

# Blockhouse Bay Intermediate School

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Whanaungatanga



Rangatiratanga



Wairuatanga



Manaakitanga



*Safe travels to BBI students and staff traveling to Japan for our first exchange since 2019*

## Welcome to Term 3 week 7!

### Tēnā koutou, e te whānau o Blockhouse Bay Intermediate

At the end of this week our first exchange to Japan takes place. Our last trip was in 2019 before all travel was suspended due to the pandemic. Since our borders opened, we have welcomed three groups from Japan, one from China and one from Thailand.

Maintaining global citizenship opportunities for our students has been an important and ongoing aspect of school life before the pandemic and now after. Even if we are re-finding our feet and taking small steps.

Over the pandemic we maintained close relationships with Japan and it is wonderful that we can begin to open our school community to new experiences, guided by staff experienced in taking exchanges prior to the pandemic. We plan to expand these opportunities as we move forward. This is a once in a lifetime experience, planned down to the finest detail.

## Calendar:

### BOOK WEEK!

- Week 7, Monday-Friday

### Book Week Character Parade

- Block 4, 31st August

### Japan Trip 2023

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

### Tongan Language Week

- 4th Sept - 8th Sept

### NZ Aims Week

- 4th Sept - 8th Sept

### Epro8 semi-final Y7 + 8

- Papatoetoe Int 5-8pm

### CoL Konohete

- 14th September

### Y6 Exp Days/ Tours

- 20 - 21st Sept

### BBI Talent Show finals night 2023

- 21st Sept 6-8pm

### Last day of term 3

- 22nd Sept (2pm finish)

### West Auckland Inter-school Chess Championships

- 23-24th Sept

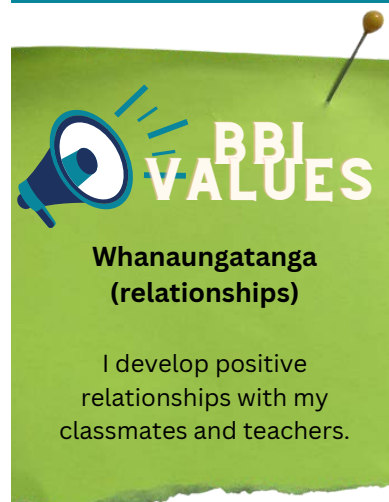
### 2023 term dates:

- Term 3:

17th July- 22nd September

- Term 4:

9th October - 14th December



### Whanaungatanga (relationships)

I develop positive relationships with my classmates and teachers.

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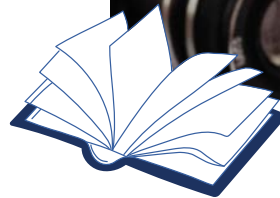
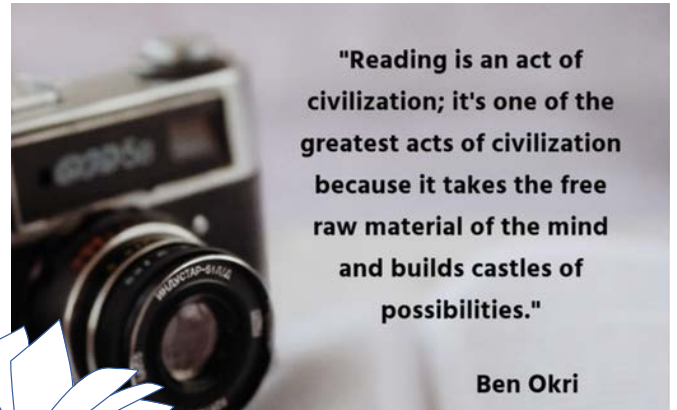
### Book week

Another big event is on this week with the return of Book week after an interrupted past three years. Our library is our special place. A safe space to immerse oneself. Donna is our librarian who provides inspiration to every student that walks through the BBI doors. Our extensive catalogue of books caters to every imagination that take our students on new adventures. At BBI, reading is our "thing". Please support your child to make the book week parade, either by going big or small, it all makes a difference. Everyone loves a good book.

### 2024 Enrolments

Out of Zone enrolments have now closed. To ensure we get the numbers right for 2024 and you are in zone or know someone in zone, please ensure you enrol for the 2024 year ASAP. Reminders will be going out to our contributing schools for year 6 students to do the same.

Ngā mihi,  
Michael Malins



### School News...



#### 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!!!*



#### EPro8

Four mixed Year 7/8 teams competed in an inter-school EPro8 event against eight other teams to solve a series of challenges in which they needed to design, build and create mechanical and electrical components. It was an action packed, nerve wracking Maths, Engineering and problem solving extravaganza and all teams competed to an excellent standard despite the pressure of the leaderboard and time running out!

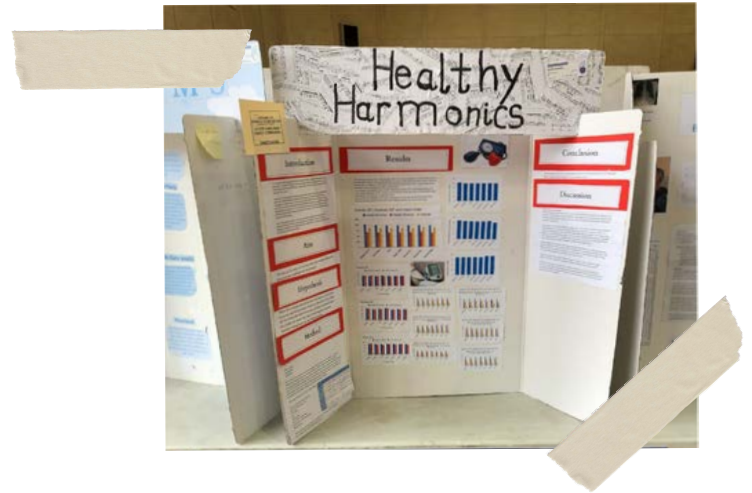
Congratulations to the team Accuracy 2.0 (Ammar Mushtaq, Asad Irfan, Dhruv Shah and Qadir Parkar) and our Wild card team who will go on to compete in the Auckland regional semi-finals. All the students who have been building and problem solving throughout the last few Terms look like future engineers in the making!

## School News cont...



### NIWA Auckland City Science & Technology Fair

Congratulations to Isaac Sun who participated in the NIWA Auckland City Science & Technology Fair, the judges were very impressed and he was awarded Highly Commended for his project Healthy Harmonics - studying the effects of music on the brain.



### Bandquest

"Rebel Resonance," recently took centre stage at the much awaited Rockshop Bandquest competition in a thrilling display of musical talent and creativity. Our band consisted of Cassandra Walters as the lead singer, Ruby Peleti on bass, Darren Ding on drums, Joseph Logie on guitar, and Henry Wang as the keyboardist. They wowed the audience with their original song 'Caged'. We received two prestigious awards as a result of our impressive performance: the Best Vocalist Award presented to Cassandra and the Best Song Writer Award. It was an amazing experience, not only did we get a chance to be mentored by the judges, we had our first photoshoot as a band, used top quality gear on stage, and got a chance to perform in front of a large audience.

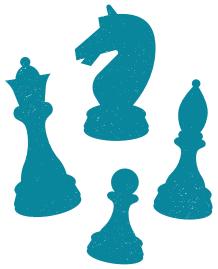


## Sports, sports, sportsss...



### Tough Guy/Gal

On the 2nd of August, 10 keen Blockhouse Bay Intermediate students took on the Tough Guy/Gal challenge for 2023. Through the wind, rain and mud the students all enjoyed themselves, representing our school with pride, well done.



### Chess

Ms Parag took an amazing 9 teams of 26 students in total out to the West Auckland Intermediate Chess Competition on 25th of July. After a nail-biting day, a huge congratulation goes to the Orange Team, Nicole Zhao, Aaryan Pillai, Shresta Reddy and Abigail Cosgrove who placed 2nd Overall and will go on to represent our school at the New Zealand Champs in the school holidays. Good luck team.

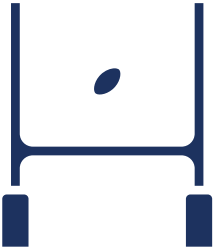


### Sports Camp

In Week 5, Mr Vincent, Miss Ward and Mr Carney took 33 students down to the fresh air of Matamata to take part in Tōtara Springs Sports Camp 2. A week jam packed with over 30 different sports, the students were non-stop from 8 in the morning until 9 at night. A huge thank you to Carl Jackson and Greg Parsonson for taking time out of their busy schedules to come along for the week. All students were fantastic down there and should be proud of their efforts.



## Sports, sports, sportsss cont...



### Rugby League U55kg Boys

On Thursday the 17th of August the Blockhouse Bay Intermediate under 55 kg boys and the rest of the BBI rugby league team came onto Avondale Racecourse. Once we settled down, put our boots on and did some warm ups, we played the first game. We played hard and tried our best, but unfortunately we lost - although we managed to score a good try. The next game was against Glen Eden and we fought hard and tried our best - it was a close game but they just came away with it. The next game we played was against Kelston Intermediate, we started off well but then they tipped off and regained the lead. Alvan and Joseph scored tries. Caleb tackling was spectacular. Nicholas was an amazing full back, he saved lots of tries by being the last man! Before the last game there was a bit of confusion about where we were playing and who we were playing and in the end we played half a game against Green Bay. We lost 6-1 :( It was a fun day out which had a few hard moments but we pushed through and in all we had lots of fun!

- Written by Jackson Cleave Room 12 and Aidan Ranchhod Room 11

### Open Girls

The open girls team and I got chosen to represent Blockhouse Bay Intermediate with pride. We took the opportunity, and played our hearts out at the league tournament at Avondale Racecourse. We all had the tickles and nerves in our bodies but it didn't stop us from being the great players we are. Our first game we all were nervous, but we still stood up and had a draw with Kelston. We started getting the hang of the game and we were so much more confident with the game and rules. Then came our second game against Henderson and the score was 8-0. We showed our school values no matter what was going on, we kept smiling and did all the hard work on the field. We had a third game against Bruce McLaren and it was a really good game, the score was 14-2. We ended up playing off for 3rd and 4th which we all were proud of. Unfortunately we didn't end up taking the win. The score ended up being 6-2 but that's ok, because we were all happy together and still really proud of each other. As captain I was beyond proud of the whole team no matter the results, we all won in our hearts and represented our school really well. In my opinion I have chosen a girl for our MVP award and that award goes to Vanessah. I have chosen Vanessah because she never gave up no matter how tired or sore she was, she would lift the team up, always take the opportunity whenever it's given, always putting in hard work and of course being the sweetest and nicest girl on the field.

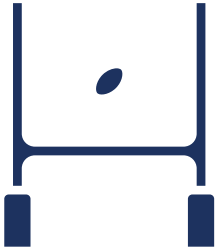
- Written by Naleiya Hakaraia-Smith - Room 20 (open girls captain)

### Open Boys

On 17th of August I and some other boys got chosen to represent BBI at the WZ Rugby League tournament. It was held at Avondale Racecourse. When we got there we started our warm up, do our team talk and plays. We were all pumped up and ready to play, our main focus was to play our hearts out and give it 100%. Unfortunately we didn't play our first game due to Te Atatu South not turning up to the tournament but the good news is that we got the win. Shortly after we went to go support the U55kg boys and the open girls in their first game; both teams did really good. We had our first game of the day against Glen Eden green, all the boys fought hard all the way to the end, even though some of our boys got hit, they never gave up. Unfortunately we didn't get the win, although I was still very proud of the boys. We did score a try and that try was scored by Albert, our captain. We kept our chins up and moved on, we all got ready for our next game against Kelston and the score was 12-0, no matter the result me and Albert were super proud of the boys, the boys kept fighting back everytime Kelston scored. After that we were waiting for our last game to play off for 8th and 7th but due to Te Atatu not showing up that meant we were gonna play. Us boys were all disappointed that we weren't gonna play. We went to cheer on the open girls in their last game. We all achieved our focus which was to play our hearts out and we did just that. At the end of the day I was so proud of everyone, we represented Blockhouse Bay Intermediate with pride and mana.

- Written by VJ Faatonu - Room 19

# Sports, sports, sportsss cont...



## Cross Country

On the 10th of August 32 keen runners head up to Crum Park to take on West Auckland's best in the Western Zone competition. Managing through the weather elements, all students did a great job representing our school. Congratulations to all the students who took part and good luck to the following who qualified for Auckland Champs.

### Year 7 Girls

Dianna Bogomazova - 1st  
Grace Parkinson - 6th  
Kaydee Eiman - 8th

### Year 7 Boys

Joseph Logie - 2nd

### Year 8 Girls

Sophia Maulvurfs - 1st

### Year 8 Boys

Mayson Ranchod - 4th  
Tom Kilpatrick - 6th  
Timothy Tomlinson - 8th  
Elias Capps - 9th

### Year 8 Boys Team - 1st overall

Mayson Ranchod  
Tom Kilpatrick  
Timothy Tomlinson  
Elias Capps  
Yaan Leyland  
Laken Cooney  
Xavier Pearson  
George Anderson





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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**JUNIOR SUMMER HOCKEY**  
IS RETURNING TO WESTERN!

COMPETITION DATES:  
Wednesday 18th October - Wednesday 6th December  
8-week competition

GRADES: 6-a-side  
Years 1 & 2, Years 3 & 4 (1/4 field)  
Years 5 & 6, Years 7 & 8 (1/2 field)

DURATION & VENUE:  
30-minute games at Avondale College

Register as a team (\$220) or an individual (\$30, and you will be assigned a team)



Registrations are open online now - scan the QR code to register!  
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**TALKING TOGETHER:**

Sharing stories about the past and future and associations with child wellbeing



Are you the parent of an 11-12-year-old child? We would love to hear from you!

This research is being conducted by Dr Amy Bird and team and will help us understand how parents and children talk together and how this relates to children's wellbeing.

Participants will receive a \$20 Whitcoulls voucher as koha for their participation

What does our research involve?

The study is in two parts:

1. An online survey for the parent to fill out (approx. 20 mins to complete)
2. An online Zoom interview (approx. 45 minutes) where you and your child will talk about two events your child has experienced in the recent past, and two future events. During this interview, your child will also fill out a survey with help from the researcher.

If you are interested in participating in this study, or would like any more information, please contact:  
Sam Newton-Jones: [snew223@aucklanduni.ac.nz](mailto:snew223@aucklanduni.ac.nz)

This research is funded by a Faculty of Science Research Development Fund New Staff Support grant awarded to Dr Amy Bird Approved by the Auckland Health Research Ethics Committee for three years [Ref. AH24920]



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