



Whanaungatanga

Rangatiratanga

Wairuatanga

Manaakitanga

WELCOME TO TERM 2 WEEK 3

Tēnā koutou, e te whānau o Blockhouse Bay Intermediate

Welcome to our Term Two, Week Three newsletter.

Students have settled into the new term and continue to demonstrate a clear focus on our values to support achieving their academic and social goals set in Term One. We are a **GROWTH** coaching school. This means we have a clear process for building on our previous achievements and utilising this success for growing new opportunities, so that growth builds a high expectation for success.

How do we use **GROWTH**?

Goals we wish to achieve

(some may be short-term — Learning. Some may be long-term — Behaviours)

Reality: What is preventing us from reaching our goals.

Options that we could use to help us reach our goals.

What options will we use to reach our goals? What else?

Tactics we will use to achieve our goals.

Habits to ensure we can sustain our goals.

Growth coaching creates a common language focusing on a strengths-based approach to achieving high expectations for success. Alongside our values, our graduate profile, visible learning, and our inclusive culture, our students know where they are in their learning, where they are heading, and how best we can support them to get there.

CALENDAR:

- School Cross Country - 16th May
- Pink Shirt Day - 16th May
- Book Week - 19th May
- HPV Catch Up Y8 - 20th May
- World Bee Day - 20th May
- Character Dress Up Parade - 22nd May
- Hui-Fono - 29th May
- Kings Birthday (School Closed) - 2nd June
- Matariki (School Closed) - 20th June
- HPV Y8 Catch up & Y7 Boostrix - 26th June
- Reports Emailed Home - 26th June
- End of Term (2pm Finish) - 27th June

Teacher only Days - School Closed

- 30th May
- 14th July

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

New Zealand Curriculum update

The Ministry of Education (MoE) has recently released a Parent and Whānau Portal to support conversations around your child's learning, progress, and next steps. The Parent Portal aims to empower whānau to take an active role in their child's education, with practical videos, activities, and resources to support learning. It includes a parent-friendly version of the New Zealand Curriculum to help whānau know what their child is learning, why it's important, and when they'll learn it.

[Link to the new Parent Portal](#) | [New Zealand Curriculum – Years 0 to 8](#)

The MoE has also developed engaging videos to guide parents, caregivers and whānau on topics such as preparing for the first day of school, understanding the first 6 months of learning, as well as resources and activities for supporting learning at home.

As the national curriculum continues to be refreshed over the next few years, the MoE will add more activities. These will cater to different year levels and learning needs. The goal is for the Parent Portal to become a tool for every family, regardless of their child's learning journey or language needs.

Māori Hui and Pasifika Fono Invitation

We warmly invite all Māori and Pasifika whānau/aiga to our first hui and fono for 2025.

📍 BBI Staffroom | 📅 Wednesday 28 May 2025 | 🕒 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm

This evening is a chance to:

- Strengthen collaboration with whānau, leadership, and community voices
- Share feedback from our powerful end-of-year 2024 Hui-Fono
- Present our strategic goals for Māori and Pasifika success at BBI

Your voice matters deeply. We know that strong whānau involvement directly supports positive outcomes for our ākonga. Light kai / mea'ai / tausami will be provided, and our library will be open for tamariki with staff supervision.

To confirm attendance, please email ashleym@bhbin.school.nz. We look forward to coming together to talanoa and kōrero with you.

Pink Shirt Day – Celebrating Kindness and Inclusivity

We proudly support Pink Shirt Day, a nationwide movement that celebrates diversity and promotes kindness, inclusion, and respect. It's a powerful reminder that bullying has no place in our schools, workplaces, or communities. On Friday, students and staff are encouraged to wear pink and stand together to make BBI a safe and welcoming place for all.

Acknowledging our Support Staff – Kaiawhina

May 16th is designated as Support Staff Day. We take a moment to acknowledge the incredible contribution of our support staff here at BBI. From our office team to teacher aides, caretakers to library and admin staff — these are the people who quietly keep our school running and ensure every learner and teacher feels supported. Often working behind the scenes, their care, professionalism, and commitment to our students are deeply valued. Ngā mihi nui ki a koutou – your work may sometimes go unseen, but it is never unnoticed.



FROM THE PRINCIPAL



Tuckshop Reminder – \$20 Limit

Just a friendly reminder that students should bring no more than \$20 per day for the tuckshop. There are a few reasons for this:

- The tuckshop can't process large notes – smaller amounts keep things moving.
- It reduces pressure on students to buy food for others.
- It helps promote healthier eating choices (and avoids those sugar spikes!).
- Less money means less chance of it going missing.

Thank You for Supporting Our Camp Fundraiser

A huge thank you to our whānau and wider community for your incredible support of the Cadbury chocolate fundraiser. The funds raised directly help reduce the cost of our Year 8 Motutapu Island Camp, making this meaningful experience more accessible for the students involved. Camp is a highlight of the BBI journey — building resilience, friendships, and confidence in new environments as students prepare for high school. Your backing makes a real difference, and we are so grateful for the way our community continues to get behind these opportunities for our tamariki.

Lastly, we would like to send our warmest wishes to Miss Ellen Chueh as she begins her maternity leave this week. Mrs Alison Strother will be rejoining BBI in Whānau Nikau. We are so excited for Miss Chueh and her whānau as they prepare to welcome their new pēpi. We will miss her energy around the school and look forward to welcoming her back in Term 4. Ngā mihi nui and arohanui from all of us at BBI!

Julie Wong
Acting Principal



REMINDERS

Rubbish at school

It is important to maintain a clean and tidy environment at school, and a big part of that is properly disposing of our rubbish. We have bins conveniently located throughout the school grounds, making it easy for everyone to dispose of their waste responsibly. However, sometimes we forget to use them. Parents, please remind our students to make use of the bins whenever they have rubbish to discard. Let's all work together to keep our school clean and welcoming for everyone.

Reporting Absences

Don't forget to report any absences – either 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 (after 8.45am), they must sign in at the office 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 students may be in SPEC (specialist subjects) or other learning activities. The office is the best place to help you.

Illness and doctor appointments

A reminder not to send your sick child to school. Your sick child touches surfaces, infects others, is sent to the office and then our admin staff fall sick, students fall sick, staff fall sick, and a cycle is established. Please organise doctor/specialist appointments for after school. Mornings are especially important to your child's learning, where we cover the essentials, and any missed lessons can and will impact students' sequential knowledge in core subject areas.

The back gate and the dental clinic/staff car park

Given the size of our school, the main and back gates are extremely busy during school drop-offs and pickups. Our car parks by Castle Grove are reserved for the community dental clinic and staff. Please do not add to the chaos by trying to enter or park in these areas during peak traffic times.

The Improving Attendance Project and Why it Matters

The Education Review Office (ERO) is looking at how attitudes have changed to regular attendance in the last few years, and the strategies that work. ERO wants to put out a practical resource for schools and also make recommendations to the government. Your voice matters. The short survey (5-10 min) is a small way to make a big difference.

[Access the survey here: Parent Survey](#)

THE LIBRARY

BOOK WEEK IS COMING....



We are holding our Annual Book Week from 19-23 May 2025.

What's happening during Book Week!

Monday 19th May

Block 1 Visiting author, Graci Kim, speaks to the whole school at a special assembly

Tuesday 20 May & Wednesday 21 May

Teacher Reading Swap

Thursday 22 May

Block 4 - Book Character Parade

Come to school in your uniform and get changed at lunchtime

Friday 23 May

First Chapter Friday

Happening All Week

Survivor Book Island
Library Escape Room
Golden Tickets

Meet Graci Kim



Author Spotlight



COMING SOON

About Graci & her books:

- In a previous life, Graci was a New Zealand diplomat, a cooking show host, and once ran a business that turned children's drawings into cuddly toys.
- She now lives in Aotearoa New Zealand with her husband and daughter.
- This trilogy is inspired by Korean Mythology and has been translated into multiple languages.
- The books series has been optioned by the Disney Channel for a television series.
- The Last Fallen Star was named a 2021 Goodreads Choice Award Nominee for Best Children's Book
- In 2022, Graci was awarded the Sir Julius Vogel Award for Best New Talent.
- Graci will be our Book Week visiting author!

If you would like to order a signed copy of Graci Kim's new book *Dreamslinger* please complete this form and make your payment online.

EARNING A RED STAR



To earn a red star for Book Week students must complete 4 of the Book Week Activities and dress up for the Book Character Parade.

THE LIBRARY



2025 WRITERS FESTIVAL



On Tuesday the 13th of May we took 56 students to the Writers Festival at Aotea Centre. We were entertained and inspired by Anton Clifford-Motopi author of *To and Fro*. Scotty Cotter acclaimed playwright, actor and director. Stacy Gregg winner of the 2024 Margaret Mahy Book of the Year Award, and Jessica Townsend New York Times bestselling author of the *Nevermore* series.

A few of our students were lucky enough to be able to meet authors and have books signed.



Afsheen, R15 with author Stacy Gregg.

Here is what she had to say about the day:

"I loved seeing the diversity and different perspectives of such amazing authors. I had the best time meeting and getting my book signed by Stacy Gregg! She was so inspiring and a wonderful person to look up to. *To and Fro* seemed like a real thriller and I can't wait to get my hands on the *Nevermore* series! Overall it was the best!"

SPORT AT BBI

School Cross Country

This is a reminder that the school-wide cross country is happening **this Friday** at school.

All students are encouraged to put their best effort forward and take part to the best of their ability. Every student who takes part will gain points for their whānau.

The first race will start around 11:00 am with the last due to start at noon.



Tama Toa



60 lucky boys have taken part in their first Tama Toa session run by The Warriors Community Foundation.

Tama Toa is specifically targeted at Year 7-8 boys to focus on confidence, participation, enjoyment of sport, wellbeing, and keeping physically and mentally active with their peers. The boys will have a few more sessions at school before they head to the final session at Go Media Stadium.



Registrations for the AIMS Games 2025 are closing soon.

In the 2024 tournament, there were over 12,000 competitors, representing 373 schools and 25 sporting codes. This is a national tournament where the best of New Zealand come to compete.

If your child is competing in their chosen sport at a high level and you are interested in entering them, please get in touch with me to discuss the details of this further - adamv@bhbint.school.nz.



COMING UP

Speed Limits are Changing on Roads Near our School

These changes will happen between 12-19 May 2025.

The Ministry of Transport has approved the Land Transport Rule: Setting of Speed Limit 2024. This updated Rule requires Auckland Transport to reverse the permanent 30km per hour speed limits introduced around our school. Speed limits are changing on around 1,500 Auckland roads. Please keep an eye out for new speed limit signs.

For more information visit:-
<https://at.govt.nz/speedlimitreversals>



Hui-Fono

Talofa Lava, Nau mai, Haere Mai
Blockhouse Bay Intermediate invites the Māori and Pasifika Communities to
our

Term 2 Māori Hui-Pasifika Fono 2025
Wednesday 28th May - 6.00 pm - 7.30pm

In the staffroom

confirm attendance to ashleym@bhbint.school.nz

Ma le fa'aaloalo lava,

Mrs Julie Wong - Acting Principal
Mrs Theresa Talafou - Pasifika Education Leader
Matua Ashley Manuel - Māori Curriculum Leader



COMING UP



World Bee Day

Tuesday, May 20

Gold coin casual clothes day



Did you know that our school hosts a beehive?

Beezthingz is an organisation that supports our Envirokids club by checking on our bees, maintaining the hive and harvesting our honey. We want our students to continue with this initiative, so on World Bee Day we are having a casual clothes day to help Beezthingz keep up the good work.

Wear something yellow and bring a gold coin to go in to the draw to win a jar of BBI honey made by our very own bees! Our BBI bees fly a 3km radius around the school to collect nectar, so some could have come from your very own garden.

Every whanau has several jars of honey up for grabs and we will announce the winners and hand the honey out on the day.



Thank you for supporting our BBI bees
and good luck!

OTHER NEWS

Transform lives through faith, knowledge and education founded on Marist traditions.

ENROLMENTS **OPEN** FOR 2026

*Year 7 - 13 Catholic
co-educational college
with no zoning
restrictions.*

OPEN TOUR DAYS AVAILABLE

For more details, go to www.marcellin.school.nz or call (09) 625 6509

**ENROLL
NOW**

Jibbitz still available
from the school office.

BLOCKHOUSE BAY INTERMEDIATE **JIBBITZ**

**\$20
for 4**

For the first time ever, Blockhouse Bay Intermediate will have our very own Jibbitz! They will come in packs of 4 and will cost \$20.

There are limited numbers of the Series 1 Blockhouse Bay Intermediate Jibbitz! So get them quick!

You can purchase these at the school office or through your class money bag.

These will be available from Monday May 19th



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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



TERM DATES 2025

TERM 1: 30TH JAN - 11TH APRIL
TERM 2: 28TH APRIL - 27TH JUNE
TERM 3: 14TH JULY - 19TH SEPT
TERM 4: 6TH OCT - 12TH DEC

HOURS

SCHOOL: 8:45AM - 3.00PM
OFFICE: 8:00AM - 3.30PM