

Blockhouse Bay Intermediate School

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Whanaungatanga



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Manaakitanga



Calendar:

Sports Camp 2

- 14th - 18th August

Epro8

- 16th August 5-8pm
- 17th August 5-8pm

WZ Rugby League

- 17th August

Japan Parent information evening #2

- 21st August, 5-6.30pm

Daffodil Day

- 25th August

BOOK WEEK!

- Week 7, Monday-Friday

Book Week Character Parade

- Block 4, 31st August

Oral Language finals

- Block 4, 30th August

Japan Trip 2023

- Departs Friday 1st September and returns Friday September 15th

2023 term dates:

- Term 3:

17th July- 22nd September

- Term 4:

9th October - 14th December

Welcome to Term 3 week 5!

Tēnā koutou, e te whānau o Blockhouse Bay Intermediate

Already we are half way through what has been a very busy term. Another term plagued by lots of illness. Despite this our attendance remains at 91%. What we are doing is making a huge difference and we cannot stress enough, when we say "students at school are students learning, connecting with others and developing the motivation to learn, resilience and the grit that will best prepare them for the High School years ahead". Best of all, they are happy.

Happy students helps create happy parents, creating happy teachers. This equates to a highly successful school.

2024 Enrolments

We cannot stress enough the importance of being on top of your child's next school transition, by having your child's next school enrolment in early, whether or not they are in zone.



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Being enrolled is being prepared and preparing the next schools class placements, staffing, timetables and enabling teachers to gather as much information as possible to ensure students are ready and rearing to go from day one.

Out of zone applications for BBI close on August 30th. We are a growing school and families are moving into the zone, enrolments are coming in quickly and we anticipate limited out of zone positions available for 2024 and beyond.

Our 2024 parent tours have had incredibly numbers and we are impressed by the response from our community. If you know friends or families who have yet to enrol for the 2024 school year, please encourage them to do so before August 30 regardless of being in or out of zone.

Knowledge-a-Thon

To ensure we captured the ideal planting season, we used school funds to cover the costs associated with our Knowledge-a-Thon garden surrounding the new playground. The space now blends into the wider aesthetics of the school and will be settled in before the hotter months of summer. Thank you for all our families that are supporting our major fundraising effort of 2023. As with all we have done in the past for our students, this fundraising will provide a special place for generations still to come.

International visitors

Once again it has been a refreshing reminder of life without covid impacting everything, that we have recently welcomed both Chinese and now Japanese students to our community. In two weeks our students and staff members are heading to Japan for an experience of a lifetime. Full immersion into Japanese school, whanau and cultural life.

Our Japanese visitors have loved our open spaces, our busy and engaging curriculum and the wonderful teachers we have and the relationships they foster. It has been an absolute pleasure showcasing our unique school globally.

A special thanks to Miss Chueh for the incredible amount of work she has put into making these experiences such a success. Thank you to Mrs Belt who is such a support with the international groups and overseeing homestays. Thank you to all our host families and our teachers for welcoming additional students into their class.

Sports Camp

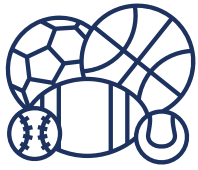
It is certainly a different climate in Matamata, where our students are competing in the second sports camp. Enjoying a true Waikato winter experience. Another successful camp thanks to Mr Vincent, Mr Carney, Miss Ward and our parent helpers.

Turf update

Before the end of term two, the company repairing our turf removed the top cover, anticipating to apply the new cover over the break. To do this requires little wind and a stretch of dry weather. 2023 has not been generous with either of those. Se we are still awaiting to have our full facilities up and running. In regards to the amount of rain; since we drained the field we have never had it out of action for more than a week.

I can only commend our students and staff for using our spaces that we do have available safely and respectfully. Fortunately we do have a lot of areas they can utilise and the new playground and seating within the new garden has been a great help.

School News...



Term 3 Sports Camp

Good luck to the 33 BHBI students who have headed down to Matamata for Sports Camp. These students will be participating in a wide range of sports ranging from Netball and Football, all the way to Darts and Petanque. We wish them all the best.



Knowledge-a-Thon 2023

This Wednesday sees the whole school sit the Knowledge-a-thon test. Students have been busy collecting sponsors and learning the answers. Could we ask for a little bit of help from you the community, to make life easier. We would like the sponsor money to come back to school in one lot (not dribs and drabs). So if you could keep the money safe until your child has collected all of it, then send it to school in a named envelope that would help us. You can make an online banking payment for Knowledge-a-Thon.



BBI Talent Show 2023



ECCCCCK! Semi-finals week is here!!!

We are so excited to see the fierce energy our semi-finalists are going to bring to get that top 10 position. Semi-finals run from week 5-7. We will announce our top 10 in week 8 on Monday.

Talent show finals night will be from 6-8pm in week 10 Thursday (21st September, 2023).

You gotta be in it to win it!!!



Green Bay Beach Trip

Last week, on Friday morning, Room 17 walked to Green Bay Beach to study the rocky shore creatures as we are learning about marine biology this term.

Led by our teacher, Mr Moore, and a few parent helpers, we were able to reach the beach successfully. We managed to discover many little animals hiding amongst the rocks and in the shallow waters, and had lots of fun seeing where their habitat may be. Room 17 saw animals such as crabs, sea snails, little fish, and found seaweeds such as Neptune's Necklace and Bladder Kelp.

The stay at the beach came to an end at around 1:00 pm. But before leaving Green Bay Beach, we decided to put on some gloves and solve the pollution problems there. Room 17 found many types of rubbish buried in the wet sand, and did what was right for our environment. Leaving with a smile on our face, we, as groups, walked back to school happily, ready to reflect on our amazing day.

- Audrey Zhang



School News cont...



Netsafe Online Learning Platform

Netsafe is New Zealand's independent, non-profit online safety organisation founded in 1998. They provide online safety support, expertise, and education to people in New Zealand. Funded by the Ministry of Education, six micro-learning modules are now available free to all students to encourage critical thinking around essential topics that young people have voiced that they wanted to learn more about.

We would like to encourage our parents and caregivers to continue having discussions around the following themes and access the interactive modules on Netsafe:

<https://netsafe.talentlms.com/>

1. "Be Your Selfie" (Let's think critically about images we see online and discuss how altered images can affect well-being)
2. "Block the Bullies" (Let's explore how laws in Aotearoa protect us from bullies, what we can do about bullying, and who can help us)
3. "Find your Balance" (Let's plan how we can get the best out of life on and off-line)
4. "News or Views" (Let's investigate how to tell what is real and not real online and what we can do when people share something that isn't trustworthy)
5. "Protect your Brand" (Let's create a reputable online brand and explore how you can respect future you)
6. "Own your Info" (Let's explore how the internet learns from us, what that data can be used for, and what we can do to take control of our information)

We would like to take this opportunity to share with you again the age restrictions for popular social media platforms.

What's Netsafe's Advice?

Take the time to teach your child the [online safety basics](#) before they start using social media and having regular and open conversations with them about their use of online apps helps mitigate potential harm.

Encourage your child to share with you if they have upsetting experiences and make sure they're aware that any harassment, inappropriate language, bullying, or hacking can be reported.

You don't have to be a tech expert to keep your child safe. Netsafe Parent Toolkit offers [practical tips and tools](#) to start these conversations and shares insights into the five main challenges young people experience online.

Age Restrictions for Social Media Platforms

What is the minimum age for account holders on these social media sites and apps?



TOKYO METROPOLITAN OIZUMI JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

On the 12th of August, we welcomed our sister school Tokyo Metropolitan Oizumi Junior High School to Blockhouse Bay Intermediate. This has been a long time coming with COVID preventing them from visiting us back in 2020. These students were hosted by some of our Blockhouse Bay community and our students who will be attending the Japan trip later this term.

For their recent visit, they were able to send 21 students and 3 teachers for their cultural exchange. Our Kapa Haka students showcased their talents and shared a piece of Aotearoa through performing two waiata and the haka.

On Saturday and Sunday, the host families took the students for a tiki tour around Tāmaki Makaurau. They went to various places like Cornwall Park, Devonport, Sky Tower and more.

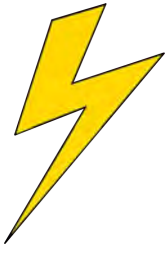
During the three days at school, the Oizumi students settled effortlessly into BHBI classrooms. The students participated in our school wide fitness, classroom programmes, specialist classes and were engaged in Grenade, our current inter-class sports. Furthermore, Oizumi students had a cultural lesson and learned about harakeke and weaved beautiful flowers with Whaea Laura. They participated in dance and drama with Ms Harkins and experienced different enrichment classes with their buddies.

This was an awesome opportunity for BHBI students to meet and experience a different culture and our visitors got a taste of Kiwiana life.

Thank you to the host families for hosting them and our teachers for having them in their classrooms too. We are looking forward to visiting them at their school soon!



From the library...



Harry Potter

We have been celebrating Harry Potter winning our Battle of the Books this term by running a whanau quiz, with the winning team and several other VIMs (very important muggles) joining us for a Harry Potter Banquet. It was lots of fun, thanks to everyone who contributed to our feast!



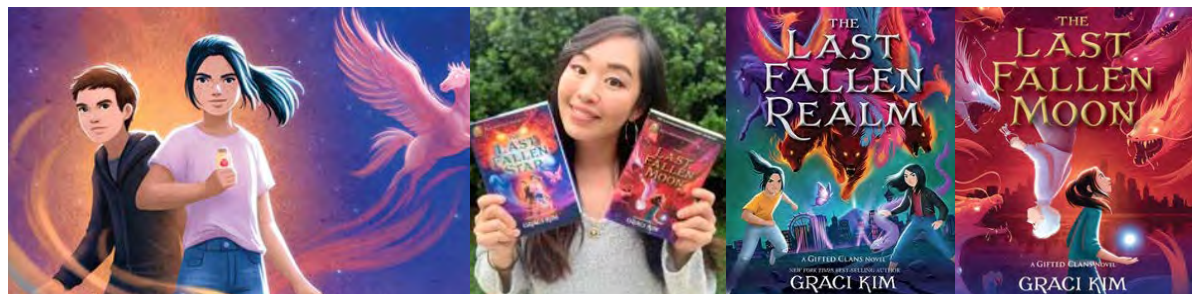
BOOK WEEK

Book Week is coming... YAY!

From 28th August to 1 September 2023 we will be celebrating our 26th Book Week at Blockhouse Bay Intermediate. During this week there will be many exciting activities happening including a Library Escape Room, Survivor Book Island, and a visit from author Graci Kim.

Graci Kim is the award-winning and New York Times bestselling author of [The Last Fallen Star](#), [The Last Fallen Moon](#), and [The Last Fallen Realm](#). The Korean mythology-inspired trilogy has been optioned by the Disney Channel for a television series, and is being translated into multiple languages. A Korean-Kiwi diplomat turned author, Graci writes about the magic she wants to see in the world.

Book Week is an opportunity for students to earn a red star by completing Book Week activities, and dressing up for our Book Character Parade.





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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Daffodil Day
 Te Rā Daffodil

Kia ora parents & guardians,

This year, is proud to be supporting the Cancer Society this Daffodil Day. The Cancer Society provides free support and information, funds lifesaving cancer research, and advocates for cancer prevention policies to reduce the risk of cancer now and for future generations. The Cancer Society relies on the support from schools like ours to continue to provide free transport & accommodation when treatment is far from home, cancer nurses, and counselling for patients and their whānau.

If you have any additional questions, please don't hesitate to contact us. Thank you for supporting our Daffodil Day fundraiser!

How we're celebrating Daffodil Day

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 Where:

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