



BLOCKHOUSE BAY INTERMEDIATE NEWSLETTER



Whanaungatanga

Rangatiratanga

Wairuatanga

Manaakitanga

WELCOME TO TERM 3 WEEK 1

Tēnā koutou e te whānau o Blockhouse Bay Intermediate,

Welcome back to Term 3! We hope you and your whānau had a chance to rest, recharge, and enjoy some quality time together over the term break. It's always a joy seeing our students return with new energy and stories to share! The heart of our school beats the strongest when we're all back together.

As we kick off a new term, a timely reminder that once students arrive at school and enter through the gates, they are expected to stay onsite. Heading back out to the dairy or bakery during school time is not permitted. We appreciate your support in reinforcing this at home, it's about safety and building good routines.

With the colder months still here, please ensure your child is dressed in our full school uniform. Jewellery should remain simple and within our guidelines. Please refer to our uniform guidelines for more information and acceptable winter layers.

Today (Thursday 17th July), during Student-Led Conferences, we invite you to pop into the library to meet with our leadership team. We will be gathering community voice to shape our next Strategic Plan (2026–2028), and your perspective is invaluable in helping us set direction for our school.

CALENDAR:

- Student Led Conferences (1pm Finish) - 17th July
- Totara Springs Sports Camp 21st - 25th July
- Year 6 Parent Evening 6:00 in School Hall - 29th July
- Board Meeting 6:30 - 5th August
- Pre-AIMS Football Tournament - 6th August
- Waitakare Zone Table Tennis - 12th August
- Blockhouse Bay Intermediate's Primary Schools Football Tournament - 13th August
- Auckland Champs Cross Country - 26th August
- Waitakare Zone Basketball - 27th August
- Aims Games - 30th August - 5th September
- Culture and Arts Festival from 5:00 - 6:30 - 11th September
- Term Ends (2pm Finish) - 19th September

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

An Exciting Term Ahead

From Sports Camp and AIMS Games to our Japan Trip, our EOTC opportunities this term are rich with learning beyond the classroom. These moments build confidence, connection and unforgettable memories, we look forward to sharing with you the growth of the students in the coming weeks.

Knowledge-a-thon

Our annual Knowledge-a-thon is more than just a fundraiser, it's an expression of our values as a school community. Each year, we give forward. Funds raised have helped create the Wairuatanga Garden, the Outdoor Hub, our Adventure Playground, and most recently, our hall sound system. This year, proceeds will help us purchase a kiln, strengthening our arts programme with more hands-on, creative opportunities. Additional funds will be put towards our long-term goal of a school gymnasium - a dream we continue to build towards together, one step at a time.

Oral Language Competition

This term also brings our Oral Language competition. This is a chance for students to build their confidence and voice. From class level to whānau level to a schoolwide celebration, we love seeing students rise to the challenge. It's always a proud moment seeing our students speak with mana.

Culture of the Arts Festival

We're thrilled to be hosting our biennial Culture of the Arts Festival at the end of the term. It will be a celebration of talent, hard work and cultural pride. Our performance groups can't wait for you to see what they've created. Bring the whole whānau!

Transitions: Year 6 → Year 7 and Year 8 → Year 9

Term 3 is also a key time for transitions. For our Year 8 students preparing for high school, and for new Year 6 students and whānau looking ahead to 2025, we're here to walk alongside you. Please check in-zone schools, note open day dates, and submit out-of-zone applications early.

We know transitions can bring a mix of excitement and nerves, especially when it comes to new environments, friendships, and routines. Emotional wellbeing and a sense of belonging are just as important as academic preparation, and we'll be supporting this every step of the way. Ms Mills will be available in the library on the 17th of July to support college transition questions and process.

We warmly invite all Year 6 parents and caregivers to our **Parent Information Evening** on **Monday 29 July, 6-7.30pm** in the school hall. Nau mai, haere mai — we look forward to welcoming you.

Ngā mihi mahana,

Julie Wong
Acting Principal
Blockhouse Bay Intermediate School

COMING UP



INTRODUCING....

KNOWLEDGE-A-THON 2025

BHBI is gearing up for our annual fundraiser – the *Knowledge-a-thon*.

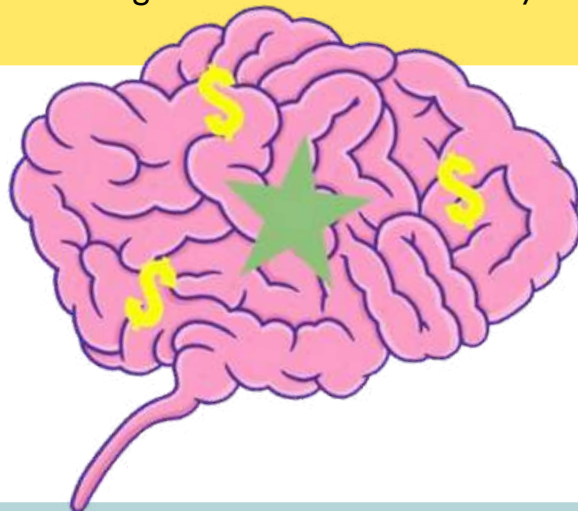
Each year students collect sponsors and learn the answers to 100 questions, to raise money for new initiatives, equipment and upgrades around our school.

In recent years the knowledge-a-thon has funded the turf, outdoor hub, the playground, a new school sound system, the school chromebooks and the cricket nets!

This year our Arts Department is getting a glow up with a long awaited pottery kiln, giving students the opportunity to create three-dimensional pieces of functional and abstract art!

With over \$1000 worth of prizes on offer and a green service star awarded to each child who gets 85% or more questions correct, everyone can be a winner. We have prizes for individuals who raise the most and a spot prize draw, with every \$40 raised gaining your child an entry.

Thank you for helping make BHBI the best school ever, let's make this Knowledge-a-thon the best one yet!!!



COMING UP

Year 8 Camp

We are busy preparing for our Year 8 Camps in Term 4, but we need your help and support with this. For each student, we require a completed Medical and Dietary form to ensure we can provide the best possible care for your child during their time at camp. If you could please complete the following form as soon as possible, we would greatly appreciate it. Thank you to those who have already completed this.

[Year 8 Camp Student Medical and Dietary Form](#)



AVONDALE COLLEGE OPEN EVENING

Avondale College is looking forward to welcoming prospective students and their families at their Open Evening on **Wednesday 23 July from 4-7pm**. Guided tours will be leaving from the College's Atrium (Victor Street entrance) throughout the evening. Do allow plenty of time - there's a lot to see!

[Click here for the Open Evening Facebook Event page](#)

Avondale College will be accepting online enrolments for 2026 from the beginning of Term 3. In-zone applications should be lodged by 25 July and out-of-zone applications submitted by 4pm 27 August 2025.

Please visit www.avcol.school.nz/enrolments for more information.



LYNFIELD COLLEGE OPEN EVENING

OPEN EVENING | Tuesday 22 July
2025 at 6.00 pm

Lynfield College Hall



OTHER NEWS



Specialist Subject Cost

Specialist Subjects cost is now overdue (statements have been emailed to families concerned).

We need these to be paid as soon as possible. This assists with the cost of materials they use in your child's specialist classes ie art, design tech, music, science and dance & drama.

Our friendly office staff accept eftpos/visa payments, cash.
Alternatively internet banking

Office hours are 8:00am - 3.30pm office@bhbint.school.nz
Thanks in advance!



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