see their peers and their teachers.
- Kept numbers at an appropriate, safe level
- New class upgrades working well.
- New outdoor spaces providing outdoor shade for maximum time outside & shade during break time.

### **Classroom upgrades**

Next Friday will see the end of a significant 22 class upgrade that we have managed to complete over the lockdowns. We have managed this with minimal disruption to staff and students. Every class at BBI is now a modern learning environment, bright, fresh and providing equitable opportunities for every learner for decades to come.

As a board we are extremely proud of what we have achieved over the past four years. We have rebuilt every aspect of our school and created a beautiful and inviting community space with world class teaching.

Ngā mihi,  
Michael Malins  
(Principal)

# LEVEL UP

We would like to acknowledge the following students who received distinction or high distinction in the **ICAS English and Digital Technologies** tests. Well done!

Distinction certificates are awarded to the top **10%** of the participants.  
High Distinction certificates are awarded to the **1%** of the participants.

## English

Samara Hossain - Distinction  
Meghna Malik - Distinction  
Krisha Karippail - Distinction  
Harrison Cao - Distinction  
Jayden Chen - High Distinction

## Digital Technologies

Vicky Zhao - Distinction  
Jayden Chen - Distinction  
Hasini Saravanan - Distinction

## For your information...

## BHBI SCHOOL TIMETABLE

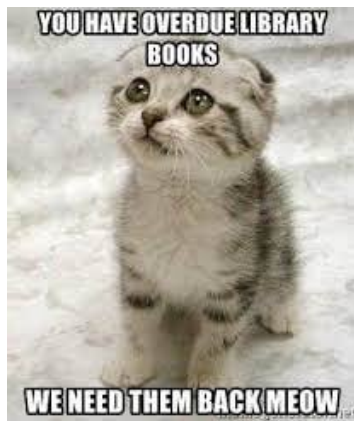
22ND NOVEMBER - 14TH DECEMBER

**NOTE:**  
PLEASE LET THE SCHOOL KNOW IF  
YOUR CHILD IS SICK FOR THE DAY.

Week 6	22nd Nov	23rd Nov	24th Nov	25th Nov	26th Nov
	<b>Girls</b> Girls Miro SPEC all day	<b>Boys</b> Boys Kowhai SPEC all day	<b>Girls</b> Girls Nikau SPEC all day	<b>Boys</b> Boys Mixed SPEC all day	<b>Boys</b> Boys Matai SPEC all day
Week 7	29th Nov	30th Nov	1st Dec	2nd Dec	3rd Dec
	<b>Girls</b>	<b>Boys</b> Boys Rimu SPEC all day	<b>Girls</b> Girls Kowhai SPEC all day	<b>Boys</b> Boys Totara SPEC all day	<b>Girls</b> Girls Mixed SPEC all day
Week 8	6th Dec	7th Dec	8th Dec	9th Dec	10th Dec
	<b>Girls</b> Girls Matai SPEC all day	<b>Boys</b> Boys Miro SPEC all day	<b>Girls</b> Girls Rimu SPEC all day	<b>Boys</b> Boys Nikau SPEC all day	<b>Boys</b>
Week 9	13th Dec	14th Dec			
	<b>Girls</b>	<b>Boys</b>			



## From the Library...



There are currently over 1520 library books overdue, this is roughly **\$27,000** worth of library resources. Please can you have a look at home, check school bags, tote trays and return these books ASAP. All teachers have been sent a list of overdue books to follow up with their students. If your child is not coming back to school, please can you ensure all library books are returned to school asap. There is a "Returns Box" outside of the library; books can be returned between 8:45am-9:45am or 1:45pm-2:45pm. Please remember to wear a mask when entering school grounds and scan in (there is a QR code outside the library).

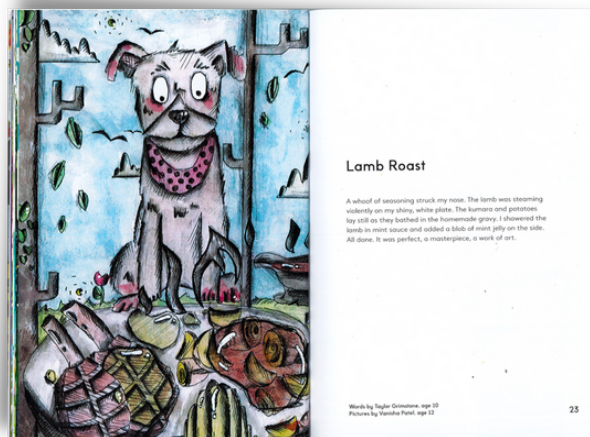
If you have any queries about overdue books, please email Donna [donnaalm@bhbint.school.nz](mailto:donnaalm@bhbint.school.nz)



Students who have returned their books are able to request books through the Library Click & Collect service. This is available to all students. Complete this form to request your books.

Ps you can click and collect the new arrivals from the library too! Woohoo!

WOW!  
WOW!  
WOW!



Toitoti is a national journal of writing and art by young New Zealanders ages 5-13. We are delighted that **Vanisha Patel from Room 25** has had her work published in the latest issue. Congratulations, Vanisha. Great work!

NB: Summer Reading Programme

Unfortunately, this year we will not be running our Summer Reading Programme due to current COVID-19 restrictions.

♥ Donna

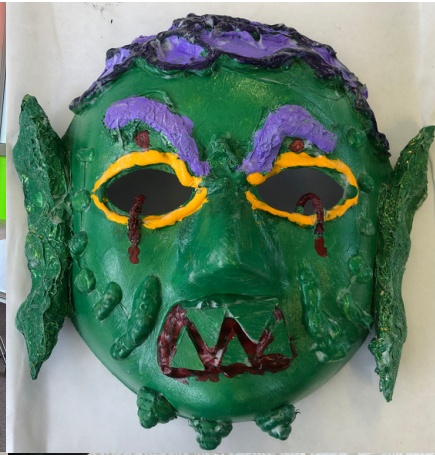
## NEW ARRIVALS IN THE LIBRARY





## From the Specialist Rooms...

Spec looks a little bit different right now BUT it's just as fun. Here are some snippets of what our students have been up to - from mask making to jamming in a band and everything in between!







**NEW WORLD**

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.



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