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BLOCKHOUSE BAY INTERMEDIATE

NEWSLETTER



Whanaungatanga



Rangatiratanga



Wairuatanga



Manaakitanga

WELCOME TO OUR FIRST NEWSLETTER!

Tēnā koutou, e te whānau o Blockhouse Bay Intermediate

Welcome back to our year 8 students, as well as a warm greeting to our new students, their families, and our incoming staff and RTLB cluster 6 team (including our new cluster manager Kieren Brand). This newsletter aims to extend a warm welcome to the school and provide details on several important events and notices as we kick off the new academic year. Please take the time to read this and share with your child.

Pōwhiri

The school year starts on Tuesday 30th January with a Pōwhiri to be held on the main court to welcome new students, staff and whānau. Year seven parents and new year eight students and parents are welcome to join us and we ask that you give yourself plenty of time to park on the street and make your way to the school hall by 8.30am. Year eight students make their way to the court and join their class line by 8.30am.

Pōwhiri is expected to take up to thirty minutes and then year seven students will make their way back to the school hall, where they will meet their new teachers and be placed in their class and move to their new class room. We do ask that parents move off so that we can start the day after the pōwhiri.

CALENDAR:

First day of term 1:

- 30th January 2024
- All students in school by 8:30am.
- Year 7s to the hall, Year 8s to the main court.

School Office Hours:

- Opens on the 23rd January at 8am.

Waitangi Day:

- 6th February 2024

Meet the Teacher:

- 8th February, 2024 (6-7pm)
- Please meet in the school hall.

2024 TERM DATES:

TERM 1: 30TH JAN - 12TH APRIL
TERM 2: 29TH APRIL - 5TH JULY
TERM 3: 22ND JULY - 27TH SEPT
TERM 4: 14TH OCT - 13TH DEC

COMING UP

Meet the Teachers

Join us on Thursday, February 8th, from 5.30 -7 pm, starting in the school hall. This provides an excellent opportunity for new families to receive a warm welcome from our staff and senior team. Take the chance to meet your child's teacher, connect with the whānau your child will be a part of, and gain insights into how the class operates.

Māori Pasifika Fono (To Be Confirmed)

A significant event to start our year is our Māori/Pasifika fono. This event serves as a gathering for our Māori and Pasifika community, featuring a light Kai and performances. It's a chance to meet new families, strengthen connections, and engage in a casual kōrero with staff and each other. Join us for an enjoyable time.

Safety at the school gate – before and after school

Intermediate is very different from primary school. As we prepare your child for high school, we focus on our four values as our guiding graduate profile. Independence, resilience and grit are our goals over the two years we have your child with us. We know Intermediate is new and can be overwhelming for some, this is why it is important for parents to lead the way and support us to support our students to become independent young adults and focus on our journey to high school.

Please do not pick up your child at the school gate, this is simply too chaotic with over 850 students. Encourage your child to walk to an agreed safe space for pickup. School entrances are chaotic at the beginning of the year if parents do not play their part. Our school gates are closed at the beginning and end of the day and only opened for school services.

BBI is a full 1:1 school device school. We do not use BYOD.

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 and will be their responsibility to manage respectfully. This ensures all devices remain on our network and within our firewalls. Keeping students and their data safe.

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.



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School Uniform and Adolescent Hygiene

The school uniform is seen by the school, Board of Trustees and community as the major form of identity and belonging to Blockhouse Bay Intermediate.

The school uniform and P.E. uniform are compulsory. Correct school uniform should be worn to and from school with correct P.E. uniform worn at school for fitness, P.E., sport and dance & drama lessons. If your child does not have a uniform item with a reasonable explanation, please communicate with the classroom teacher to organise an 'uniform pass' for a short period of time.

We would like to take this opportunity to reiterate that hair that is longer than shoulder length should be tied up fully (not half up/half down).

We would like students to have natural-looking hair. Plain black or navy blue hair accessories and head scarves for religious reasons are allowed.

To keep our uniform clean and tidy, the following items are not allowed: rings, bangles, friendship bands, necklaces, fake nails, nail polish or makeup. Jewellery worn for religious or cultural reasons is allowed as long as there is written permission from the parent or caregiver.

Please ensure all items of uniform are named and our lost property is located between the Food & Nutrition room and the Science room. It is open during school time.

The development of pride in belonging to the school is fostered through the wearing of the school uniform. Thank you for your support.

As adolescents experience bodily changes, we encourage the use of deodorant and regular washing of PE uniforms for everyone's comfort. In terms one and four, students will switch back to the school uniform after fitness or PE sessions.

Mobile Phones

Students are allowed to bring phones to school. Phones are not to be used on school grounds. If students need to contact parents or parents need to contact students. This is to be done through the school office on 09 626 8001.

Upon arrival at school, phones must be switched off at the gate and can be turned back on once outside the school grounds at the end of the day. Students using their phones on school grounds will have them removed and returned at the end of the day.

Class teachers will collect phones at the start of the day, and they will be returned at the end of the day.



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Reporting Absences

Don't forget to report any absences. Given the size of our school, all absences will be followed up. You can report an absence through our website or by calling the office and leaving a message. Always report absences to the office and not directly to the classroom teacher. If you drop your child off late or they arrive late, they must sign in before going to class, to avoid unnecessary calls to parents.

All visitors must report to the office

If you are picking up your child early or dropping something off we require all visitors to report directly to the office and not to approach the class. Classes are busy spaces of learning and as a busy intermediate, classes are often out at spec or other learning activities. The office is the best place to help you.

Covid-19, Masks and illness

We are mindful of the ongoing presence of Covid-19 in the community. The use of masks is encouraged for students, staff, or any member of the community who wishes to use them. We kindly request that all parents entering the school office wear a mask. If your child shows any sign of illness, please keep them home to minimise the spread of Covid and other illnesses.

Summer Reading Programme

Hats off to all students who participated in our Summer Reading Programme. To earn a red star, ensure all library books and reading activities are returned to Donna in the Library by Friday, February 2nd.

Ngā mihi
Michael Malins
Principal



COMING UP

Japan Trip 2024

Are you ready to seize the opportunity to create lasting memories, forging bonds as you navigate the enchanting wonders of this captivating country. Don't miss this chance to participate in a cultural exchange trip to Japan that promises an enriching experience.

Here are some details below:

Date of trip: Early Term two

Duration of the trip: 11 Days

Cost: Approximately \$4500

Important note: As this is a cultural exchange trip, there is a requirement for you to host multiple Japanese students throughout the year in your homes.

If you are interested and would like more information please do not hesitate to contact me at ellenc@bhbint.school.nz



Brickworks Drama

A massive thank you to Brickworks Drama for giving our school free classes for the drama winners for the last two years.

Brickworks Drama School would love to meet you in 2024! Based in Te Atatū Peninsula, we produce shows, and run school holiday drama workshops and term time classes all taught by industry professionals. Visit www.brickworksdrama.com, email us: brickworksdrama@gmail.com, or find us on Instagram and Facebook.

SPORT

Auckland Basketball

We hope that your schools, clubs and associations have had a well earned summer break and are ready to get back into basketball for 2024!.

We're excited to share a fantastic opportunity for your students, club members and players to engage in a fun and rewarding basketball experience that promotes: teamwork, fitness and skill development. Our 2024 Miniball Leagues.

Our leagues cater to kids and youth of all skill levels, creating an inclusive environment, where everyone can enjoy the game and improve their abilities. Auckland Basketball Services works in line with the three associations (Basketball Auckland, Waitakere Basketball and Counties Manukau Basketball) around the Auckland region. Therefore we provide leagues that are facilitated within the Central, East, West and South Auckland areas.

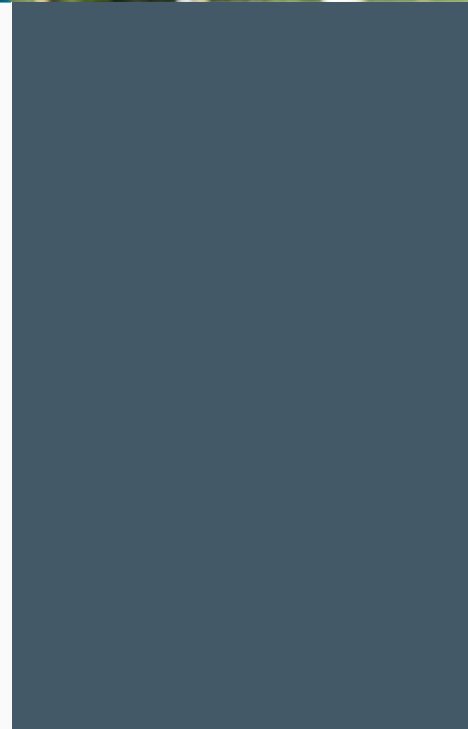
A major aim for our leagues in Term 1, is the formatted 3x3 leagues. This is due to many events and competitions that're upcoming in the National Basketball Calendar that align with 3x3 basketball, it is also a summer sport. 3x3 Basketball, provides more Opportunities for players to be engaged and game time is increased as each league would provide several games per week for each team that registers. These leagues will cater for all genders, we have mixed grades, male grades (Youth) & a brand new female league that is catered for the growth of girl players that want to engage in basketball.

Alternatively, ABS will be facilitating 5x5 formatted leagues at Marist College (Thursdays, Yr 3/4 & 5/6) and our Counties Manukau Community Club League (CBL). These will be available for all teams and schools to look into, if they are still wanting to compete in a 5x5 format.

We have attached several flyers that have details about the different leagues and their venues. However, If you require further information, please contact leagues@auckland.basketball and we will be able to assist you.

You will need to scan the QR code on the flyers and will take you directly to the Gameday registration forms.

Please visit our website for all basketball related queries and to see what ABS has to offer - <https://www.absl.co.nz/>



OUR VALUES



Relationships

Whanaungatanga

- Lifelong learners
- Maximising potential
- Personal excellence and integrity
- Active participants



Respect

Manaakitanga

- Effective relationships
- Identity & Languages
- Celebration of cultures
- Respect
- Accepting differences
- Equity (resources)
- Knowing who and what we are/aware and accepting of ourselves and others



Wellbeing

Wairuatanga

- Students value: physical, emotional, spiritual well-being
- Social/whanau
- Environmental excellence



Leadership

Rangatiratanga

- Students understand that they are members of a wider, global community
- Service to people and places
- Compassion and care
- Developing potential