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Blockhouse Bay Intermediate School

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Whanaungatanga Rangatiratanga

Wairuatanga

Manaakitanga



Calendar:

New parent information evening

- Tuesday August 9th, 2022 (6-7.30pm).

Board Meeting

- Tuesday August 9th, 6.30pm

Welcome to Term 3, week 2!

Tēnā koutou, e te whānau o Blockhouse Bay Intermediate

Welcome to the first Newsletter of term three.

A very big thankyou on behalf of the staff and wider community for supporting the use of masks to avoid an influx of Covid and seasonal flu. A result has been an increase in attendance to 91%, which is exceptional in the current climate. We will continue to monitor and adjust at the end of each week.

2022 term dates:

- Term 3:

25th Jul - 30th Sep

- Term 4:

17th Oct - 16th Dec

Student Led Conferences (SLC)

It was wonderful to see so many parents turn out for last week's Student Led Conferences. After so much disruption from covid, there was a real possibility that parents could disengage from school life. We are incredibly mindful that in the current climate, whanau is engagement is more important than ever.

For year seven the SLC showcases how far they have come and where they are going to prepare for High School in 2024. For year eights this was an opportunity to celebrate the incredible growth after two tumultuous years and what support is needed for the final push to High School.

Our teachers showcased their high expectations and we were able to showcase the environmental and classroom upgrades we have done over covid.



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Security gate

Every year we remind parents to not enter the school grounds at 3pm to pick up students, unless for medical reasons or for appointments during school hours. While we have avoided installing security gates at the front of school until now. Parents continue to be unsafe and so to remove the risk, new gates will be installed shortly. These will be on a timer and will be closed for the start of school, end of school, weekends and the holidays. The community is welcome to use our facilities as usual, but will need to park outside the school in future.

In the meantime - please do not organize to pick up your child in school grounds as soon as patrols are finished. This is causing congestion.

Students late to school can walk in and sign in at the office.

New Board, new strategic plan, new review cycle

We acknowledge that there appears to be a lot of community surveys at present. We always consult with our community regarding any aspect of the school direction that impacts on students or community and this year coinsides with a number of important changes in legislation and mandatory consultation process, including a new Board.

Strategic plan refresh

Thank you to all those who responded to our consultation process around our strategic plan refresh. Responses were overwhelmingly positive and we had some really good logistic (rather than strategic) suggestions which are going to be reviewed by staff. Findings will be shared with the Board.

Graduate profile refresh

Our graduate profile is a key part of our direction. Covid has proven more than ever that we need to be ready to adapt to anything that may come our way, that we need to be agile in our response and to stop doing things that don't work in light of the challenge.

Our Graduate profile is an example of a constant review cycle, to ensure our profile reflects the best possible dispositions of learning our students can graduate with to succeed in their learning journey.

This latest iteration of the profile more closely aligns with our school values and focus on enhanced the resilience our students will need to be leaders of their own learning in times ahead.

Nga mihi, Michael Malins



School Notices...

Absence procedures Please note important absence procedures below.

Procedure for absences:

If your child is going to be absent for the day(s) could you please either go to our website www.bhbint.school.nz, email your child's absence to office@bhbint.school.nz or call our office 626 6414 to leave an answer phone message with child's name and room number, and a brief explanation for the absence. If they are away for more than three days for medical reasons a medical certificate is required.

Procedure for late students:

All students arriving late for school (after 8:45am) will be required sign in at the office

Procedure for leaving school during school hours:

- 1. Students needing to leave school during the day must bring a note or email their teacher from their parent/caregiver explaining the reason for needing to leave and at what time, and approximate return time (if any).
- 2. Before leaving the school grounds, the student must be signed out at the office by their parent/caregiver (and then signed back in by the parent/ caregiver if returning on the same day).
- 3. Students are not permitted to sign themselves in or out

Sports, sports, spoorrttss...

Hockey 2022

Last Friday BBI took two teams to the Western Zone Hockey tournament. The students represented the school well and all enjoyed their day out at the Albany Hockey Stadium. The girls played some tough teams and finished their day with an impressive win finishing 5th. The boys made it to the final but lost after extra time, drop outs and penalties. Some impressive skills out there and some great goals were scored! Thank you to the parents that came and supported them on the day!





Sports Camp 2022...

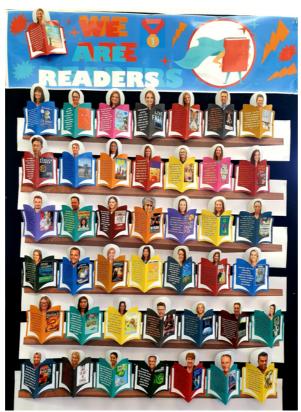
A highly successful time down at the Bay of Plenty Sports Camp in Matamata. Students dug in and played hard despite the weather and gave it everything their best shot. Our students behaved extremely well and showed our school values consistently over the week. A couple of highlights of the camp would be the Boys and Girls Volleyball Finals and watching the girls waist the boys in the Tug o War Challenge.



From the library...



Check out the awesome display that Donna (our AH-MAZING) librarian has put together. In our school we are readers! Whats your favourite young fiction?





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Scholastic are giving away FREE BOOKS to help celebrate and spread the love of reading in your school. Whanau you can get up to 3 FREE BOOKS this Issue.





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.







