Blockhouse Bay Intermediate School

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Whanaungatanga Rangatiratanga

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Welcome to Term 1, week 2!

Tēnā koutou, e te whānau o Blockhouse Bay Intermediate

Welcome to week two of the school year. Thank you for your patience and support as we have begun a very different start of year compared to what is customary. It is great testament to yourselves and your children's resilience as to just how smoothly our students have settled into their new classes and the routines of school life.

These first two weeks are extremely important for the formation of routines, testing students for grouping and establishing strong relationships that will ensure our students have the best start to 2022.

Last week was especially hard on the students and staff with the heat and humidity. Having to open all windows and doors and being unable to use the aircon which was installed school wide last year to counter this type of heat. Fortunately this week has been a lot kinder.

Omicron is making it's presence felt nation-wide and we are not exempt. We have always maintained the highest health and safety standards, while continuing to respect the privacy of individuals involved.

Calendar:

- 8th February Term 1 starts
- 17th February Meet the teacher (online link)
- 22nd February BOT meeting 6.30pm

2022 term dates:

Term 1: 8th Feb - 14th

Apr

Term 2: 2nd May - 8th

Term 3: 25th Jul - 30th

Term 4: 17th Oct - 14th

Dec



Picking up siblings from other schools

Please be mindful of the red light settings when picking up siblings from other schools. Please arrange to meet them at their school gates. During the *Red light phase* you shouldn't be entering other school grounds.

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Meet the teachers - tonight

This evening teachers have extended an invite to each member of their class to join together virtually to introduce themselves and how things work in your child's class. Messaging will reiterate that class environments are consistent school wide, as we are a Visible Learning school. This means every student can see the school values, graduate profile, curriculum progressions and examples of students work throughout the school. Expectations for success for every student are consistent both in and out of the classroom and your teacher will guide you through how this looks in your child's class.

Please note: During our Meet the Teacher Evening we normally outline some information for all families before you move to the classrooms. We haven't been able to do that this year so instead we are going to run a *Google Meet on Tuesday 22nd February at 6.30pm*. All the Deputy Principals will be attending. Check your emails on *Monday* for the link to the Google Meet.

We will include information about:

- 1. Online Safety
- 2. Our Covid Protection and Response Framework
- 3. A short Q & A session if we have time.
- Karen Mills (DP)

Important safety and parking notice

Each year we need to share the same message with new families. We are a large school and we encourage our students to walk or ride safely to school. We have school busses as well.

Each year we have many parents who park illegally, cause congestion and park down at the Bolton street shops. Each year the shop owners ask that parents do not park outside their stores. Shoppers cannot gain access and the shops lose business. Parents are parking half an hour before school closes. Please help our local businesses by leaving these spaces for shoppers.

Chromebooks

We strongly recommend that all families purchase a chrome book for home use. BBI has a blended approach to leaning and we use a mix of Google class and Hapara to deliver our curriculum. Devices are required for high school and having access at this stage will give your child the best possible start to secondary school.

Our blended learning philosophy:

"Blockhouse Bay (BHB) Intermediate will cultivate a safe & supportive strength-based learning environment that exposes pupils, through innovative teaching and learning practices/methods, to events, opportunities, and environments that will help them become successful and productive citizens in education, work, and life"

We all trust that your child has settled in well and is enjoying the BBI life. Our seven day timetable starts properly next week and our full programme will be in action.

Have a safe weekend.

Nga Mihi, Michael Malins

From the Library...

Our library is a large modern space which opens onto our Hauora garden, this means students can find the perfect place to enjoy reading. We have a large collection of over 10,000 books as well as eBooks and audiobooks. Students also have access to chromebooks and iPads for research when in the library.

Students are able to borrow 3 books at a time, these are issued for 2 weeks and can be renewed if required. Each class visits the library at least once in the 7 day timetable. The Library is open every lunchtime. Our Librarian, Donna, is available to help students "find the right book and the right time". Check out the Library Webapp to search our collection and see what we have available.

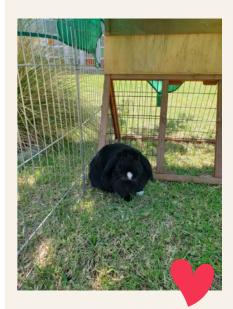




OUR SPUD

Spud is our library rabbit! He has been isolating at home since last August, but is happy to be back and is settling back into school life. He stays in the library, but also enjoys time during the day in the Hauora garden. His hobbies include eating kale from the school garden and being read to by our students.

Spud is looking for families to look after him some weekends and during the school holidays; he is toilet trained, but does enjoy nibbling on shoe laces! He comes with a hutch, pen, food... plus lots of entertainment, love and cuddles! If you think you could help out with Spud this year, please send me an email donnalm@bhbint.school.nz



Specialist Classes at BBI

Specialist classes are exciting, hands on, fun curriculum areas! Students spend 6 weeks in each Specialist subject. Everyone does each Specialist subject in both Year 7 and Year 8. Students are encouraged to "have a go", try new things, demonstrate leadership skills and enjoy their time in a different learning environment with their Specialist teachers. We hope our amazing BBI students have a wonderful time in Spec, that they embrace new opportunities, try their best and get involved! (NB: Spec begins on Friday 18th February for all students, yay!)



Kia ora koutou, my name is Tonya Wyatt and I'm Science teacher and Director of Technology. Year 8 science is all about focussing on the science capabilities and the skills students need to investigate the world around them. This year we are investigating the question, "Can our stream at BBI Wai Tahurangi support life?" To do this we will gather and interpret the information we gain through careful observations, measurements and inferences. Our evidence will help us answer our question and come to a conclusion.



Kia ora! I am Cath the Food and Nutrition teacher at BHB. In year 8 this year we will be investigating panoni - change We will be looking at how we can change classic meals by creating healthy versions that can be easily and cost effectively made at home. We will be looking at how we can use what's in the garden, and what's in season, to create these meals.



Kia ora! My name is Aidan Halligan and I'm the Design technology teacher at BHB! In design technology the year 8 students will be using their design skills to develop a product of their choice on sketchup. They will draw a construction plan and finally use the tools and machines to construct their product.



Kia ora! I am Christina Isdale, the Music Teacher and Director of Arts at Blockhouse Bay Intermediate. This term in the music room the year 7s are beginning music class, and are going to be very busy learning about the elements of music, picking up rudimentary skills on the ukulele and piano, and learning the defining features of different genres of music through listening and class discussions. Looking forward to a fun term ahead.



Talofa, namaste, kia ora, malo e leilei! I am Marissa Ramlu, the Visual Arts Teacher at Blockhouse Bay Intermediate. The year 7s are going to be dabbling in printmaking, painting and weaving this year. In year 7 I encourage a lot of play and experimenting with different tools and equipment. There is also a strong focus on familiarising ourselves with the elements and principles of art. I can't wait to see creative and brilliant thinking take place in the art room!



Kia ora, my name is Beth Kayes. This year in drama class, students will be learning about the elements of drama through improvisation and drama play. Students will have the opportunity to create their own plays and experiment with props and costumes as they plan, rehearse and perform for their peers. Looking forward to an exciting year ahead!





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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Mt Roskill RFC JUNIOR RUGBY

MT ROSKILL JUNIOR RUGBY CLUB IS THE OLDEST AND ONLY RUGBY CLUB IN MT ROSKILL (EST. 1945)

OPEN DAY

COME ALONG FOR SOME FUN, PRIZES AND FOOD, TRY OUR RUGBY OBSTACLE CHALLENGES ALSO A BOOT SWAP FOR A GOLD COIN DONATION HAVE A COFFEE AT OUR CAFE ALSO ENJOY OUR SAUSAGE SIZZLE.

WE ARE LOOKING TO RECRUIT BOYS AND GIRLS FROM THE AGES OF THREE 3 TO 13 TO PLAY RIPPER AND TACKLE RUGBY.

MUMS, DADS AUNTS OR UNCLES OR ANYONE FROM THE AGE OF 10 UPWARDS FOR MANAGERS, COACHES AND REFEREES (FULL TRAINING GIVEN)

COME AND JOIN

OUR FRIENDLY AND HAPPENING CLUB FOR A FUN DAY

FEARON PARK, 33 AKARANA AVE, MT ROSKILL PLENTY OF PARKING



FOR REGISTRATION OR GENERAL INFORMATION CONTACT;
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After School Community Dance Classes TERM ONE 2022 Glen Eden, Ceramco Park Function Centre Wednesdays 23 Feb - 13 April

\$70 per term - 5-13+ year olds

\$70 per 10x class concession card - Adults

3.45pm-4.30pm: 5-7 year olds

4.30pm-5.30pm: 7-9 year olds

5.30pm-6.30pm: 10-13 year olds

6.30pm-7.30pm: 13+ year olds

7.30pm-8.30pm: Adults dance fitness

Join us for fun and inclusive weekly after school community dance classes!

Learn a variety of dance genres (such as hip hop, contemporary, jazz and salsa), explore creating your own movements, and play fun games. We use dance as a vehicle to foster confidence, team work, and positive life skills.

Finish the term with a fun showing for family and friends.

Our adults dance fitness class is the perfect combination of exercise, grooving to music and learning dance moves. Classes will run with 25 minutes dance fitness (think zumba/group exercise classes), 20 minutes learning a dance routine, and 15 minutes conditioning and stretching.