



Whanaungatanga

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WELCOME TO TERM 2 WEEK 7

Tēnā koutou e te whānau o Blockhouse Bay Intermediate,

Welcome to our Term Two, Week Seven Newsletter,

This week's newsletter begins with a huge mihi to our students and staff involved in Western Zone football.

Our teams have shown incredible dedication, turning up for early morning trainings twice a week, rain or shine, and their hard work has paid off, with both our boys' and girls' teams advancing to Interzone competitions last and this week.

We would like to acknowledge and thank our dedicated Sports Coordinator, Mr Vincent, and our passionate coaches, Miss Abbott and Mr Carney, whose commitment has been instrumental in the success of our football teams. We are proud of the way our students have represented BBI with skill, teamwork, and sportsmanship. Bring on Sports Camp and AIMS Games in Term 3!



CALENDAR:

- Board Meeting - 17th 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
- Student Led Conferences (1pm Finish) - 17th July

Teacher only Days - School Closed

- 14th July

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Parliament Outreach

Yesterday, a group of our students had the unique opportunity to take part in the New Zealand Parliament Outreach Programme, designed to deepen understanding of how Parliament works and how young people can actively participate in civic life. Through an engaging debating roleplay session set up in a mock parliamentary chamber, students stepped into the shoes of MPs and debated issues they care about. Topic of the day: Banning social media for those aged 16 and under. This experience brought the democratic process to life and was further enriched by the presence of real Members of Parliament, who offered insights and answered questions. We are grateful for this opportunity and the inspiration it has provided our students. Special thanks to the four MPs who worked with our students: Paulo Garcia (National New Lynn), Carlos Cheung (National, Mt Roskill), Vanushi Walters (Labour) and Shanan Halbert (Labour).



Social Emotional Learning (SEL) at BBI – Focus on Grit

At BBI, our SEL programme is guided by four key constructs: Resilience, Grit, Motivation to Learn, and Sense of Belonging. These reflect both the principles of the Science of Learning and the direction of the refreshed New Zealand Curriculum. Together, they underpin our commitment to developing confident, capable learners who are well-prepared for life beyond school.

In 2024, our SEL focus was on resilience, supporting students to recover and adapt when faced with challenges or setbacks. This year, we are building on that foundation with a focus on grit, the ability to persevere and maintain passion for long-term goals, even when the path is difficult or progress feels slow, as shared in our previous newsletter.

Why is grit important? It draws strength from all three other constructs. A student with the motivation to learn is more likely to keep going through challenges. A student with resilience can bounce back from setbacks. And a student who feels a sense of belonging is more willing to take risks in their learning, knowing they're safe and supported.

We learn best when we feel supported, seen, and connected. When students experience a strong sense of belonging, they are more confident in taking risks in their learning. Motivation, resilience, and belonging work together to reduce cognitive load, deepen learning, and support student wellbeing.

Ultimately, when students develop grit, fuelled by the other three constructs, they are better able to stay engaged, navigate challenges, and achieve success across all areas of their learning journey.



FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Definitions for reference:

- **Grit** is long-term perseverance and passion for achieving goals, even when the process is difficult or progress is slow.
- **Resilience** is the ability to bounce back from challenges, keep trying despite difficulties, and adapt to change.
- **Motivation to Learn** refers to a student's internal drive to engage with learning, persist through challenges, and take ownership of their progress.
- **Sense of Belonging** is a student's feeling of being accepted, valued, and connected to their peers, teachers, and school environment.

On this note, we welcome back LifeChangers to BBI this week with our Year 7 classes. LifeChanger school programs focus on prevention by empowering students to champion their mental health and wellbeing.

All Year 7 classes will participate in the Immersion Workshop. Divided into three parts, the session guides the students through a journey of self-discovery and collaboration, emphasising the importance of connection. Through reflection on personal experiences and emotions, our students gain a deeper understanding of themselves. The second part shifts the focus to peer connections, encouraging collaboration through interactive activities to strengthen peer relationships. The final segment explores future-oriented connections, prompting participants to reflect on their goals and create actionable steps for the future. By the end of the workshop, each student will have a better understanding of themselves, stronger connections with their peers, and a clearer vision of their future.

Tama Toa Pilot Programme Update

This term, we've had the privilege of partnering with the Warriors Community Foundation to run the Tama Toa programme, supporting a group of 48 Year 7 and 8 boys. The programme has been a fantastic addition to our wider **Wairuatanga** focus, helping to build confidence, leadership, and a stronger sense of identity and belonging. Thank you to Lincoln and the team at the Warriors Community Foundation for their energy, encouragement, and commitment to our young leaders in the making.

A Tidy Kiwi Reminder – Rubbish at School

This term, we have noticed an increase in litter around the school, mainly food wrappers and packaging from lunches and the tuckshop. Despite accessible bins, regular reminders, and class duties to tidy up, the issue continues.

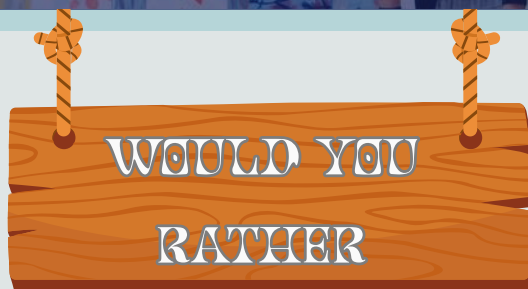
We know our students wouldn't leave rubbish lying around at home, and we're asking for the same respect to be shown here at school. Keeping our school clean is a shared responsibility, and we expect our students to take ownership of their actions and their environment.

Please help us by reminding your child to always be a tidy Kiwi.

Julie Wong
Acting Principal



FROM THE LIBRARY



Our “Would you Rather” for the week was a good place to start discussions about our favourite book characters and authors. It seems most of us were keen to meet our favourite book character.

Who would you choose to meet?



Congratulations to our **Book Week Winners!**

Check out their AMAZING work.



Book Series of the Week....

Blue Lock

After a disastrous defeat at the 2018 World Cup, Japan's team struggles to regroup. But what's missing? An absolute ace striker. The Football Union is hell-bent on creating a striker who hungers for goals and thirsts for victory, so Blue Lock—a rigorous training ground for 300 of Japan's best and brightest youth players—is created. To survive this battle royale, the last striker standing will have to out-muscle and out-ego everyone who stands in his way!



SPORT AT BBI

Interzone Girls Football

Last week, our girls' football teams headed to Seddon Fields to compete at Auckland Champs. This is where the winners from each of the nine zones in Auckland Intermediate sports come together to compete against each other.

Our Year 8 Girls played four pool games, coming away with 2 wins, 1 draw and 1 loss. The girls were very unlucky to just miss the semi-finals by one point. These meant the girls came away with 5th overall, which is a great result.

Our Year 7 girls played two pool games, winning both of these to make it through to the semifinals. After a tough semifinal against Mt Roskill, the girls ended up going down in a penalty shootout. This meant that the girls came away with 3rd overall.

These were excellent results for our girls' teams; to be the 3rd and 5th best teams in Auckland is a huge achievement. Well done girls.

Western Zone Cross Country

On Thursday, June 5th, 32 students headed to Crum Park to participate in the Western Zone Cross Country event. This was a challenging course, but all of our students did a fantastic job, representing the school with pride. Below are the results of the students who placed in the top 10.

Year 7 Girls

Layla Quensell (Rm 13) - 1st Overall
Karen Kawada (Rm 24) - 2nd Overall
Ziyun He (Rm 3) - 4th Overall
Bethany Knox (Rm 23) 6th Overall

Year 7 Girls Team - 1st Overall

Layla Quensell (Rm 13),
Karen Kawada (Rm 24),
Ziyun He (Rm 3), Bethany Knox (Rm 23),
Summer Cleave (Rm 10),
Caelan Capps (Rm 28)

Year 7 Boys

Mayan Narsey (Rm 23) - 6th Overall

Year 8 Girls

Lily Sexton (Rm 7) - 7th Overall
Piper Cooney (Rm 12) - 10th Overall

Year 8 Boys

Artem Plekhotkin (Rm 12) - 9th Overall



Western Zone Rugby

Well done to all of our boys who headed out to compete at the Western Zone Rugby event. With mainly Rugby League players in the teams, the boys should be proud of their efforts. They all enjoyed the day playing some good code. Thank you to ex-BBI student Ben Cameron from Suburbs Rugby Club for taking morning trainings with the boys.



BBI MOCK PARLIAMENT



On June 11, Blockhouse Bay Intermediate hosted its very first Mock Parliament. The Parliamentary Education team visited the school, along with four MPs: Paulo Garcia, Carlos Cheung, Vanushi Walters and Shanan Halbert.

Our students were divided into "Government" and "Opposition" MPs and had to debate a bill proposing that "People under the age of 16 should be banned from Social Media".

It was a unique learning experience for our students, as the Parliamentary Education transformed our FLS into a mock Parliament (complete with backdrop) and the visiting MPs inspired, informed and amused our students through an energetic and robust debate. In the end, the bill was dramatically defeated when three Government MPs crossed the floor.

It was an exciting morning for all, and the Parliamentary Delegation was very impressed by the knowledge and enthusiasm of our BBI students!



COMING UP



Green Bay High School



Te Angitu Ngātahi

Succeeding Together

Open Evening Wednesday 16th July

3:30pm - 7:00pm

Serving families in Green Bay, Titirangi and the surrounding areas, our focus is on learning that is relevant, exciting and meets the needs of all our students. At Green Bay High School, teachers know their students, they make time to foster strong relationships and support all students to achieve their best throughout the five years they are with us.

Come along to our Open Evening and see the great range of opportunities available. Tours are available from 3.30pm to 6.30pm. Our Principal, Fiona Barker, will talk in the Auditorium at 5pm and 6.30pm about what your child's future could look like at Green Bay High School.



Fiona Barker
Principal



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MUSIC LESSONS
at Blockhouse Bay Intermediate School

Does your child want to learn to play music?

Would you like after school lessons with a professional Music Tutor with many years of teaching experience? You can enrol your child in piano/keyboard lessons at Blockhouse Bay Intermediate School!

We deliver a fun, varied and structured curriculum. Students learn songs in styles ranging from traditional to contemporary, after school on Tuesdays.

For information on piano/keyboard lessons, contact **Lih Foo**.

Email: lih.foo@musiqhub.co.nz
Phone: 021 2076 231

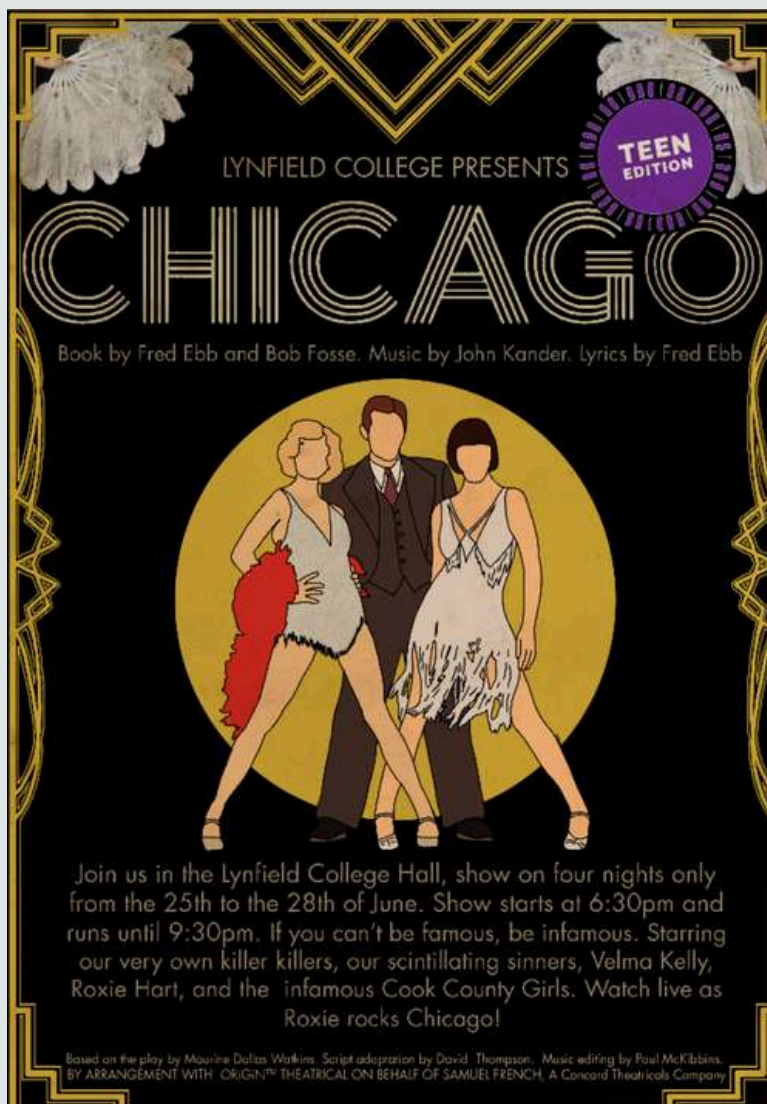
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COMING UP

Lynfield College Presents:

CHICAGO: TEEN EDITION

🥰 Lynfield College proudly presents CHICAGO: Teen Edition – a bold, high-energy production of the iconic Broadway musical, specially adapted for young performers. Set in the roaring 1920s, this dazzling show follows Roxie Hart and Velma Kelly as they navigate fame, fortune, and justice in a world where the spotlight is everything. With unforgettable music, sharp choreography, and a darkly comic edge, CHICAGO: Teen Edition is a thrilling showcase of student talent and stagecraft.



SHOW DATES AND TIMES

Wednesday 25 June 2025 – 7:00 PM

Thursday 26 June 2025 – 7:00 PM

Friday 27 June 2025 – 7:00 PM

Saturday 28 June 2025 – 7:00 PM

LOCATION

Lynfield College School Hall
(Doors at 6:30)

191 White Swan Road, Mt Roskill, Auckland
1041

Tickets on sale now via TryBooking.com

<https://www.trybooking.com/nz/events/landing/15831>



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