

Blockhouse Bay Intermediate School

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Whanaungatanga



Rangatiratanga



Wairuatanga



Manaakitanga



Welcome to Term 2, week 2!

Tēnā koutou, e te whānau o Blockhouse Bay Intermediate

Welcome back to term 2. There is a lot of information in this newsletter. Please take the time to be informed. Welcome back to another busy term. Already it is week two and we have returned to a more BBI way of life. Removing as many disruptions as possible is key to a successful schooling experience. This is no more relevant than the short time students spend at Intermediate.

We have had a wonderful start to the new term. Once again it has been quite noticeable the impact Covid has had on student learning and behavior. Some students started the term quite unsettled and the return to school normal routines were understandably quite a challenge for some in week one. Some of our year sevens have found the expectations at intermediate quite different from primary and the disruption after two years of covid shows the impact from 2019 to now.

Our school values are an effective tool for reminding our students of our purpose. Manaakitanga, Respect for ourselves and others. Rangatiratanga, showing Leadership in how I present myself to others. Wairuatanga, caring about the Wellbeing of myself and others. Whanaungatanga, healthy relationships guide our shared purpose.

We understand that some students need more support than others.

Calendar:

Board meeting (staff room)

- Weds 18th May, 6.30pm

Cross country

- Fri 20th May, 2022

Book Week

- 30th May - 3rd June 2022 (week 5)

TOD (school closed)

- Friday June 3rd, 2022

2022 term dates:

- Term 2:

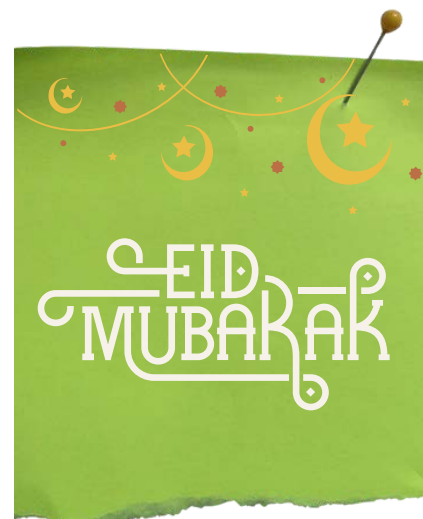
2nd May - 8th Jul

- Term 3:

25th Jul - 30th Sep

- Term 4:

17th Oct - 16th Dec



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Our foundations as an excellent school are built around our four core values, our Positive Behavior for Learning, Visible Learning and maintaining high expectations for all to succeed during their time with us. It takes a village to raise a child, therefore we cannot raise confident, connected, lifelong learners without your support at home.

Thank you.

Covid and flu update

Along with COVID-19, it is likely we will also be grappling with the impacts of illnesses such as colds and flus through the winter season.

Caution over the flu season is very important in 2022.

As noted on the Ministry of Health website:

- we've had very little influenza circulating in our communities since the pandemic began. This means our community immunity is lower than usual
- this winter there is the very real possibility of having flu and COVID-19 within a short space of time – this can lead to very serious illness
- if you do catch flu, it's important that you stay away from work or school while you're unwell. Look after yourself and your family – rest and fluids are especially important
- the symptoms of influenza can be the same or similar to the symptoms of COVID-19
- if you're sick, stay home. Call your health provider or Healthline and follow their advice. They may advise you to have a COVID-19 test, and self-isolate while you wait for the results
- it's also important to seek medical advice early if you are concerned, and especially if there are any danger signs, even if you have been seen before. Other serious conditions can also look like the flu, including meningococcal disease.

Because we are more vulnerable as a population to colds and flus, maintaining a highly cautious approach for anyone who is symptomatic is strongly encouraged, to keep spread of illness as low as possible.

The tools we have to minimise spread of COVID-19 will also support a reduction in transmission of other seasonal illnesses including:

- wearing masks
- ensuring you have good ventilation
- staying home if unwell
- cleaning and disinfecting of high-touch surfaces regularly
- encouraging vaccination in our staff and students (for example, COVID-19, flu, measles, whooping cough). In 2022, flu vaccinations are free for pregnant people, people aged 65 years and over (Māori and Pacific people aged 55 years and over), people who have a long-term medical condition like diabetes, asthma, or a heart condition and children under the age of four who have been in hospital with respiratory illness such as asthma.

The ministry of education has prepared the following letter for communities. With Term 2 underway, we're looking ahead to what might come next – not just from COVID-19 but the upcoming winter season and illnesses that may come with it. With New Zealanders mostly sheltered from exposure to flu in the last two years, health experts are concerned about our lower immunity to flu. This winter there is the very real possibility of getting the flu and COVID-19 within a short space of time. This can lead to very serious illness and high mortality rates. If you are normally someone who doesn't bother with the flu vaccine, we strongly encourage you to get your flu vaccination this year and get your whānau up to date with any other vaccinations (for example, measles, whooping cough). ([Flu \(influenza\) vaccines – Ministry of Health](#))

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As always, we want to keep our ākonga and kaiako as safe as possible from the harms from illness and to have as many ākonga learning on site as we can. All those good actions we already have in place to reduce the risk of harm from COVID-19 will also help to prevent seasonal illnesses including:

- staying away if unwell and seeking advice about getting tested
- regularly washing hands
- using well-ventilated spaces
- wearing masks when indoors
- cleaning and disinfecting high-touch surfaces regularly
- covering coughs and sneezes
- having a highly vaccinated community (and not just for COVID-19).

You can do the same at home and hopefully together, we will keep our community healthy this winter. As always, if you have any questions about our health and safety plans please get in touch.

Attendance

Being at school is being present and actively engaged in learning. School is an ideal setting for learning the values that will set us up as productive and contributing members of society. School attendance last week was down to 86% (largely due to Eid). Our target is 96%, which we achieve outside of Covid disruptions. High attendance is a school goal as well as a national area for concern (80m tagged to improve attendance in this year's budget). Each year we need to remind our community that we cannot teach, and students cannot learn if they are not here. If you need support getting your child to school, please email *Ms Mills* at karenm@bhbint.school.nz.

Social media

A separate notice was sent home earlier this week highlighting the ongoing concerns of adolescence and the use of social media. This too is a national focus and a repeated message shared with our community, as the unfiltered use of social media can lead to very unhappy outcomes for those involved. Social media is banned until 13 for very good reasons. For many adolescents their developing brain simply does not possess the filters and self-managing skillset to be safe in this space. What might have been "harmless" at age 9/10 can change suddenly as students begin to experience puberty and the associated social and peer pressures. We strongly encourage all parents to monitor their child's use of social media and to discuss safe practice when things are calm, rather than when picking up the pieces.

Your support goes a long way in creating safer communities together.

Ministry of Education request for help

The Ministry of Education is aligning all schools strategic planning to better reflect what we do at BBI. A living document for the community that drives the direction of the school. We received the request below from the MoE.

Kia ora, ngā mihi ki a koe.

By now you will be well aware that changes to schools' planning and reporting, as legislated in the Education and Training Act 2020, come into effect on 1 January 2023. Instead of a charter, schools and kura must publish a three-year Strategic Plan, an Annual Implementation Plan, and an Annual Report.

Schools and kura must work in partnership with their communities to develop their plans so they reflect local needs and priorities.

Throughout May 2022 we (MoE) are undertaking initial engagement with boards and principals to hear what you think the planning and reporting process should look like. Your views will help decide what should be compulsory as regulations versus what should be guidance, so that strategic plans are flexible enough to meet local needs.

To this end, we are enlisting your feedback/assistance as follows:

- 1. Where possible, please disseminate this survey [Whānau and community survey](#) to as much of your school whanau/community as you are able to. This is absolutely not meant to be an arduous task, just whatever you are comfortably able to do.*

Have a safe weekend

School news and notices...

BOOK WEEK

From the library...

We will be celebrating our Annual Book Week from 30th May-2nd June. During this week we will be having visiting authors, fun activities, and our famous Book Character Parade. We are really looking forward to an awesome week celebrating books and reading!



WOW!

BBI held their first ever art competition this year. The competition was fierce with phenomenal entries. Well done to everyone that took part!

Congratulations to our top 3 artists who will be exhibiting their work in the exhibition!

1st Jasmine Walker

Rm 10, Rimu

2nd Manasvi Vasipalli

Rm 19, Nikau

3rd Misa Nicolson

Rm 25, Kowhai

Highly Commended:

Zainab Syed

Rm 11, Nikau

Aaditi Suri

Room 23, Kowhai



Note: The exhibition will be on the 21st of May, 2022 at the Blockhouse Bay Community Centre.



BayLynn Youth Band is now recruiting new members!

The band is a unique community 'bandchestra' based in the Blockhouse Bay area and has been running since 2015. We have performed in various locations—from Kids4Drama productions to the Blockhouse Bay Primary Carnival and Santa Parade, local retirement villages and the Cancer Society's Relay For Life event.

We welcome all students from Year 5 and above who have some music reading skills and can play the following instruments:

- Strings (Violin, Viola and Cello)
- Brass (Trumpet, Cornet, Trombone, Horn, Tuba)
- Woodwind (Flute, Clarinet, Saxophone, Oboe, Bassoon)
- Keyboard/Piano
- Guitar or Bass Guitar
- Drums

Come along and check us out at our 'Bring a Buddy to BayLynn' Open Rehearsal on Wednesday 25th May (Week 4 - Term 2). All you need is your instrument and music stand if you have one. For more information, please check us out at our website and social media. You can also get in touch via email blybpromotional@gmail.com

Socials:

Website: <https://www.baylynnyouthband.org.nz/>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/BayLynnYouthBand>

Instagram: <https://instagram.com/baylynnyouthband>



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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Children and caregivers needed!

Is your child aged 8-13 years ?

Are they currently playing **sport** that is **sponsored by a company that sells food and/or beverages?**

Do you want to **share your thoughts** on the sponsorship of your child's sport by these companies?

Focus groups will be held on the school site or at a local community centre at a date and time that is arranged with participants. Travel reimbursement will be provided to all caregivers.

Get in touch with Ella (student Dietitian) via email: E.Brouwer@massey.ac.nz to register your interest or if you have any queries about this research project.

What is this study about?

We are looking for children and their caregiver to participate in a focus group. This will allow us to explore how food and beverage sponsorship is perceived by young players and those who care for them.

Benefits for you:

By taking part you will be contributing towards the development of recommendations for sport organisers about how sponsors should be involved in youth sport.



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BayLynn Youth Band

A community youth band for students from year 5 to secondary school levels

Rehearsals Wednesday evenings 6.45pm - 8.30pm
Blockhouse Bay Primary School Performing Arts Centre

NEW MEMBERS WELCOME

BayLynn Youth Band is a fully inclusive group, not a traditional concert band or symphony orchestra.

All of the music we play is specially arranged and adapted to accommodate the make-up of the band as it grows and develops.

We currently have nearly 40 members and are still accepting musicians - especially in the woodwind and string sections - with at least one year of learning and some music reading experience.

We have a small team of dedicated Musical Directors who work hard to provide musical mentoring in this 'team-sport' environment. Our more experienced players in turn guide and encourage newer members and so on.

There is a small term fee payable at the beginning of each term or a discounted full year membership.

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BOLTON STREET HOMEWORK CLUB

Bolton St Homework Club is an after school Homework Club for kids in Year 7 & Year 8. Located right next to Blockhouse Bay Intermediate, we operate from 3pm to 6pm week days. Our after school Homework Club offers a safe, fun and friendly home based environment for all kids in our care.

Our Homework Club offers:
 Bubble size 10 kids max / Afternoon tea / Homework Supervision
 Digital Learning / Wednesday Maths Tutoring / Fun Times!

Get in touch with Joy Findlay for more information.

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