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# Blockhouse Bay Intermediate School

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Whanaungatanga Rangatiratanga

Wairuatanga

Manaakitanga



Reminder that school finishes at **2.00pm** on the last day of term tomorrow. Due to covid risks we will not be holding our star assembly in person but will award the stars at each classroom. Note: to protect our community we will be reinstating mask wearing in the classroom for the next two days. Masks will be available for students in class who need them.

# Welcome to Term 2, week 10!

Tēnā koutou, e te whānau o Blockhouse Bay Intermediate

Welcome to the last Newsletter of the term.

We have managed to escape the combined impact of seasonal flu, viruses and Covid relatively unscathed this term. While attendance has recently dropped by 5% in the last two weeks to around 90% and more staff have been off. We have seen nowhere near the impact that has been reported in schools via media in recent days.

This being said, we are very aware that this can change at very short notice and as repeatedly reinforced, we will continue to act quickly to minimize any impact on our students and our community. This has worked wonders so far.

# Calendar:

# Term 2 ends

- Friday 8th July, 2022 (school closes at **2pm**) Mid term reports sent home
- Tuesday July 26th, 2022

# Student led **Conferences**

- Thursday July 28th, 2022 (school closes at 1pm)

# 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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We are hoping that the two week break will help break the current wave, as we are looking forward to in person student led conferences taking place in week one of term three.

### Staff news

Mrs Loomans will be acting DP while Miss Mckeown takes maternity leave until the end of the year. Room 19 will be well looked after as Mrs Kraay returns from maternity leave. Miss Dempster is stepping up to acting Whānau leader.

Miss Wilson is leaving us at the end of this term to take up travel and work opportunities in Africa. Miss Wilson has been with us for five years, joining us as a beginning teacher. We wish her all the best on her adventures. We are also pleased to share that Mrs Martel will be returning from maternity leave to take the class through to the end of the year.

# Raising concerns reminder

It is timely to remind our year seven parents that we are a large and busy school. We have strong processes in place to ensure any concerns or complaints are attended to quickly with a solutions focused approach. Wrapped around our four values. As a School Wide Positive Behaviorfor Learning school, we have a three-tier response to behaviors and support.

# Tier one and two

All concerns should be raised in the first instance with the classroom teacher. We encourage students to approach and discuss concerns with their classroom teacher in the first instance. If your child comes home with a concern, please encourage or ask them if they have spoken with their teacher.

Teachers are trained coaches who know their students the best and who are encouraged to actively listen and give the best support. If they are unsuccessful in supporting your child or you feel you need to go higher, please contact the Whānau leader, who is the next level of support for guidance. These staff are highly skilled behavioral practitioners.

# Tier two and three

Each Whānau has a DP who supports and coaches on more serious matters. Whānau leaders will seek guidance from their DP if the case warrants it. DP's will get involved in the first instance depending on the case.

The Principal and the Board support all staff in the process and will always encourage a solutions focused approach at the lowest level. This is where most issues can and should be resolved.

If you are looking for how we do things here, all our procedures and policies can be found on our web page.

# **Up coming BoT elections**

Triennial Board elections are coming up in early September. Further information will follow from the school and the election officer. If you would like to know more about the board, click this <u>link</u>.

Have a safe break from school and we look forward to seeing you in term three.

Nga mihi,

Michael Malins



# From the library...



# Wheelers eBooks and Audiobooks

The school holidays are the perfect time to access our Wheelers eBooks and Audiobooks.

Follow the links to the <u>Junior</u> and <u>Senior</u> platforms. The Junior platform has eBooks and Audiobooks, the Senior platform just has eBooks. Your username is your library code (the four digits that are part of your school email) and the password is Library1.

# RECOMMENDED

# **Top Junior eBooks Picks**

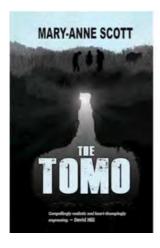


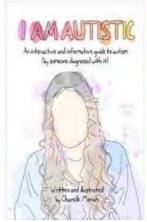






**Top Senior eBooks Picks** 









**Top Audio eBooks Picks** 

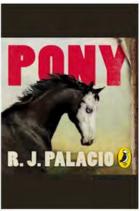
# **Overdue Books**

There are currently over 250 books overdue from our school library, and quite a few still missing from our 2021 lockdowns. If you find any of our school library books during a school holiday clean up, please return them to our library. Many thanks (II)









# Sports, sports, spooorrrts...



# **Gymnastics**

What a great day out at the Tri Star Gymnastics Fun Festival! Blockhouse Bay Intermediate to 26 students who competed in a variety of gymnastics codes. The festival was used as a qualifier for the Western Zone Competition and it was great to see the whole team make it through. A massive thank you to Lou Bryant who is coaching the team. Her knowledge of the sport and resourcefulness is invaluable. The event wouldn't happen without our staff support. Thank you Ellie and Rebekah for your hard work and dedication to the team. Next stop... Western Zones.





### Chess

Blockhouse Bay Intermediate is a power house when it comes to Chess. On Wednesday the 22nd of June we took two teams to the Western Zone Chess Championships. Both teams performed extremely well with the A Team taking out first place for the second year in a row. An amazing achievement. Thank you to Ms Parag for looking after the team and organising the trip. Thank you to the parents that turned out to cheer them on and help with transport. We will be looking at a hatrick next year.

# **Girls Chess Tournament**

After the Western Zone Tournament the girls were primed and ready for the Auckland Girls Chess Competition. Players of all ages from all over Auckland came together to compete. Players as young as 5 years old. Each player played 6 games. After each game a new draw was created. As the day went on players became more evenly matched leading to some great games at the end of the day. All our players came away with a win. Nicole Xiaoyin Zhao coming away with 4 wins out of 6. All the girls played really well and showed our school values to the highest degree. Special thanks to Ms Parag for all her support.





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.



Bolton St Homework Club is an after school Homework Club for kids in Year 7 & Year 8. Located right next to Blockhouse Bay Internediate, 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.

- Call us on 0273257070
  - BoltonStHWClub@gmail.com
  - www.facebook.com/BoltonStHWClub





### Open Day Wednesday 27th July

3:30pm - 7:00pm

Serving families in Green Bay, Titirangi and the surrounding areas, our focus is on learning that is relevant, exciting and meets the needs of all our students. At Green Bay High School, teachers know their students, they make time to foster strong relationships and support all students to achieve their best throughout the five years they are with us.

Come along to our Open Evening and see the great range of opportunities available. Tours are available from 3.30pm to 6.30pm. Our Principal, Flona Barker, will talk in the Auditorium at Spm and 6.30pm about what your child's future could look like at Green Bay High School.













WANT TO TRY FOOTBALL?

ARE YOU A BEGINNER OR BRAND NEW TO THE GAME?

COME AND GIVE IT A GO AT OLYMPIC PARK WITH

THE BAY OLYMPIC TEAM - LETS GO!

AGES 9 - 12 | 9,30AM TO 11,00AM AGES 13 - 16 | 11,00AM TO 12,30PM

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