

Blockhouse Bay Intermediate School

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Whanaungatanga



Rangatiratanga



Wairuatanga



Manaakitanga



Calendar:

Athletics Day

- 13th October

WZ Basketball (2)

- 17th October

Labour Day

- 23rd October

IZ Basketball

Boys/Girls

- 25th October

WZ Volleyball

- 26th October

Camp 1

- 30th - 3rd November

WZ Touch

- 31st October

Camp 2

- 6th - 10th November

2023 term dates:

- Term 4:

9th October - 14th December (last day of term 2pm finish)

Welcome to Term 4 week 1!

Tēnā koutou, e te whānau o Blockhouse Bay Intermediate

For the first time in many years our students were welcomed back to the new term with our cherry trees in full bloom (this usually occurs over the term break). The school is looking at its very best and showcases the respect staff have for our environment and how this is reflected in all our learning spaces. We are very lucky to have great spaces.

The term has got off to a great start, students were happy to be back and the field is open and providing a much needed space to let off steam and spread out. The turf is very close to completion and we will be heading into summer with all facilities operational.

This is a very big term for BBI as we are in full transition mode preparing our year eights for their next big adventure, making sure their kete is full for the move to high school. Our year sevens are preparing to transition to year eight and we are also making sure any gaps are being filled in preparation for a big and final year ahead.

While all of this is happening, we are moving into the primary schools to prepare the year six's for their transition to Intermediate. This means collecting as much data as we can to help us help them (and you) prepare a solid foundation for acceleration to high school. This is what makes Intermediate a special place, a critical and fun time for every student entering BBI.



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2024 Enrolments

We already know we will have a full school for 2024 and enrolments continue to come in. We will be opening an additional class to keep the class sizes down and ensure we have room for the unexpected. Our DP's will be in the primary schools over week five to gather the final pieces of data and identify any students in zone who have yet to enrol. If this is you or someone you know, please make sure you are enrolled before this happens. This does make a real difference for their placement and smooth transition.

Another big term ahead

We have whole school athletics tomorrow. At school and at Margaret Griffin park, please free to come along. Girls cricket is another exciting initiative and an opportunity to give it a go and get into something new. We have our regular zone fixtures as well as year eight camp and year seven experience days

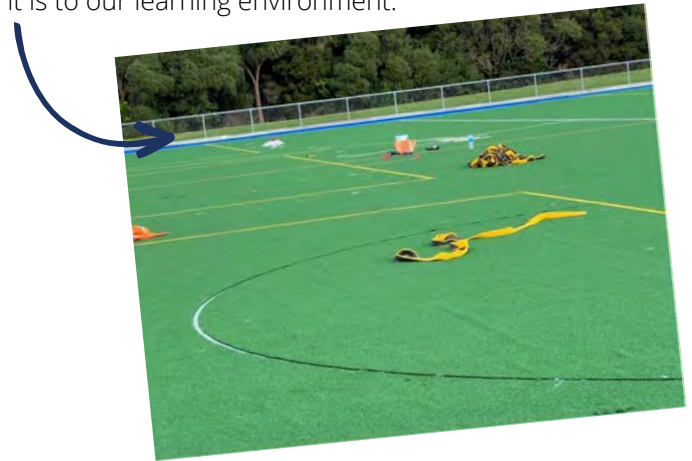
Turf completion is very near

The photo below shows the detail that goes into laying a national level hockey turf. Each line is individually cut in. Having this resource out of commission for two terms has shown just how integral it is to our learning environment.

Have a great weekend.

Ngā mihi,
Michael Malins

(Principal)



School News...



EPro8 Results

180 teams across the Auckland region competed for only 48 places in the Semi finals in the Auckland regional EPro8 Engineer & Science competition. We are exceptionally proud of both teams for achieving a place in the semi finals with one team, Accuracy 2.0, narrowly missing out on a place in the Grand final by only a matter of a few final adjustments in the closing few minutes of the competition. All team members will be the ones to watch in future high school events as they continue to build on their experience and successes in their intermediate school years here at BHBI. We wish them all success in not only the coming competitions as they head to high school but will be watching to see them as Engineers and future problems solvers of the future!



BBI TALENT SHOW 2023

WOW! What a fun and exciting 3 terms of the BBI Talent Show! Huge paki paki to everyone in the school who put items together, auditioned, came for call backs, participated in the semi finals and finals! It takes courage, hard work and determination to put yourselves out there and YOU did that!

Well done to our top 10 finalists who went through many gruelling stages to make it to finals night. We are beyond proud of the mana and grace you have shown. Well done to... *Abirami Manickam, Emanuela Martins, Kapeesh Gurav, Jackson Cleave, Lachlan Williams and Elaine Wang.*

And last but not least.... Our talented participants who took the competition out, you absolutely blew away our judges from start to finish and quite frankly made BBI's heart swell with pride! You gotta be in it to win it!

Congratulations to...

1st... Sara Desai

2nd... Bella-Rose Tari + Sofia Maulvurfs

3rd... Saawani Deshpande

HC... Kahish Malhotra

HC... Zakaria Zanzoul + Reuben Edlington + Ishaan Narayan



ENRICHING HORIZONS: 2023 CULTURAL EXCHANGE TRIP TO JAPAN

It has been a busy few months! Twenty students were selected back in April to represent Blockhouse Bay Intermediate to go to Japan on a cultural exchange trip. This is our first international trip post COVID and our second trip back to Japan. For some of our students, this is their first time away from their families. This exchange is not merely a voyage; it's a transformative journey for them to step outside of their comfort zone, broaden their views of the world, and become global citizens.

Arrival in Japan:

After three flights and two bullet trains, we arrived at our first destination in Fukushima. Touching down in Japan is a sensory whirlwind. The student is instantly enveloped by unfamiliar landscapes and unsure of what was waiting for them. With eyes wide open, the students understood that the experience would be unlike any other. After visiting Fukushima, students also had the opportunity to travel to Tokyo and Hyogo.

Host Family Experience:

Living with a Japanese host family is an opportunity to witness the heart of Japanese culture up close. Daily life unfolds with new routines, from traditional foods to sharing conversations about life and values. The host families were all ecstatic to host our students, as this was the first time many of them had an international visitor in their homes. The host families took our students everywhere, from Japanese malls to experiencing what it is like to be a farmer in Japan.

Cultural Explorations:

The journey is marked by a series of unforgettable cultural explorations. Experiences such as attending traditional tea ceremonies, visiting ancient temples, and participating in festivals provide a profound insight into Japan's history and traditions. Along with the many excursions, our students attended and immersed themselves in "A Day of a Life" of a Japanese student. They will tell you being a student in Japan is like a full time job! The highlight of the trip was also being able to go to Universal Studios Japan and spend a day with their buddies conquering their fears!

This cultural exchange to Japan is a journey that has left an indelible mark on their lives. It's a voyage of self discovery and personal growth. It fosters cultural sensitivity, empathy, and a broader global perspective. What a memorable and unforgettable experience for our students! We look forward to many more.



Japan Trip 2024

Tēnā koe Whānau / Caregivers,

Organisation is now underway in regards to our nineteenth annual Cultural Exchange Trip. We have exciting plans for 2024, with the possibility of sending two groups to the sister schools we have connected with. This is an enriching educational experience being offered to our 2024 Year 8 students and they gain enormously from this experience abroad. We plan on travelling to our sister schools in Japan as well as visiting historical and cultural sights in Tokyo & Fukushima (May trip) and Kobe & Osaka (September trip).

Our Japan Trip is scheduled for May and/or September, 2024 (Term 2/3).

The cost will be around \$4,500 NZD. We are working with travel agents to finalise costings. The cost will include return flights, travel insurance, accommodation, transportation, food and sightseeing activities.

All students apply through the process of "International Cultural Exchange" and trip preparation classes will commence in term one in 2024 upon successful selection.

Stage 1:

Students who wish to be considered for selection must complete an online application and return signed parental permission slip with confirmation of being host family to school by 31st October 2023. Police vetting process begins.

Please note that an important part of the criteria for exchange is that your family have hosted/ will host homestays for Blockhouse Bay Intermediate School. We host the schools that our students visit and stay with and therefore expect a reciprocal relationship between our schools and families. You will be expected to host multiple students (individually) across the school year for up to 5 nights each time* to be confirmed.

Stage 2:

Teachers of students who apply will be required to respond to questions about the students' suitability based on classroom and school wide behaviour against the school values and graduate profile. Students will be notified through a letter to inform them if they have secured an interview to advance to the next stage by 13th November. Those who do not receive an interview slot will not advance to the next stage.

Stage 3:

The final stage of the selection process includes an interview with Senior Management and the International Travel Organiser. Students participating in the interview will have the general structure of the interview questions in advance to prepare.

Stage 4:

Once the process is completed students will be informed of their selection / non-selection by 1st December. For those selected, a non-fundable deposit (this is to cover the pre-booked airfare) will be required to secure their place upon successful selection by 11th December. We understand some students will be disappointed with the outcome, however we cannot take everyone!

Ngā mihi nui,

Julie Wong Deputy Principal | juliew@bhbin.school.nz

Ellen Chueh International Travel Co-ordinator | ellenc@bhbin.school.nz



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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 42 Glendale Road, Glen Eden

Junior Tennis coached classes for the season 23-24
 Commencing:
 Tuesdays from 10th October 2023 through to end of Term 4 and
 Tuesday from 31st January 2024 through to end of Term 1

1. Under 8 year olds 4.00pm to 4.45pm - \$205
2. Over 8 and under 11 4.45pm to 5.45pm - \$225
3. Over 11 year olds 5.45pm to 7.00pm - \$240
4. Family membership – 2 adults and up to 4 children - \$600
5. Social Membership – per player - \$250
6. Key \$35 and Bond \$35

Private Coaching available: Josh Mark phone 021 031 8013

Club Coaches: Josh Mark and Toby Runting

Fun Tennis: Thursday 7.00pm to 8.30pm - \$10 per session casual

Summer Tennis: Doubles on Wednesday evenings 6.00pm to 8.00pm

Winter Ladies Tennis: Tuesday mornings 9.30am to 11.30am

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Glen Eden Tennis Club

BLOCKHOUSE BAY BAPTIST KINDERGARTEN CELEBRATING 50 YEARS

All past and current families welcome
Saturday 4 November 2023
 10am-12pm

Catch up with old friends.
 Meet at the church to share memories and morning tea (provided).
 Time to visit the kindy and play (for the young ones).

Blockhouse Bay Baptist Church,
 504 Blockhouse Bay Road
 Please RSVP, with number of people,
 to bhbbaptistkindy@gmail.com