

Blockhouse Bay Intermediate School

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Whanaungatanga



Rangatiratanga



Wairuatanga



Manaakitanga



Artists at work- the future is bright!

Calendar:

Year 7 EOTC week

- 20th Nov - 24 Nov

WZ Athletics

- 21st November

IZ Athletics

- 30th November

Sports/Star Awards assembly

- 12th December
- 9am start, school hall

Year 8 Graduation

- 13th December
- School hall
- Ceremony 1 - Miro, Nikau & Totara (Rooms 15, 16, 20, 18, 19, 21, 22) at 10.20am - 11.40am
- Ceremony 2 - Kowhai, Matai & Rimu (Rooms 1, 2, 6, 7, 25, 26) at 12pm - 1pm

Year 8 Graduation dance

- 13th December
- 5:30pm - 8pm, school hall

Prize giving

- 14th December
- 11.30am start, school hall

End of term 4

- 14th December, 2pm finish.

Welcome to Term 4 week 7!

Tēnā koutou, e te whānau o Blockhouse Bay Intermediate

There is a definite buzz in the air as we begin to wrap up for the year. 2023 has been a bit of a stand out for our school community. We are definitely in a post covid era and not only bouncing back, but flourishing as a school. School reports are completed and close to every year 8 student is enrolled in their high school.

We have a large cohort of year sixes enrolled, transitions completed with the primary schools and classroom placements completed.

We do have some staff moving on to new adventures in and out of Auckland and overseas. We are in the process of filling a couple of last minute vacancies. Once we have completed the process, we will share any changes in our last newsletter.

Mural refresh/ School honours board

Perhaps two of the most exciting events of the year are a long awaited refresh of two legacy pieces. BBI in the 21 century and honouring those that have travelled before.

Miss Ramlu and her team of talented artists have not just smashed out one new mural, but all our murals into a representation of who we are as a school today. Respecting the past is key



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to respecting our future and our old murals were a wonderful time stamp of the beginning of our current journey. A journey that began seven years ago. BBI in 2023 is so far removed from that space that it is time to honour the now. As you can see from the photos below, our community will not be disappointed. Rather humbled by our journey and the incredible talent we hold as Kaitiakitanga for the future artists. We will continue to add over the years.

When we return in the new year our honour boards in the hall will be completed. This is another legacy piece by our community for our community. This process has taken time and is respectful of doing it right. We do not have all the data dating back to the beginning of the school. This was lost when the old boards were thrown out in the hall rebuild of 2011. Our incredible board has taken this project on and with the completion of this piece of work, solidified their purpose, presence and commitment to you, our staff and our students.

Of course, their legacy is visible everywhere, every day and you only need to step past the front gate to see evidence in the most beautiful school in Aotearoa.

We are in the final weeks of 2023. A year of challenge and great opportunity, growth and success. An ERO report that acknowledges and celebrates the BBI journey is available on our website.

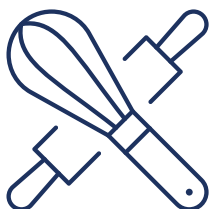
Have a safe weekend.

Ngā mihi,
Michael Malins

Mural making magic in progress...



School News...



Fundraising Bake Sale **OXFAM**

Top COURTS - Lunchtime - Tuesday 5th of December

all funds raised will be contributed to help the people in Gaza - thank you for your support by bringing gold coins in for some yummy treats



SUMMER MATHS CHALLENGE 2023/24

Always forgetting things that you have already learnt in class? Avoid the Summer slide, get yourself ready for the school year, and register to take part in the BHBI Summer Maths Challenge! Completing this challenge could also earn you an academic star ✨

WHO CAN JOIN?

- All Math abilities
- Year 6 students who are coming to BHBI in 2024
- Year 7 students who are returning to BHBI as a Year 8 student in 2024

HOW DO I TAKE PART?

1. Fill out the Google form to register:
<https://forms.gle/nvjsTyQgWC9PCmkv9>
2. Pick up your challenge sheet from the school office in the last week of school (11th-13th of December, 8am-3:30pm) **OR** download it from the school website and print it at home (not available until December 11th)
3. Attempt ALL of the questions
4. Return your named answer sheet to the office no later than Friday, February the 2nd

If you answer 80% or more of the questions correctly, you earn a red academic star!

HELP DAY

If you need help with the challenge, teachers will be available in the library on Monday the 22nd of January, 9am-12pm

From the library...



The school year is quickly coming to an end, which means all our school library books need to be returned by no later than **1 December 2023** so we can complete our annual stocktake. Often our library books are hidden under piles of books or clothes, under beds, or in the car. Please can you help your child find any overdue library books and return them to the library.

We will be opening the Library again in the last week of school for our Summer Reading Programme. Please note the dates for issuing books and collecting the Activity Booklet are **11th & 12th December 8am-3:45pm**.



Summer Reading

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

**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/Zo3tPj8LUku5sD4N7>
 or email donnaalm@bhbint.school.nz

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

Lego mania



Big thanks to Autism New Zealand for supporting our Lego in the Library programme which will begin in 2024.



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.

- Call us on 0273257070
- BoltonStHWClub@gmail.com
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GBHS Whānau Hui

WELCOMING WHĀNAU MĀORI TO GBHS - BBQ & WHANAUNGATANGA

2023

WEDNESDAY | **29** | NOVEMBER

6pm - 7pm

GREEN BAY HIGH SCHOOL STAFF ROOM

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Session Dates:
 EVERY SATURDAY 6PM - 8PM
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 MT ROSKILL