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Whanaungatanga Rangatiratanga

iga Wairuatanga

Manaakitanga



The Festival of the Arts is <u>TONIGHT</u>, Thursday the 29th of September! 5.30pm - 8pm @ BBI

Welcome to Term 3, week 10!

Tēnā koutou, e te whānau o Blockhouse Bay Intermediate

Festival of the Arts.

Tonight, we celebrate our students return to performing for our community. This community event was cancelled due to covid last year and it is a credit to our staff and students who have worked incredibly hard for tonight's event. We look forward to seeing you there.

A return to a more normal term 4 and school events.

With the lifting of Covid Restrictions we are looking forward to a return to all our usual term four events that were cancelled in 2021. Year 8 camp will be a particular highlight, as a last chance for our students to enjoy one last major event in their primary school years before heading off to high school.

This is an important milestone and if you are still weighing up whether to send your child this year. We strongly encourage you to speak with your teacher and consider the benefits of building confidence, resilience and developing new friendships. Calendar:

Year 6 tours - 28th + 29th September, 2022. (9.20am + 11.45am) **Festival of the Arts** - 29th September, 2022 (530pm-8.00pm) End of term 3 - 30th September 2022, 2pm finish **Term 4 starts** - Monday 17th October, 2022 **Athletics Day** - Wednesday 21st October, 2022 2022 term dates: - Term 3: 25th Jul - 30th Sep - Term 4: 17th Oct - 16th Dec



Every week BBI focuses on a value. This week our focus is **Wairuatanga** (wellbeing) - helping others to feel safe at school.

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Covid has taken away so much over the past few years and our students have weathered the storm with resilience and by continuing to be present and engaged in their learning. It has been a particular point of pride to see our year eights grow and develop in maturity and confidence. Credit to our teachers on a job well done.

Enrolments for 2023

Another reminder to enroll your year 8 student in high school. Testing and transitioning is underway. If you know any families that have yet to enroll at BBI, please encourage them to do so. We are heading out to our primaries in early term 4 to profile and place our new cohort in 2023.

Japan 2023

Pre Covid BBI had two to three groups travelling annually to Japan and China. Covid put an end to all of this. It is only now that any thoughts of international travel are being discussed and tentative plans to engage have begun with Japan. Our sister school in Tokyo has been out to visit and we are establishing the framework for our first visits from Japan in March next year and two groups of 16 – 20 students visiting Japan around September.

We have a long history of rich cultural exchanges and our staff are well trained in leading this. Expressions of interest will be sent out for year seven students who are interested in this unique experience in 2023. If this is you, look out for this email from Ms Chueh.

Front gate

A new front gate is being installed over the break. Unfortunately, we have had to take this measure to keep our students safe and to deter late drop offs in the school grounds. A reminder to drop your child at the entrance, for them to walk in.

Thank you for a wonderful term. Our teachers will take a well-deserved break and prepare for a busy term four. Stay safe and we will welcome you back on October 17.

Nga mihi Michael Malins

(Principal)



School News...



EPro 8

Last week, BBI was host to West Auckland's EPRO8 competition for yr 5, 6,7 and 8. It was a busy and exciting two days! On Wednesday evening, four BBI teams took part. The competition was fierce and all teams combined their science engineering and maths knowledge over 2 1.2 hours to complete a variety of challenges. At the end of the evening, two teams - Vegan Pork Buns (Kabilan, Oscar, Daniel & Saad - Rm 16) and Robot League (Tai, Leon, Vicky & Shreya - Rm 15) came in the top 3 - Both teams will be going through to the semi finals next term. Well Done!

Well done to our other two teams who gallantly problem solved and collaborated! They were not far behind ~ 4 Musketeers (Vansh, Somit, Rishi & Aryan - Rm 16) and CHUB (Arth, Kalais- Rm 19 & Gemi, Krish - 9).

Semi finals update:

Congratulations to the Vegan Pork Buns, who came through in the last 40 minutes to gain 3rd place in the EPRO8 West Auckland semi final. The semi final challenges built on in difficulty from the heat. They and our other amazing team, Robot League (Shreya, Leon, Tia and Vicky room 15) did a fantastic job under the pressure and excitement (and constant noise).

Saad, Oscar, Daniel and Kabilan (room 16) will be competing against 11 other teams in the Auckland final on the 19th October. Good luck and have fun!





Science fair success

This year Issac Sun from room 28 entered the NIWA Auckland Science Fair. He was awarded Highly Commended for his project in recognition of the great effort and scientific inquiry. He also received a Special Prize donated by The House of Science, for innovative use of equipment. Issac's inquiry question was Does Air Bounce?

The aim of this project was to find the relationship between the height of a ball's bounce to the amount of air in the ball. This was done by gradually adding air into a ball and measuring the height of its bounce. Balls made with different materials and diameters were tested and the overall conclusion was that the more air in a ball the higher the bounce/rebound will be, the height of the bounces levelled off around 9-10 psi at 1.2m when dropped from 1.5m.

Congratulations Isaac!

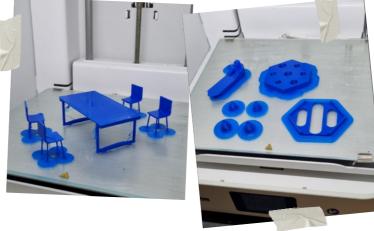


School News cont...



3D Printing + Inquiry

In Terms 2 and 4 our students are investigating the subject of Panoni/Change. While applying a rigorous social science methodology, students had an opportunity to choose a technological innovation they were interested in and examine how it has impacted on society. The subjects chosen by students ranged from the impact of satellite technology and electric cars, to how changes in dining out and pet enrichment toys have changed our lives. In the case of the latter topics, students made use of our 3D printer lab to make models of restaurant furniture and build a deconstructed enrichment toy. It is great to see such engagement with a topic so relevant to today's world.



Upcoming event...





BLOCKHOUSE BAY INTERMEDIATE FESTIVAL OF THE ARTS





The **Festival of the Arts** is **TODAY** Thursday the 29th of September!

5.30pm-8pm @ BBI p.s this is a <u>free</u> event! Bring everyone!

The evening will showcase BBI's Performance Groups, the Trash to Flash entries and a selection of beautiful artworks and sculptures. You will also have the opportunity to vote on the Trash to Flash costumes and sculptures on the night. The event will be a Festival with multiple stages, you will be able to move around and pick and choose which performances to attend. Get your best festival outfit ready and mark this in your calendars! Looking forward to seeing you there to support our groups that are working tirelessly!

Sports news...



Western Zone Volleyball Competition

On Monday 19 September 2022, some of our students represented BHBI School at the Western Zone Volleyball competition. Lunchtime practices and countless early morning training sessions really paid off because both teams dominated their games and won their pool. Both the boys and girls teams made it to the semi-finals but reality set in as they played against more challenging volleyball teams. Our students demonstrated the school values of manaakitanga, wairuatanga, whanaungatanga and rangatiratanga. Thank you to Mr Ioelu and Matua Ash for coaching the teams and to Mr Cathro for organizing this amazing event and to our volunteers who transported our students to and from the competition.

Job Opportunity...



Position: Resource / Office Assistant (Fixed term for one year)

Start date: Thursday 25th October

41 weeks per annum 8.00am-3.00pm Grade A \$23.67 per hour

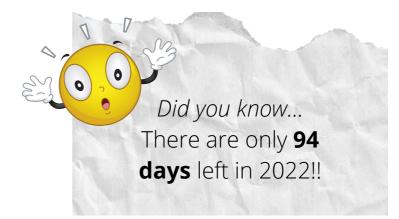
Office work

- Absentee electronic register attendance programme.
- Newsletter.
- Administrative tasks.
- Sick bay.

Resource Room To maintain the smooth running of the resource room.

- Accessioning and covering of books.
- Photocopying to teachers' requirements.
- Working in conjunction with the librarian in sorting out any concerns that may arise.
- Entering books into the library system.
- Assisting with Stocktake.
- Transferring resources onto computer system.
- Manage resources alongside curriculum leaders to cull old stock.
- Providing a tidy, welcoming environment within the resource room.

Email your CV and covering letter to *office@bhbint.school.nz* or drop at the school office by Wednesday 29th September at 12pm.



COMMUNITY NEWS



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. right next to Blockhouse Bay Located 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. Call us on 0273257070 BoltonStHWClub@gmail.com \square

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