Blockhouse Bay Intermediate School

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Whanaungatanga Rangatiratanga

Wairuatanga

Manaakitanga



Calendar:

School Cross Country

Friday 12th May, 2023.

Pink Shirt Day

• Friday 19th May, 2023.

King's Birthday

• Monday 5th June, 2023.

Welcome to Term 2 week 3!

Tēnā koutou, e te whānau o Blockhouse Bay Intermediate

Thank you for a very successful start to the term. Such a difference to term one, which can be somewhat chaotic start for parents and students until routines are well established. The term start has felt somewhat tropical and we are looking forward to a change this week so that we can dry out before construction of the new playground begins on Monday.

We remind students to stay well away from the site so that we can get the install finished as guickly as possible and open for the students over the winter months.

Last year our community helped raise \$36 000 towards the construction of the playground through our annual knowledge a thon. This was an incredible achievement and the highest amount we have raised. Each year we fundraise for a significant asset that helps current and future generations at BBI. Current students benefit from those that have gone before and this supports a great cycle of schooling improvement and legacy pieces.

To enhance the environment and really showcase this new addition, the Board would like to develop a peaceful garden space for students and families to rest under the trees while their friends and community children play. This will break up the underutilised space between the playground and Totora block.

2023 term dates:

- Term 1:

31st Jan - 6th April

- Term 2:

26th April - 30th June

- Term 3:

17th July- 22nd September

- Term 4:

9th October - 14th December



Manaakitanga

(respect)

I strive for excellence in all that I can do.

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A space similar to our Hauora garden between the library and the music block will be developed. Once again adding a significant garden area to our school and breaking up our hard areas.

As the site comes together we know you will see the space will add value to our students wellbeing.

Ngā mihi Michael Malins

UNIFORM REMINDERS

The school uniform is seen by the school, Board of Trustees and community as the major form of identity and belonging to Blockhouse Bay Intermediate.

As cooler weather approaches, we would like to remind our students and whānau of our optional uniform during Terms 2 and 3 to keep warm:

- Plain black or navy beanies, gloves, scarves, can be worn outside the classroom, as well as to and from school.
- Plain black or navy thermal tops can be worn underneath formal uniform, provided they are close-fitting thermal tops. Ill-fitting thermal tops with baggy sleeves are not part of our school uniform.
- Full-length black tights may be worn instead of white socks. We would prefer these to be footed (i.e. not leggings). Full length = right to the ankle. Leggings that do not go right to the ankle are not part of the school uniform.

The school uniform and P.E. uniform are compulsory. Correct school uniform should be worn to and from school with correct P.E. uniform worn at school for fitness, P.E., sport and dance & drama lessons. If your child does not have a uniform item with a reasonable explanation, please communicate with the classroom teacher to organise an 'uniform pass' for a short period of time. We would like to take this opportunity to reiterate that hair that is longer than shoulder length should be tied up fully (not half up/half down). We would like students to have natural-looking hair. Plain black or navy blue hair accessories and head scarves for religious reasons are allowed. To keep our uniform clean and tidy, the following items are not allowed: rings, bangles, friendship bands, necklaces, fake nails, nail polish or make up. Jewellery worn for religious or cultural reasons is allowed as long as there is written permission from the parent or caregiver.

Please ensure all items of uniform should be named and our lost property is located between the Food & Nutrition room and the Science room. It is open during school time.

The development of pride in belonging to the school is fostered through the wearing of the school uniform. Thank you for your support.

Deputy Principal Julie Wong



A reminder: please <u>do not</u> park in the back entrance

can gain independence by walking in.

The back entrance is for the dental clinic and staff parking. It is not a drop off pick up area. Parents are putting staff and students at risk, as well as upsetting our dental clinic. We encourage you to drop your child off close to school so they

School News...



BBI Talent Show - auditions kick off week 4!

IT'S NEARLY TIME!!

Auditions kick off week 4 this term! Woohoo!

Are you excited? Has your student registered? Have they been practising?! Are they prepared!

WE ARE! Watch out for all the exciting news on our facebook page and the school newsletter!



40hr Famine World Vision Conference

On the 1st of May our four 40hr Famine Leaders attend the World Vision Conference with other schools from across Auckland. We learnt about the water shortages and droughts around the world, and the conditions that many young children have to live, and unfortunately die in. Discussing how we, as leaders, can spread awareness and help raise money towards bringing fresh water to communities in need. Although these realities were hard to hear, we were left feeling inspired and hopeful that by starting our own campaigns we can motivate others to get involved in the 40hr Famine Event coming up in June.





School Crossing

Please be mindful of children crossing before and after school. With the wet weather and winter, roads are slippery.

Visit <u>this</u> website for more advice on how kea crossings work. Please help us keep our students safe!



EVERYDAY MATTERS!

Regular school attendance is critical to student learning and wellbeing. The Ministry of Education has set attendance targets of 90-100% for the school year. All students must be present at school so they can participate and engage in learning. ERO (Education Review Office) did a deep dive into the national and international research in November 2022 about the impact of attendance. They found strong evidence that regular attendance has a high impact on overall student wellbeing, engagement and academic achievement.

Currently at Blockhouse Bay Intermediate School in Term 1, we had 80% of our students with an attendance rate of 90-100% with an overall school attendance rate of 92.7%. To motivate, maintain and incentivise student attendance, and in alignment with the Positive Behaviour for Learning approach, we have introduced a cultural star: Attendance star. The rationale for this award is to recognise and celebrate students' high and/or improved attendance throughout the school year.

From Term 3, 2023 the Ministry of Education is asking us to monitor students who have 5 or more days off each term for an unjustified reason. Truancy and holidays during term time are considered unjustified. We will also be required to follow-up in a timely manner why your child is away especially if you haven't notified us. To help us out, please ensure you notify the office every day that your child is away and/or respond to the text alerts.

With COVID-19 in our community and other bugs around, we continue to encourage our students to keep up with the healthy habits of washing hands, coughing/sneezing into elbows and staying home if they are sick.

Deputy Principals
Julie Wong & Karen Mills

1 or 2 days ABSENT a week doesn't seem much but			
If your child misses	That equals	Which is	And over 13 years of schooling that's
1 day per fortnight	20 days per year	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1 ½ years
1 day per week	40 days per year	8 weeks per year	Over 2 ½ years
2 days per week	80 days per year	16 weeks per year	Over 5 years
3 days per week	120 days per year	24 weeks per year	Nearly 8 years!
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My child is only missing just 10 mins per day	That equals 50 mins per week	Which is Nearly 1 ½ weeks per year	And over 13 years of schooling that's Nearly ½ year



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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Grant Harvey

"You can take the boy out of the Bay but you cant take the Bay out of the boy".

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Shubhrta Khanna

"It's all about you".

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What does it involve?



CHILDREN'S **ASTHMA STUDY CAN YOU HELP?**

e are looking for children with asthma idy comparing two different asthma in To take part in this study you must:

- or more information, contact







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JUNIOR COACHING SCHEDULE

ORANGE

GREEN

YELLOW AGE 10+ (Level appropriate) MONDAY 6 - 7pm SATURDAY 10.30 - 11.30am

HIGH PERFORMANCE COACHING DAY I TIME: THURSDAY 5.15 - 6.30pm (Age 11+) COST: \$160 for 8 weeks Starting Thurs 27th April 2023

ADULT COACHING SCHEDULE DAY I TIME: THURSDAY 6.30 - 7.30pm COST: \$160 for 8 weeks Starting Thurs 2

Ph 021 031 8013

Payments to 365 Tennis account: BNZ - 02-0278-0314418-00





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

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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