Blockhouse Bay Intermediate School

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Whanaungatanga Rangatiratanga

Wairuatanga

Manaakitanga



Welcome to Term 1, week 6!

Tēnā koutou, e te whānau o Blockhouse Bay Intermediate

As we have passed the midway mark of the term, so too does it feel like we are beginning to pass the worst effects of Covid as we are seeing increasingly more students returning to school following isolation.

What has shone through these difficult times has been the BBI spirit of inclusiveness and tolerance. The tone of the school is extremely healthy and positive. Our four values manakitanga (respect), wairuatanga (wellbeing), rangatiratanga (leadership) and most importantly, whanaungatanga (relationships) elevates this tone.

Well before Covid, before it became popular to elevate "wellbeing" as a value. BBI developed and wove together coherent systems of research driven methods that are proven to build strong partnerships, strong connections to learning in and beyond the school gate.

Connections that foster the relationships that enable a large community to fit together, to see themselves valued in every space we have and see themselves and their identity acknowledged and welcomed.

These "systems" are represented in our strategic plan and they form the road map we have been on for the past three years.

Calendar:

Thursday 24th

March, 2022 - Student led Conferences, online only

2022 term dates:

- Term 1:

8th Feb - 14th Apr

- Term 2:

2nd May - 8th Jul

- Term 3:

25th Jul - 30th Sep

- Term 4:

17th Oct - 16th Dec



BHBI students must not enter Chaucer School grounds before and after school while we are in red setting.

Please do not use Chaucer School as a cut through. If they have a sibling there, please wait at the gate for them.

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We are every intentional in all that we do and if something does not fit the intention, then we will not do it.



This is why the disruption caused by Covid is so impactful. Covid continues to throw up roadblocks to delivering the best possible version of what we can offer to our students, This will continue until we can get every student back in class and learning.

If you know of any families that are still keeping their child away because of fear of capturing Covid, please encourage them to ask to see one of our DP's, so that we can support them to transition their child back into learning and socialising with friends. School is safe. Students are safe.

At school students have access to the best possible resources for learning in NZ. To give the very best we need our students on site and engaged in learning.

I would like to end by going back to the beginning of the year and thank you for your patience and support as we have been through 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 adapted and coped with the new (and hopefully, not for much longer) reality.

Student led conferences

Our four values are on display at our student led conferences. Relationships are strengthened, our students can showcase their leadership of learning, they identify the barriers they know to reach their goals and with your support, can overcome in their learning.

Covid has meant we go online. It is essential every student has a conference. Now more than ever, it takes a village to raise a child. Our SLC are our opportunity to demonstrate that to every whānau.

Have a safe weekend.

Ngā Mihi Michael Malins

School news and notices...



Student Led Conferences

Friendly reminder that on *Thursday the 24th of March* we will hold Student Led Conferences. Due to the high number of cases of COVID-19 we will be holding these via google-meets or phone. Students are *not* required to attend school, however they need to attend their online/phone conference. You should have received an email from your classroom teacher with a link to book an appointment- if you haven't booked one yet then please do!



Immunisations

Your child should have brought a parent consent form home on Tuesday for their immunisations (note: this has nothing to do with COVID-19).

- Year 7s receive a boostrix to boost your child's protection against tetanus, diphtheria and whooping cough.
- Year 8s receive an HPV vaccine which helps prevent cancers caused by HPV infection.

We would really appreciate if we get all the forms back as it then puts less pressure on the Nurses from the Starship community. You can choose to fill in either Section A (Yes, I want my child to have the immunisations at school), or Section B (No, I do not want my child to have the immunisations at school).

BHBI's first local art comp! Is your child entering? The top 3 artists get to exhibit in the Blockhouse Bay Community Centre Art Exhibition!



NB: Auckland Transport School Bus Service - Update

We are trying our best to make school bus services our priority and run most school bus services to a regular timetable. However, we are expecting to see last-minute cancellations due to the spread of Omicron in the community. Although we're working hard to update cancellations in our systems, there may be some occasions when these are last-minute and can't be communicated in time. If any of your bus services do not arrive on time, please liaise with the students, and request them to find or use alternative transport options. We apologise for any inconvenience this might cause. https://at.govt.nz/bus-train-ferry/journey-planner/





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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.

Soccer Registrations Now Open! NEW PLAYERS, GIRLS & BOYS WELCOME

Ken Maunder Park, New Lynn For more information and registration details please visit: http://www.lynnavon.org.nz or email tmccahill52@hotmail.com









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