Blockhouse Bay Intermediate School

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Whanaungatanga Rangatiratanga

Wairuatanga

Manaakitanga





June 2020 Pānoni October 2022

Welcome to our last newsletter of the year...

Tēnā koutou, e te whānau o Blockhouse Bay Intermediate

2022 has had its challenges as well as many successes as we have navigated around covid, to a more routine schooling life. We have worked incredibly hard to support whanau and students who were reluctant to return to school and our high attendance rates have ensured students have enjoyed a more normal end to the year, have continued to accelerate their learning and are ready for high school.

Our PB4L culture is a data driven approach to supporting students make the right behaviour choice, thinking before they would make the wrong choice. While we have had a small group making poor choices, we have been quick to get them back on track with whanau support.

This reflects good systems, processes and people working together for our community. It has been a big year and we have navigated our way successfully. As we move to the last day and say goodbye for the year we will be sending our year eight's off knowing they are in the best position for High School, as we turn our attention to next year.

End of year celebrations

Next week will be the first formal end of year celebrations since 2020. Parents will be aware that there are rising cases of covid in the community and we are still ...cont

Calendar:

13 December, 2022

- Class celebrations.... many events across school
- 14 December, 2022
- Star Awards + Sport Awards assembly (9.15am
- 15 December, 2022
- Year 8 Graduation
- (11.45am 1.15pm)
- Year 8 Graduation Dance (5.30pm - 8.30pm)

16 December, 2022

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

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



Every week BBI focuses on a value. This week our focus is Whanaungatanga (relationships) - "I am able to develop positive relationships".

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experiencing cases at school and amongst staff. Cases are rising and impacting staff, creating pressure on finding relievers and we have been forced to mandate masks in rooms where covid numbers are rising. Masks will be need to be worn for the final assemblies and prize giving and we remind students to bring a mask for these events. We will continue to monitor the situation closely next week in regards to graduation dance. For event details please see the calendar on the side of this newsletter as well as the next page. Please keep all students home if they are sick and remember to test and report.

Start of year Powhiri

A reminder that the 2023 calendar year starts on 31 January at **nine am**, with a return of our Powhiri to welcome all manahuri into our kura. Our powhiri is for our year seven students, their whanau, new year eights and new staff.

We will be joined by the staff of RTLB cluster 6 who are based at Arahoe school but have joined BBI as their lead school moving forward. We are looking forward to properly welcoming our community.

Staffing changes 2023

Now that travel restrictions have lifted and people have had a chance to evaluate the past three years. We expected staffing changes after no movement during Covid. We have three staff moving on or out of Auckland, two staff taking time to travel and a senior staff member taking a sabbatical in 2023.

Mr Hill is taking a one year sabbatical to study and Mr Ioelu will be our Acting Deputy Principal in charge of SENCO.

Miss Jensen and Miss Franklin are taking a year's leave to travel.

Miss Buchanan is moving to live in Hamilton.

Miss Garratt is moving to live in Whangamata.

Mrs Strother is leaving us to travel.

We welcome the following new teachers in 2023:

Abbey Welch, Charlotte Grant, Grace Kaleta, Annabelle Major, Maddi Fletcher and Shae Tuttle.

We also welcome Laura Hiller who will be our new science specialist. Laura joins us from Kaurilands.

Miss Mckeown took maternity leave this year and now has three under five and has made the sensible choice to work as a DP closer to home, at Patatoetoe West Primary, where she will be DP. We are in the process of appointing a new DP.

For our teachers who are leaving Auckland or changing to schools closer to home, we wish you all the very best and thank you for the lives you have touched and the dedication to our school and community. We will see our teachers on a year leave, when they return in 2024 and we will welcome our new staff and will transition them properly in later January.

As a school and Board, we wish you all a very restful break, time with family, time to travel for many and time to relax and unwind after another Covid year. Take care and we will see you in the new year.

Nga mihi, Michael Malins



<u>Last day of school</u> - Friday 16th December, 2022 at 2pm

We wish all our graduating Year 8's the best of luck at their chosen high school!



2023 start dates: Term 1 starts on Tuesday 31st January, 2023.

- We encourage all students to be at school by 8:30am.
- Year 7's to the Hall and Year 8's to the main court.
- School office opens on the 24th January 2023 at 8am.



School Uniform info

- If you would like to donate you school uniform back to us please drop it off on the 24th January.
- Uniform is available from NZ Uniforms 7 Rata Street New Lynn phone 9720272.
- Christmas hours closed from the 23/12/2022 – until the 4th January 2023. Shop hours Mon – Fri 9am – 4pm and Sat 9am – 3.30pm.

School News...



Saswin, Charlie, and Kabilan have been volunteering down at Hope Garden (Eco Matters) in order to earn their Rangatiratanga Star. They have been clearing weeds and plastic so that all the native plants and waterways thrive. Well done boys!







2023 Stationery Ordering

To make going Back to School easy for you we have the Warehouse Stationery with our list online under lists on the website www.warehousestationery.co.nz. OfficeMax also have our stationery list on their site. myschool.co.nz



School Tuck shop

Tuck shop hours for the last week of school are as follows...

12th December open

13th December Closed

14th December 11.50am Morning tea only

15th December closed

16th December closed



End of year celebrations: times and dates

- Year 8 Graduation is on the 15th of December 11.45-1.15pm, year 8's can go home after graduation concludes. The Graduation Dance will take place in the evening between 5:30pm-8:30pm (notice sent home). There is no charge to the students. Students must bring along the permission slip for entry at the door. Students are to be collected from the hall at 8:30pm.
- Star Awards/Sports Assembly is on Wednesday the 14th December and starts at 9.15am 10.20am.
- Prizegiving is on Friday the 16th of December 9.15am-10.20am.

BBI CELEBRATION DAY

This year we will be having a BBI Celebration Day on **Tuesday 13 December.** This day has been organised to celebrate the wonderful year and so students can have a fun end to 2022. It will also be a **casual clothes day so students will need to bring \$2 to school on the morning of Tuesday 13 December.**

There will be food trucks! A sausage sizzle (halal lamb sausages and vegetarian sausages for \$2.00 each)! A dunk tank (students can pay \$1 for 3 throws and aim at a target)! A slip and slide! A coding room! Nintendo switch arena! Karaoke! A origami room! A growing art mural! Football! Volleyball! Basketball! Cricket batting with a bowling machine!

Soooo much to do! Soooo little time!



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.

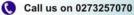


Bolton St Homework Club is an after school Homework Club for kids in Year 7 & Year 8. Located right next to Blockhouse Bay Intermediate, we operate from 3pm to 6pm week days. Our after school Homework Club offers a safe, fun and friendly home based environment for all kids in our care.

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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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



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 Josh Mark, BNZ 02-0278-0314418-00 LYNFIELD TENNIS CLUB 18 The Avenue Lynfield, Auckland 1042



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