

Blockhouse Bay Intermediate School

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Whanaungatanga



Rangatiratanga



Wairuatanga



Manaakitanga



The Bollywood dance group tearing up the stage on Talent Show finals night!

Welcome to Term 4 week 5!

Tēnā koutou, e te whānau o Blockhouse Bay Intermediate

Tomorrow we welcome back our intrepid campers, staff and parents from what has stood out to be a definitive comeback from covid and a return to what will be for many, the last outdoor school adventure before the year eights head off to high school.

The experience of covid and isolation has created a noticed heightened anxiety for some parents and students and this placed a barrier to a number of students attending camp. This is unfortunate and we definitely want to make every effort to maximise this opportunity for all whānau in the years ahead.

Our staff are incredible in regards to organisation and running the best experience for our students. Miss Abbott needs a special shout out for taking time from maternity leave to organise and take two weeks to be on camp for our students. Thank you to all our staff and parents who gave their own time for our amazing students.

The team at Motutapu are as passionate about this adventure as we are, organising \$7000 dollars in trust money to sponsor students who otherwise would not be able to make it. We are very lucky to have such strong ties. The school also financially supports our more at risk families to realise this opportunity. Showing it really does take a village to raise a child.

Calendar:

Camp 2

- 6th - 10th November

IZ Volleyball

- 9th November

WZ Table Tennis

- 14th November

IZ Touch

- 15th November

TOD (Teacher Only Day)

- 17th November
- School is closed for students

Year 7 EOTC week

- 20th Nov - 24 Nov

2023 term dates:

- Term 4:

9th October - 14th

December (last day of term 2pm finish)



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Our year eight students will remember this experience and raise a new generation of campers. Year seven parents who may be anxious for next year, we will host parent evenings next year to answer all your questions, allay your fears and share with you the incredible health and safety and organisational detail we put in to ensure we look after your child like we would our own.

The end to camp means we are now firmly focused on the drive towards the end of the year.

Year 6 DP visits

Next week our senior staff will be visiting our main contributing primary schools to meet with staff and to get to really know our new students for 2024. We will be chasing up any families who are in zone and who are coming but have yet to enrol. This is vital to ensuring we have all we need to place each student correctly with the right students and teacher to ensure they have the best opportunity to thrive in their time with us. Enrol now please.

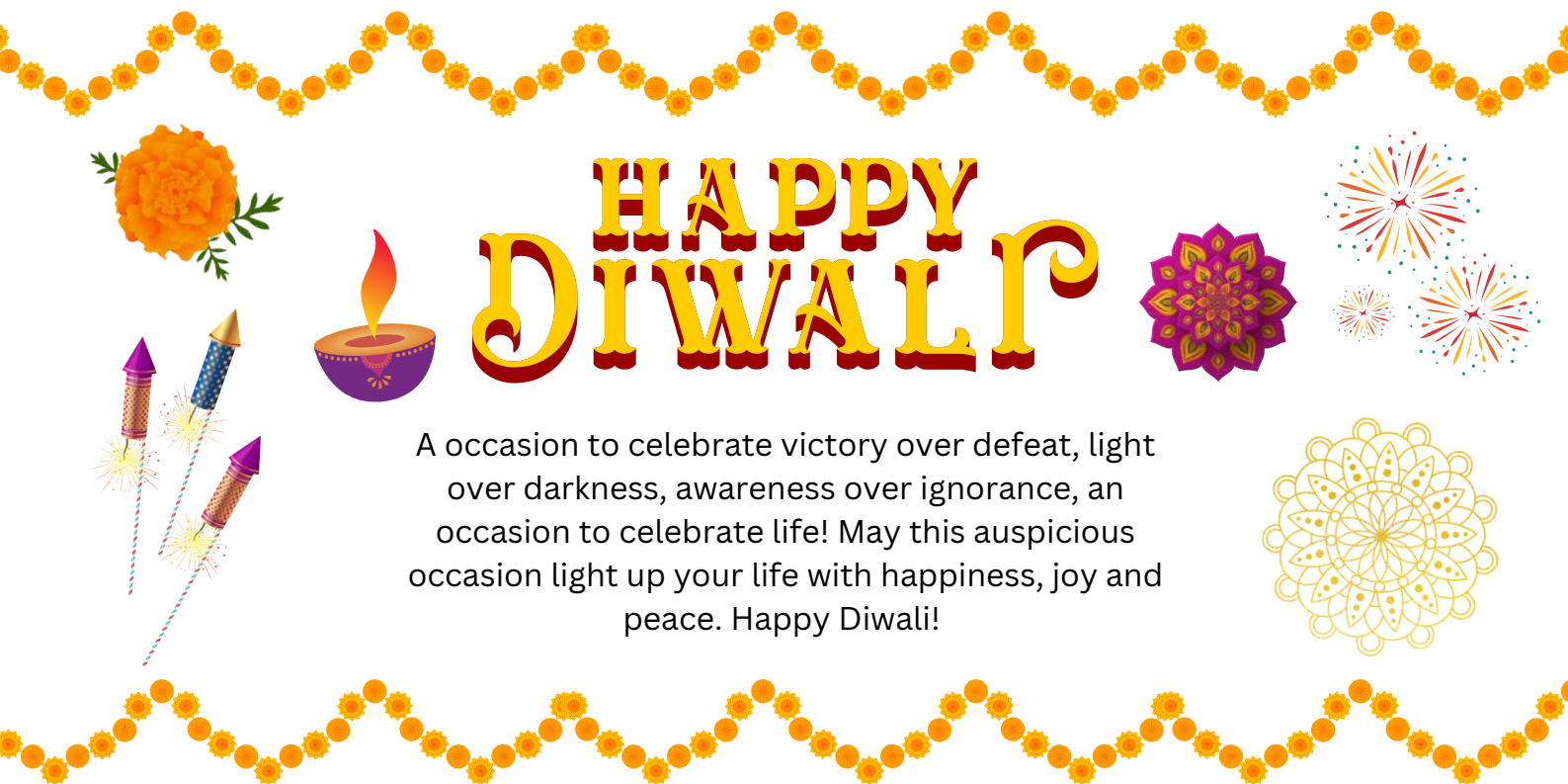
Teacher only day 17 November. School is closed for the day.

Our school along with our Kahui Ako schools will be holding a government prescribed teacher only day next Friday. This is an important opportunity to unpack all the work we have done over the past two years on developing our Aotearoa New Zealand Histories curriculum units, our newly designed Mathematics curriculum to be launched in 2024 and to explore the progress made in the English curriculum refresh. We are well ahead of the game here at BBI and are looking forward to working together to creating even stronger learning opportunities for our students and whānau.

We appreciate that Teacher only days can be disruptive and would encourage you to make alternative arrangements early. **Please do not send your child to school.**

Safe return to our year eight students.

Ngā mihi,
Michael Malins
(Principal)



School News...



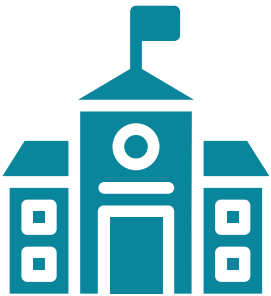
Year 8 Graduation 2023

The excitement of Graduation Day is looming! You are cordially invited to The Year 8 Graduation Ceremonies will be held on Wednesday 13th December.

- Ceremony 1 - Miro, Nikau & Totara (Rooms 15, 16, 20, 18, 19, 21, 22) at 10.20am to 11.40am
- Ceremony 2 - Kowhai, Matai & Rimu (Rooms 1, 2, 6, 7, 25, 26) at 12pm to 1pm

The **Graduation Dance** will also take place on **Wednesday 13th December** between **5:30pm and 8pm**. Students are to be collected from the hall at 8pm sharp. The theme is *Hollywood Red Carpet*. Students are asked to bring a plate with either savoury or sweet items of finger food.

More information will be provided in the notice that will be coming home with your student in the following weeks.



High School/College Visits

Monday 20th November - Lynfield College Taster Morning

ALL students from BBI who have confirmed enrolment at Lynfield for 2024 attend this visit. Students travel to and from Lynfield by bus.

Friday 24th November - Greenbay High School Orientation

ALL students from BBI who have confirmed enrolment at Greenbay for 2024 attend this visit. Students travel to and from Greenbay by bus.



Western Zone Volleyball

On Thursday 26 October 2023, BBI sent 14 enthusiastic volleyball players to the Western Zone Volleyball competition held at Glen Eden Intermediate School. The competition was strong this year and we were playing some really long rallies.

BBI were fortunate to win most of their games which advanced them to the next round of competition. The games became more competitive each time BBI played new teams. The boys team made it to the playoffs against Kelston Intermediate School. However, Kelston were too strong and the girls squad got to the finals against Glen Eden Intermediate school. Our teams were amazing ambassadors and they showed all of our school values. A special thank you to all of the parents who helped on the day with transport and just being there for our kids. Events like these cannot happen without the support of our parents.



From the library...



**2023/24
SUMMER READING**

AVOID THE SUMMER READING SLIDE...JOIN OUR
SUMMER READING PROGRAMME TODAY!

**WHO CAN JOIN THE SUMMER READING
PROGRAMME?**

- * Students enrolled at BHBI for Year 7 in 2024
- * Any current Year 7 student returning to BHBI for Year 8 in 2024

CAN I EARN A RED STAR?

Yes, all students that complete the Summer Reading Programme will receive a red star in 2024.

To be eligible you need to:

- * Read over the summer holidays
- * Complete and return the required reading activities

To enrol please complete the Google Form
<https://forms.gle/2o3tPj8LUku5sD4N7>
or email donnaalm@bhbint.school.nz

Summer Reading Programme

This year we are offering our Summer Reading Programme to all students attending Blockhouse Bay Intermediate in 2024.

Summer reading is an important, simple and enjoyable activity students can do to help avoid the 'summer slide'. This slide in reading is characterised by progress in reading achievement throughout the school year, followed by a decline during the summer holidays. The consequence of the 'summer slide' are cumulative and long lasting, often having a powerful influence on reading scores throughout high-school and beyond [National Library of New Zealand].

Students who sign up for the Summer Reading Programme, and make a commitment to reading over the summer holidays can earn an academic star at the beginning of 2024.

Sign up today to join our Summer Reading Programme, and add the following dates to your calendar!



Key Dates to remember!

- 8 December - Last date to register
- 11th & 12th December 8am-3:45pm - Library open day for choosing books and collecting Activity Booklet
- 22nd January 9am-12pm - Library open day to swap books
- 1st week of Term 1 2024 - Return all books and Reading Activity Booklet

For further information contact Donna - donnaalm@bhbint.school.nz



NEW WORLD

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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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.

- Call us on 0273257070
- BoltonStHWClub@gmail.com
- www.facebook.com/BoltonStHWClub



Women only

SWIMMING SESSIONS

For women and girls aged 14+

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STARTS SATURDAY 28 OCTOBER

Session Dates:

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