

Blockhouse Bay Intermediate School

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Whanaungatanga



Rangatiratanga



Wairuatanga



Manaakitanga



Double rainbow for luck ;)

Welcome to Term 2 week 5!

Tēnā koutou, e te whānau o Blockhouse Bay Intermediate

Half way through term two and winter is about to begin.

Good progress is being made on our new playground, with much of the site prep and base work completed this week. Progress will be quick once installation of the equipment begins next week. We will be opening this new addition to students shortly and moving straight into developing the gardens between the playground and Totorā block. This will be another wonderful addition to our beautiful school, a place of play and peace for students and families for generations to come.

Winter illness reminder

As winter officially begins next week, we are back into the cold, flu and covid season. Already we have seen a few covid cases appear, along with stomach bugs and colds. Thank you to our parents for reporting this early and keeping students home.

We continue to monitor trends in illness to ensure classes continue to follow best practice. We also expect and encourage students to return to mask wearing if they choose. Remember to phone the office if your child is unwell and keep them home until they are recovered.

Calendar:

King's Birthday

- Monday 5th June, 2023.

40 Hour Famine Weekend

- 16th June - 18th June, 2023.

2023 term dates:

- Term 2:
26th April - 30th June
- Term 3:
17th July- 22nd September
- Term 4:
9th October - 14th December



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Camp update

We have noticed a number of year 8 parents have not responded to the initial camp letter. As such the lower numbers will impact the experience we can provide our community. A reminder letter has been sent and we thank you for responding.

We totally understand any trepidation following the Abbey Caves tragedy and want to assure our community that as a fully compliant Education Outside the Classroom school (ERO compliance 2023), we work closely with our very experienced camp, their risk assessment team and skilled instructors.

Outdoor Education is fundamental to the personal growth of Rangitahi and Tamariki and a crucial component in their journeys through life. It is often the first introduction to the great outdoors for many New Zealanders and that connection to nature leads to numerous physical and mental health benefits – and often a lifelong love of the outdoors. When such a tragedy occurs, it is natural to pause and reflect.

Motutapu has asked us to reiterate that

- Our programs, activities, systems etc fall under the AAO Regulations, we hold Outdoors Mark (Premium) and are safety audited annually. Unlike School self run programs
- We are Centre based and all our equipment such as high ropes, climbing wall, flying fox are inspected at the required intervals by independent experts and our own team.
- We do not offer Caving, Canyoning, Whitewater Activities or similar.

We do not wish any student to miss out on the final **big** activity before they leave intermediate school and we know from many years of experience that the one thing we do not mix is activities and weather events.

Ngā mihi,
Michael Malins



Safety at the school gate

We understand that parents can feel rushed in the morning and afternoons and be tempted to ignore the road rules to drop / pick up their children off to save a few moments. By doing so parents are placing our students and staff at risk, as well as frustrating others commuters.

This is an ongoing concern for all schools in Auckland and we have repeatedly reminded parents to respect the safety of our community. We have been in touch with the police and patrols will be stepped up around the school.

We will be photographing unsafe practice and logging incidents with Auckland Transport, who will be issuing infringement notices. Please organise to pick your child up from a safe place close to the school after the rush.



The intersection of Bolton and Kay Drive is particularly congested when parents block traffic and park on the yellow lines

School News



Garden Gnomes

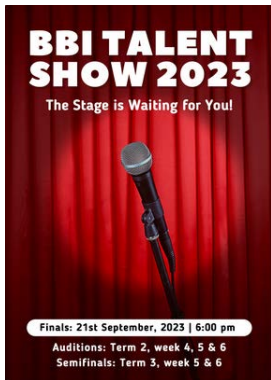
Alongside Whaea Laura and Miss Ward, our very own lunchtime Garden Gnomes club has been hard at work in the school gardens over the last two Terms! They have worked incredibly hard every week to clear weeds, plant new seedlings, edible herbs and flowers ready to be used in Food Technology lessons.

We are lucky enough to have some established planting in the garden beds as well as our school orchard area which provide an excellent learning space for Science, Enviro kids enrichment classes and for use in Food Technology.

Even though we are heading into Winter, the garden still has lots of life in it. In preparation for the colder months we have planted some of the garden beds with a green compost crop. Seeds from plants such as lupin, mustard, clover, oats, lucerne, broad beans and buckwheat are sown and then allowed to grow in the garden beds. The root systems loosen soil and before the plants flower they are dug back into the soil which adds much needed nitrogen and organic matter to replenish the soil. This should make excellent growing conditions in the spring and summer months. Come visit the garden area and look out for helpful labels designed by the Garden Gnome students to give you ideas for your own gardens!



School News cont...



BBI Talent Show - auditions have kicked off!

We are sooo excited to bring back our Talent Show after so many years. Encourage your students to take part if they have not already - we will make sure they can audition!

Week 4 - Musical performance (solo/group) e.g singing, playing a musical instrument, bands!

Week 5 - Performance (solo/group) e.g. dancing, comedy, drama skits!

Week 6 - Special talents (solo/group) e.g. acrobatics, gymnasts, magicians!

We hope to announce our semi-finalists in *week 9 of Term 2*. Semi finals will be in *Term 3 week 5 + 6*. Finals will be *Term 3, week 10 (21st September, 2023)*.



Thai Students Visit Blockhouse Bay Intermediate

Blockhouse Bay Intermediate was lucky enough to have five students from Thailand study with us for three weeks at the start of this term. They have had a fantastic time practising their English and getting involved in school life. They have each been hosted by a family at our school. We are going to miss them and their teacher Nan very much. We wish them a safe trip back to Thailand.

We have over 30 Chinese students coming to visit from 18-30 July. If you are interested in hosting an international student, please email Ingrid Belt our international student coordinator at ingridb@bhshint.school.nz



Thai students with artwork they created with Miss Ramlu in the art room!



Rotorua Marathon 10km

We had two amazing students participate in the Rotorua Marathon!

Congratulations to Sofia Maulvurfs, Room 19, who competed in the Rotorua Marathon 10km Race on Saturday 06 May. Sofia was the fifth woman to cross the finish line in a time of 44 minutes 38 seconds, just six minutes and nine seconds behind the winner, and was 22nd runner overall. This is a phenomenal result as Sofia was running against adults many years older than her!

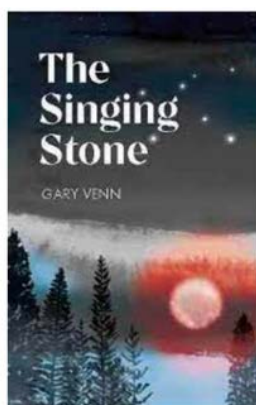
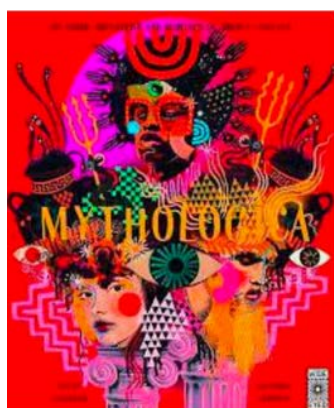
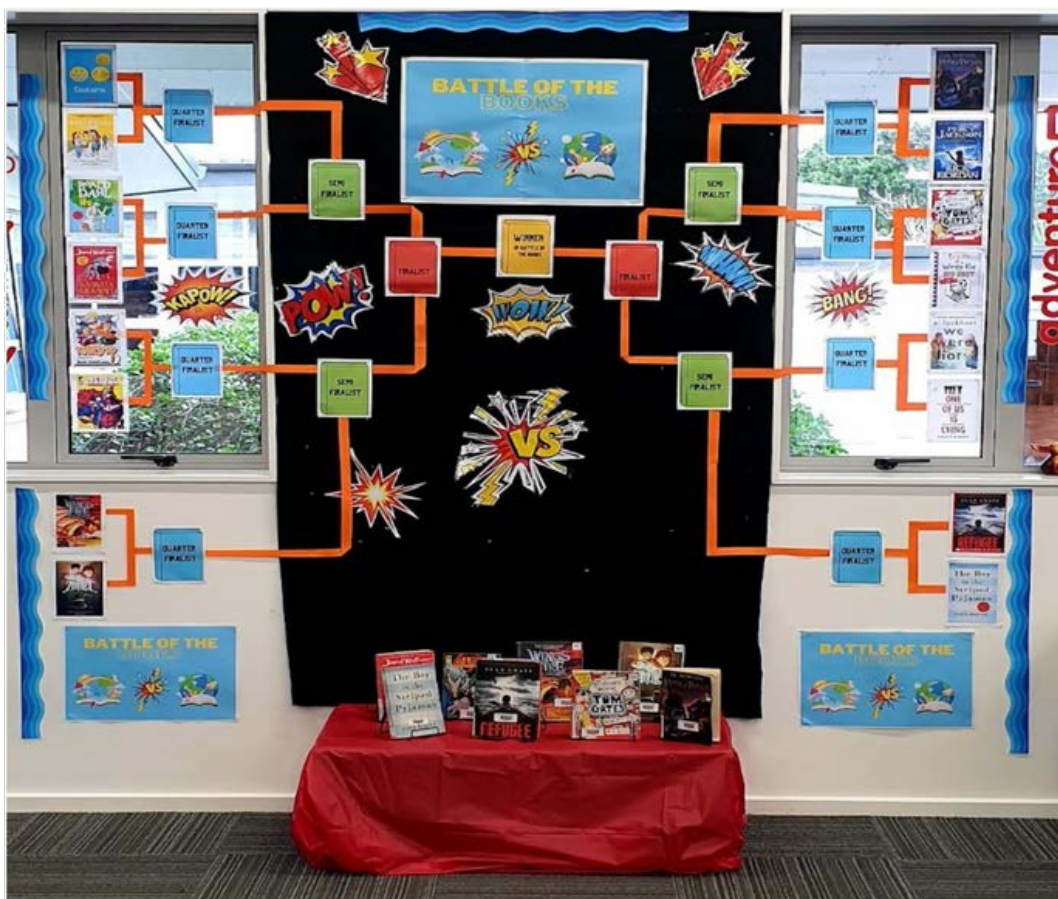
Go Mayson, GO! Mayson did really well and finished in 45 minutes, his aim was under 50 minutes! Congratulations to our two brilliant runners!

From the library...



Battle of the Books

This term we are "battling it out" to find our favourite book at BBI! Each week books will go head to head until we find our winner. The Daily Notices will have a link to a Google Form where students can vote.





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
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School in Action Tours
 Monday 24 July at 11.30 am - 1.00 pm
 Wednesday 26 July: 11.30 am - 1.00 pm

Open Evening
 Monday 31 July at 6.00 pm
 For more information visit:
www.lynfield.school.nz

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Aladdin JR

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 7pm Friday, 19th May
 7pm Saturday, 20th May
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 WINTER COACHING TERM 2, 2023

18 The Avenue Lynfield Auckland 1042 www.lynfieldtennis.co.nz

JUNIOR COACHING SCHEDULE
 COST: \$150 for 8 weeks Starting Mon 24th April & Sat 29th April 2023

RED	AGE 5 - 8 MONDAY 4 - 5pm SATURDAY 8.30 - 9.30am
ORANGE	AGE 8 - 10 MONDAY 5 - 6pm SATURDAY 9.30 - 10.30am
GREEN	AGE 9+ MONDAY 6 - 7pm
YELLOW	AGE 10+ (Level appropriate) MONDAY 6 - 7pm SATURDAY 10.30 - 11.30am

HIGH PERFORMANCE COACHING
 DAY 1 TIME: THURSDAY 5.15 - 6.30pm (Age 11+)
 COST: \$160 for 8 weeks Starting Thurs 27th April 2023

ADULT COACHING SCHEDULE
 DAY 1 TIME: THURSDAY 6.30 - 7.30pm
 COST: \$160 for 8 weeks Starting Thurs 27th April 2023

To register please email with name, age & squad.

Racquets provided for all levels.
 Ph 021 031 8013
 josh@365tennis.co.nz
 Payments to 365 Tennis account:
 BNZ - 02-0278-0314418-00

HOT SHOTS
 Tennis Hot Shots is the national starter tennis programme for New Zealand children. Tennis Hot Shots is just for kids. Smaller courts, shorter racquets and softer balls mean that kids can play a proper game of tennis from the moment they step on court.

MARIST COLLEGE
Catholic Girls School, Years 7 to 13

2024 Enrolments

Marist College is a non-zoned girls Catholic Secondary School.
 Limited Spaces are available in Years 7, 8, 9 and all senior levels.
 Please complete the online application at www.maristcollege.school.nz/enrolments
www.maristcollege.school.nz

This is to let you know MRGS enrolment for 2024 opens on Monday 29 May. Applicants can apply online or use a hardcopy form which is available from MRGS reception. Hardcopy forms are now in the school reception.

If you questions about applying, you are very welcome to email them through to admin@mrgs.school.nz or call on 621 0050.



BEGINNER CLASSES: Try a new sport!

All epee fencing gear provided – learn footwork and bladework skills then outwit, outmanoeuvre your opponent!

5 week classes for 10 to 15 year olds starting **31st May** or **19th July** - \$65

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sign up/more info: www.tuatahifencing.co.nz

Mary Black, Head Coach: 0275 262623
 info@tuatahifencing.co.nz