

Blockhouse Bay Intermediate School

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Whanaungatanga



Rangatiratanga



Wairuatanga



Manaakitanga



The Kapa Haka group with our Japanese visitors from Futaba Future Jr. High School

Calendar:

13 December, 2022

- Class celebrations..... many events across school

14 December, 2022

- Star Awards/ Sport Awards assembly (9.15am start)

15 December, 2022

- Year 8 Graduation (11.45am - 1.15pm)

16 December, 2022

- Last day of school
- Prize Giving assembly (9.15am start)
- School will finish at 2pm

2022 term dates:

- **Term 4:**
17th Oct - 16th Dec

2023 term dates:

- **Term 1:**
31st Jan - 6th April
- **Term 2:**
24th April - 30th June
- **Term 3:**
17th July - 22nd September
- **Term 4:**
9th October - 14th December

Welcome to Term 4, week 6!

Tēnā koutou, e te whānau o Blockhouse Bay Intermediate

It certainly feels like we are heading into the final stretch of the year. End of year assessments are finishing off, final reports are being checked, transitions to high school are in their final week and our senior staff have been out visiting our contributing primary schools collecting data for placements in 2023.

On Tuesday our board of Trustees met and finalized our planning for 2023 and beyond. We are building on all that we have achieved in the past three years and continuing to develop our property with the new playground. Complete a full school repaint over the break (already started) and start to deliver on the New Zealand Curriculum refresh in 2023, starting with the Social Science curriculum New Zealand Histories.

We always get excited when we can design new content for our localized curriculum and we will be well advanced to deliver both literacy and mathematics in 2024. It is assuring to see the refreshed curriculum better reflects the BBI curriculum than the old NZC. With more structure in place and with progressions expected to be published late in term one 2023.



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Once we have these, we will align our own progressions (rubrics) and gather student voice on how best to improve what we design so they work best for our students understanding as learners. TēnāWork on the refresh started was mostly finished before Covid interrupted everything, so this is well over due.

This reflects the pace of Intermediate, always reviewing, always improving. Ensuring our year eights are best prepared for their next adventure and that we are ready for another half of the school to begin their adventure with the best resources in place to ensure their adventure is as good as, if not better than those before.

Best wishes to Miss Abbott

Our thoughts are with Miss Abbott as she takes maternity leave from the end of this week and for 2023. We are lucky to have one of our very experienced relievers carrying the class through to the end of term. Mrs McIntosh will carry the class through for the rest of the year.

There will be one last newsletter before the end of term where will announce any staffing changes for 2023 and end of year final reminders. We are very much focused on ensuring our year eights enjoy a memorable end to their Intermediate life.

Ngā Mihi,
Michael Malins

School News...



Very Special Visitors

Last Thursday and Friday we welcomed our very first Japanese student visitors from Fukushima. This has been a long time coming with COVID preventing any international travel. The group of students and teachers are from Futaba Future Junior High School which is located in Hirono.

Day One:

They were welcomed into BBI with a fantastic performance from our Kapa Haka group followed by a trip around Auckland city with Miss Chueh and Mr Carney. The highlight of the day for them was the "All Blacks Experience" and their rugby skills were put to the test! They explored Cornwall park and we stopped off at Devonport for some lunch.

Day Two:

Futaba Future Junior High students spent a day in BBI, where they went into three different classes. The purpose of their trip was to promote their city after the Japanese earthquake that created the Tsunami causing the Fukushima Nuclear Disaster. At the beginning of the day, Futaba students shared some information about the disaster and the regeneration programme that has been happening to rebuild their city. BBI students had the chance to brainstorm and come up with a variety of ideas to support their regeneration efforts. Toward the end of the day, the students participated and learnt how to play Tapuwae and Non-Stop Cricket. Finally, ending their day with Miss Ramlu, where they created koru art.

The Japanese students and teachers were blown away by the kindness our students showed them! They blended into our school life effortlessly and were really impressed with our school! This was an awesome opportunity for our students to meet and experience a different culture and our visitors got to experience a real slice of Kiwiana life.

This opens up the doors to develop the potential opportunity for exchange visits in the future, between our two schools.

School News cont...



A snippet of the fun things our Japanese visitors got up to



Year 7 EOTC: Ambury Farm

Outdoor Education offers students the opportunity to challenge themselves as leaders and use their whanaungatanga to work with other classmates and team members from their whānau to problem solve and experience something they have or may not have done before.

This year we are able to offer our students the chance to be involved in a day of Outdoor Education activities run by the Auckland Council and their instructors! Our Year 7 students participated in a variety of activities and these include mountain biking, navigation/ orienteering, archery, co-operative games and outdoor cooking. This gave them the opportunity to be involved in these activities and will be a great lead-in and taster for our Year 7 students before their bigger EOTC trip next year, going to the Year 8 Camp.

Thank you to the parent helpers who gave up their time to help run the activities on the day, as this would not have gone ahead without your support! The students had a blast! Thank you to the teachers and all the work you have put into the organisation before heading out!



From the library...



Summer Reading Programme

All students returning to BBI in 2023, and new students enrolled for 2023 are eligible to participate in our Summer Reading Programme. This is a great opportunity to earn a Red Star and make a commitment to improving your reading over the summer.

Click on this [link](#) to register today!

Key Dates to remember!

- 8 December - Last date to register
- 12th & 14th December 8am-3:45pm - Library open day for choosing books and collecting Activity Booklet
- 25th January 9am-12pm - Library open day to swap books

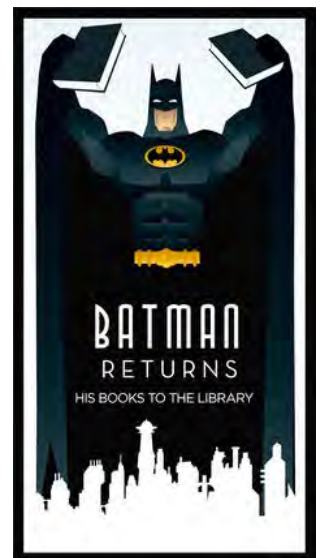
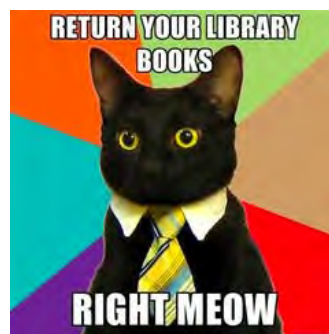
For further information contact Donna - donnalm@bhbint.school.nz



Stocktake

We are quickly approaching the end of the school year, before then we need to complete a library stocktake.

This involves scanning every book in the library. Please can you help this process run smoothly by making sure all books are returned to the Library by **Thursday 1st December**.



ePlatform by Wheelers Books

Our eBooks and Audiobooks are available for all our students over the summer holidays.

Follow the links to the [Junior](#) and [Senior](#) 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.



38 days left in the year!

Year 8 Camp 2022...

Finally Year 8 Camp is back! Woohoo!

I think some students (and some adults) got a bit of a shock when it came to the hike up Rangitoto before heading into Motutapu Outdoor Education Centre. There were a number of tired faces as campers strode into camp. That rapidly changed however, as students picked their beds and set up their new home for the next week. Time to get things started.

A bit of a mixed bag when it came to the weather. Week 1 saw a number of sunny hot days and enjoyed plenty of swimming and kayaking. Camp 2 however was a bit wet and unfortunately due to poor conditions we were unable to go out on the kayaks. Students and some adults braved the cold and swam on a couple of occasions. Our students embraced everything and it was truly wonderful to see their engagement and enjoyment despite the conditions.

Motutapu Outdoor Education Centre provided great instructors for most of the activities and supported our students to take risks and try new things. Abseiling down highwalls, flying above the trees, walking tightropes and plenty of team challenges. Each group was able to earn points on each activity. The winners will be announced at next assembly and will win a lunch shout from Mr. C.

Overall a great couple of weeks away and we are already looking forward to next year. Thank you to our BBI staff for your support, knowledge, wisdom and time. Thank you for what you give the children of this community.

Kia ora rawa atu!

♥ A huge thank you to the following parents who took time away from their jobs and families to support camp ♥

Tavita Lurch, Donna Postlewaight, Daniel Vazey, Hugh Sorby, Micheal Gartner, Bhama Senthuran, Jon Gwin, Nick Ray, Rinesh Solanki, Jaksen Tavai, Anna Edlington, Shirley Savathongdy, Chloe Chen, Mailee Saofia, Allison De Zoysa, Grant Burrows, Nigel Wilmschurst, Darren Kalka, Arthur Tan





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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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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Wishing you all
 a very
 Merry Christmas
 and a
 Happy New Year!

Shubhita Khanna

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LYNFIELD TENNIS CLUB

HOLIDAY CAMP

CAMP 1
 Mon 19th to
 Thurs 22nd Dec 2022
 Cost - \$150 for 4 days
 or \$40 per day

CAMP 2
 Mon 16th to
 Fri 20th Jan 2023
 Cost - \$190 for 5 days
 or \$40 per day

9am to 12noon

HOT SHOTS
 HOTSHOTS, BEGINNER
 & ADVANCED CAMP ARE
 SAME DATES AND TIMES

We will be running a mini tournament on the final day of each camp. Prizes will be up for grabs.
 A quick prize giving will be held on the last day of camp at 11.45am

Camp will be on regardless of weather,
 inside activities will be provided if wet.
 Bring morning tea and a drink.

To register contact Josh.
 Payment please direct credit to
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