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BHBI mural done by young artists of GnT Art 2023 - Grace, Tejasvi, Nataliya + Jada

Welcome to Term 4 week 9!

Tēnā koutou, e te whānau o Blockhouse Bay Intermediate

Welcome to the last newsletter of 2023.

Thank you and farewell to our year eights

Every year we wish our year eights best wishes and thank them for being a special part of the spirit of BBI. It is true that each cohort brings a unique flavour to our culture and from time to time we see a standout cohort. I would like to acknowledge and thank our outstanding graduates of 2023 for their maturity, resilience and motivation to learn.

This has been a true partnership in acceleration, both academically and socially. We have all our year eights placed in high school, all our new year sevens placed for the new year. New staff have been appointed and it has been a long stretch to have everything completed on time for this very well deserved break.

We can rest for the Christmas break as a school knowing we have accomplished another standout year. Validated by the Education Review Office, passing with flying colours. All set for your return in the new year.

Calendar:

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.

2024

Term 1 2024

- 30th January, 8.45am





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BBI is going full 1:1 school devices in 2024

In the past we have welcomed BYOD for chrome books and we still encourage parents to have devices at home to assist in all learning. We are beefing up our digital security, firewalls and eliminating / closing the door as much as we can on cyber threats. We want to ensure our students data remains safe and the best practice for this is ensure all devices in the class sit within our google suite and our own extensive layers of firewalls.

The Board has invested substantially to have 32 devices in every class for the start of the school year. Students will be allocated a device for the year to use in class. Students will not be bringing their own devices to school in 2024. If you have a BYOD device from a previous school or have invested in one. This is great and essential for home learning.

Staff changes for 2024 and a new class opening

Every year we have some movement of staff. Promotions, moving out of Auckland, travel and people moving on. All leaders and teachers have a massive impact during their time with us and so this is a special thank you to the following.

Leadership

We have two mighty Kauri's leaving the BBI forest. It was a pleasure to acknowledge through our special assembly last Friday; our friends Mr Hill (25 years) and Mr Ioelu (26 Years) who after many years of service to the BBI community move on to fresh pastures. Mat Hill is leaving to teach in a Te Reo immersion unit at Kelston Intermediate and Pata Ioelu is moving on to become deputy principal of St Leonards Rd School.

Class teachers

Nikki Jensen is moving out of Auckland. Parris Franklin is taking a break but will still be with us two days a week. Ellie McDougall is travelling. Alanah Kraay is moving to a school closer to home. Marissa Ramlu is leaving to live and work in Melbourne (*seven years as our Visual Arts specialist and two as whānau leader*).

Support staff

Ruth and Leena will not be joining us next year. We have full-time support staff in 2024. Kylie Inancsi will be joining the Pounamu room and Veronica-jean Painter will be joining our support staff team.

Thank you for all your service, your friendship, and the significant impact you have had for our community.

Joining us in 2024...

DP SENCO

Kathryn O'Reilly Dodd.

Classroom teachers

We have two new classroom teachers joining us in 2024- Luke Casey and Adrienne Stewart and our new specialist teacher for Visual Arts is Kate Hart.

The office will reopen the week of 22nd January, 2024. Teacher only days are on the 25th and 26th of January and school starts back on the 30th of January with a pōwhiri to welcome new students, staff and families. We will send out a reminder newsletter towards the start of the year.

Be safe around water, look after your family and friends and enjoy the holiday break! Happy Holidays!

Ngā mihi nui,
Michael Malins

School News...



Garden Gnomes

A big shout out and thanks go out to all our Compost Crew and Garden Gnomes! These students have kept our school a thriving and healthy environment throughout the year. The school gardens are in full bloom, our school bees are buzzing and our Summer/Autumn fruits are starting their growing journey. Watch this space through the summer and into Term 1 for more green gardening updates!





School News cont...



Year 8 Graduation

The excitement of Graduation Day is looming! 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

Year 8 students will finish at 1:15pm for the day.

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. Students are asked to bring a plate with either savoury or sweet items of finger food.

- Miro, Nikau & Totara (Rooms 15, 16, 18, 19, 21, 22) – Savoury items of food.
- Kowhai, Matai & Rimu (Rooms 1, 2, 6, 7, 25, 26) – Sweet items of food.
- Room 20 – Drinks, cups, paper plates and serviettes.

All food must be cooked/ready to eat and be arranged on a plate or dish and covered. Check that your child's name is on the plates/dishes if you would like them returned. Please note no packets/bags of food and bring your contribution into the hall foyer anytime from 5:15pm.

Bake sale update

Our bake sale to fundraise for Oxfam was an absolute hit. We want to thank the students and community for getting behind such a worthy cause. We raised a grand total of \$1500.00! GO BBI!!



GnT Art 2023

Over two days, 19 students smashed out 6 murals! We had a lovely artist, Claire Reti from our community join us on the adventure. It was madness, exhaustion, thrilling and a whole lotta fun! We hope the school enjoys our mural refresh that reflects our school and community.



Homestay needed

Are you ready to open your home and heart to a global adventure? We are on the lookout for a warm and welcoming host family to host a Mandarin Teacher in 2024. This is a year commitment and you will be paid.

If this sounds like you or you would like more information please get in contact with Ellen at ellenc@bhbint.school.nz



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



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.

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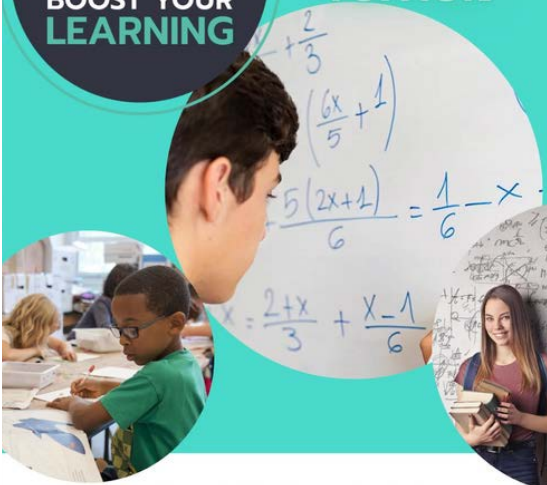
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