



Whanaungatanga

Rangatiratanga

Wairuatanga

Manaakitanga

WELCOME TO TERM 3 WEEK 3

Tēnā koutou e te whānau o Blockhouse Bay Intermediate,

Welcome to our Term Three, Week Three Newsletter,

Kia ora e te whānau,

Earlier this week, we had a fantastic turnout of Year 6 parents and whānau who are looking ahead to joining us at BBI in 2026. Tuesday evening's information night is an important part of our transition process, following on from the Principal and Y7/8 students' primary school visits that took place earlier throughout Week One.

Just as the Year 6 students may feel a mix of excitement and nervousness about moving to intermediate, we know the same is true for parents. The evening provided a great opportunity to share what learning and life looks like at BBI, and to support families in preparing for this next step. The presentation from the night is now available on our Facebook page, along with key dates for our upcoming school tours.

CALENDAR:

- 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

Upholding Our BBI Values

Term Three is a great time to refocus on our school values and remind students of the high expectations we hold for how they manage themselves as we work toward the end of the school year.

We have noticed a number of our students slipping in how they are showing our school values, particularly around self-management and making sensible decisions that show respect for themselves and others in our school community.

We would like to remind our students of our expectation while they are at BBI. These are not new messages — they've always been part of who we are. We will be reinforcing them again across the school, and we would really appreciate your support by having those same conversations at home.

Sports Camp at Totara Springs

A huge mihi to our team of 35 students who represented BBI with grit, determination, and heart at the Totara Springs Sports Camp in Matamata. From early morning fitness to late-night games, this camp is an intense week of sport, teamwork, and character building.

Special thanks to Mr Vincent, Ms Ward and Miss Kaleta, along with our incredible parent helpers, who supported and stayed with our team all week. Mr Vincent will be sharing our results and highlights in our next school assembly where our athletes will also be recognised. Shout out to our whānau for the support behind the scenes.

Transition reminder

To our Year 8 parents: High school enrolments for in-zone colleges should ideally be completed by now. This helps the colleges immensely with their planning for 2026, so please ensure you've got that sorted!

2026 International Travel Opportunity

We were proud to welcome back our school visiting students from China – Zhoushan Greentown Yuhua International School – for their third visit to BBI. Our students hosted them with manaakitanga, and the cultural exchange throughout the week was rich, warm, and filled with shared learning.

Off the back of this strong relationship, we are excited to announce our 2026 school trip to China. We will be selecting 20 current Year 7 students for a two-week experience at the start of Term 2, 2026. Application closes at 3pm on 18th August.

Destinations include:

Chengdu – visiting the world-famous panda sanctuary

Ningbo region – school visits and cultural exchange, including Zhoushan Greentown Yuhua school

Shanghai – cultural sites, old streets and a visit to Shanghai Disneyland

Estimated cost: \$3,500 – includes flights, accommodation, insurance, meals, school activities, sightseeing, and transport.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Attendance

One of the things we are continuing to focus on in 2025 is student attendance. You will hear us talking about this with you, with our students and it remains a strong subject of conversation in the staff room.

If a student misses one day of school every two weeks, they miss more than a whole year of school by 16 years of age. As a parent or caregiver, you, alongside our school, play a key role in building strong habits of regular school attendance. All students are legally required to attend school every day and it is a shared responsibility to make sure students attend and engage in learning from when they first start school.

So far this year, we've noticed a bit of a trend – it seems our attendance numbers really shine on those sunnier days! While we all love a bit of sunshine, we want to remind everyone that come rain or shine, school is open and ready for our students. Rain is definitely not a reason to miss out on valuable learning. We encourage all students to come to school prepared for all weather conditions.

Knowledge-a-thon Fundraiser – Help us Build a Kiln

This year's Knowledge-a-thon is underway and we're excited to once again see our community come together to support the next step in our school improvement journey.

Funds raised this year will go towards the installation of a kiln, enhancing our visual arts programme and giving our students the opportunity to explore ceramics and sculpture in a hands-on, meaningful way.

We see this not just as an investment in the arts – but in wellbeing, creativity, and knowledge in arts. We're calling on all students and families to get involved: study the questions, collect sponsorship, and give generously.

Let's grow creative capacity at BBI!

Ngā mihi nui,

Julie Wong
Acting Principal
Blockhouse Bay Intermediate School

INTRODUCING

BLOCKHOUSE BAY INTERMEDIATE



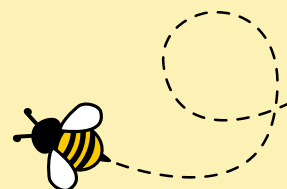
Introducing our very own Blockhouse Bay Intermediate Honey!



For just \$10, you can enjoy honey made by our very own BBI bees. Bees fly as far as 3km from their hive so who knows, some of these busy bees might have visited your own garden!

Honey is known for being packed with antioxidants and soothing properties.

Support BBI and our bees by purchasing your own pot of honey from the school office! All of the money goes towards the upkeep of our beehives.



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!!!



\$10 Tuckshop



Heaps of Spot Prizes to be Won!

SPORTS CAMP

SPORTS CAMP 2025

In week 2, our Sports Camp team of 35 keen athletes travelled down to Matamata to enjoy a week of competitive sports against 9 teams from 8 other intermediate schools from across the North Island.

Aside from team sports, our students got to try out other less common sports such as shooting, kayaking, spike ball, croquet and wall ball to name a few. With outstanding weather, plenty of wins and no injuries, a great week was had by all. Special shout out to Lee-anne, Zynal and Brodie for coming along as parent helpers, we couldn't do it without you!

Blockhouse Bay placed 2nd overall! Only just missing out on first place to Takapuna Intermediate by 4.5 points.



Placed 1st:
Athletics
Caged Soccer
Darts
Boys Volleyball
Draughts
Pétanque
Football
Foosball
Girls Tag
Wall Ball



Runners Up:
Softball
Cheer Team
Softball
Overall



SPORTS AT BBI

Western Zone Netball



In week 1, 40 students consisting of Year 7 Boys, Year 7 Girls, Year 8 Boys and Year 8 Girls teams headed out to Te Pai Courts in Henderson to take part in the Waitakere Zone competition.

For our boys, this was a very new sport for them, but they picked up the game fast. Our girls also did a fantastic job backing up from their weekly games the night before.

Well done to all the students who took part.



Western Zone Gymnastics

At the end of term two, 34 of our students competed at the Waitakere Zone Gymnastics competition. A massive thank you to Lou Bryant and her helpers for training the group as they all had a fantastic day competing.

Year 7 Girls

1st - Ruby Bradley-Parker (Room 13)

2nd = Emma Burrows (Room 28)

2nd = Payton Overton (Room 9)

Year 7 Girls Team 1 - 1st overall

Ruby Bradley-Parker (Room 13), Emma Burrows (Room 28), Payton Overton (Room 9), Kylie Su (Room 17)

Year 7 Girls Team 2 - 3rd Overall

Alana Beer (Room 27)

Sophie Miratana (Room 4)

Gabriella Thompson (Room 27)

Safiya Khan (Room 23)

Year 8 Girls

1st - Erinna Clemmett (Room 15)

Year 8 Girls Team 1 - 2nd overall

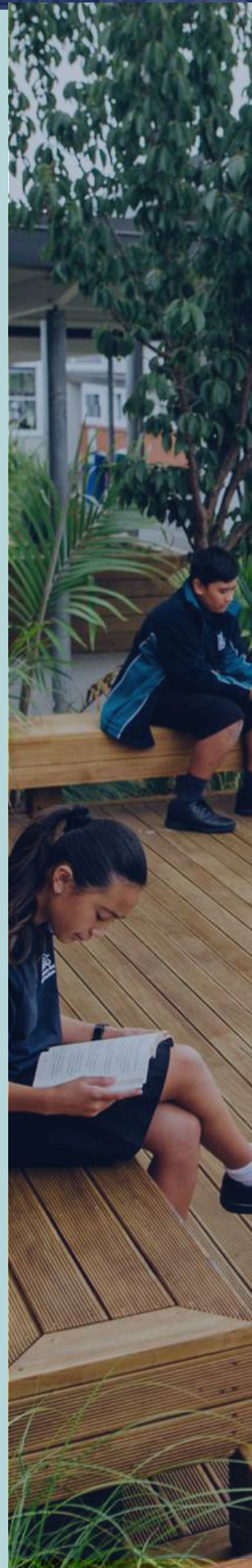
Erinna Clemmett (Room 15), Olivia Dixon (Room 21), Mayuri Morar (Room 1)

Year 7 Boys

1st - Dron Kukreja (Room 4)

2nd - Mayan Narsey (Room 23)

3rd - Paarth Chakravarthy (Room 9)



FROM THE LIBRARY



BATTLE OF THE BOOKS

We have narrowed our search down to 16 finalists who will compete in our Battle of the Books 2025!

Each finalist has been selected based on popularity across the different genres in our library. Check the Daily Notices for the link to vote for your favourite book.

BOOK SERIES OF THE WEEK

From the legendary Emily Rodda comes an epic adventure unlike any you've read before.

Derry knows no other life than that of a captive on Cram's Rock, shunned by the other young prisoners for being Cram's poison taster. Until the day everything changes, when a traveller arrives, on the run from the sinister El executioners. She leaves Derry with a magical notebook full of secrets, secrets that might hold the key to Derry's destiny – and his past.

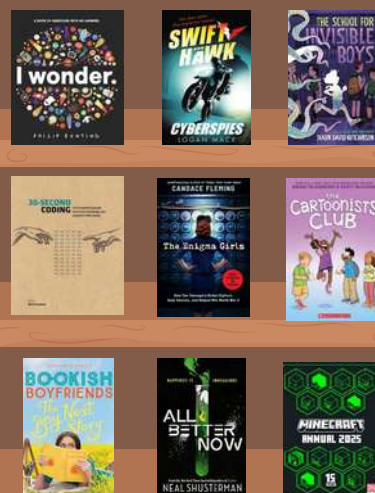
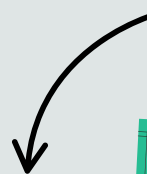
Once you enter Landovel, you won't want to leave. So let Emily Rodda, bestselling author of Deltora Quest, take you on the whole thrilling adventure. In an unprecedented publishing event, Landovel's three parts are available together – and only together – in one unique, irresistible package, ready for you to binge from start to finish.

[Goodreads 2025]



NEVER STOP READING

New Books



COMING UP

HAVE YOUR SAY – STAND FOR THE 2025 SCHOOL BOARD ELECTIONS!

Kia ora e te whānau,
In 2025, our kura will take part in the triennial School Board Elections. School boards play a vital role in shaping the direction of our school, supporting student success, and ensuring effective governance that reflects the needs and aspirations of our diverse community.

If you're passionate about education, equity, and making a difference for tamariki, we encourage you to consider standing for election. No prior experience is needed — just a commitment to working together and representing our whānau voice.

Learn more about the role of board members:



COMMUNITY MEMBER GUIDE – NZSTA



WATCH THIS SHORT VIDEO

LET'S STAND TALL FOR OUR TAMARIKI – RUIA TAITEA!

SURF CAMPS & PROGRAMS

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Term 3, 4 & 1 Holidays | ages 13-17

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2 day program - 9am - 1pm
Term 3 & 1 Holidays | ages 6-15

AFTER SCHOOL SURFING
Terms 4 & 1 | ages 7-15

KIDS SUMMER SURF PROGRAM
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COMING UP



JOIN US FOR A FUN HANDS-ON SESSION AS WE SORT AND PACKAGE SEEDS FOR THE NEW LYNN COMMUNITY HUB SEED LIBRARY

COME ALONG FOR A CUP OF TEA AND MEET OTHER FELLOW GARDENERS HELPING TO SUPPORT OUR SEED SHARING COMMUNITY

2-3 PM | 3RD AUG
NEW LYNN LIBRARY
FREE WHĀNAU FRIENDLY EVENT
NO REGISTRATION REQUIRED



JOIN US FOR A FUN HANDS-ON SEED RAISING SESSION! LEARN HOW TO GROW SUMMER CROPS FROM SCRATCH...

COME ALONG FOR A CUP OF TEA AND MEET OTHER FELLOW GARDENERS IN YOUR LOCAL COMMUNITY!

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VENUE TBC
FREE WHĀNAU FRIENDLY EVENT
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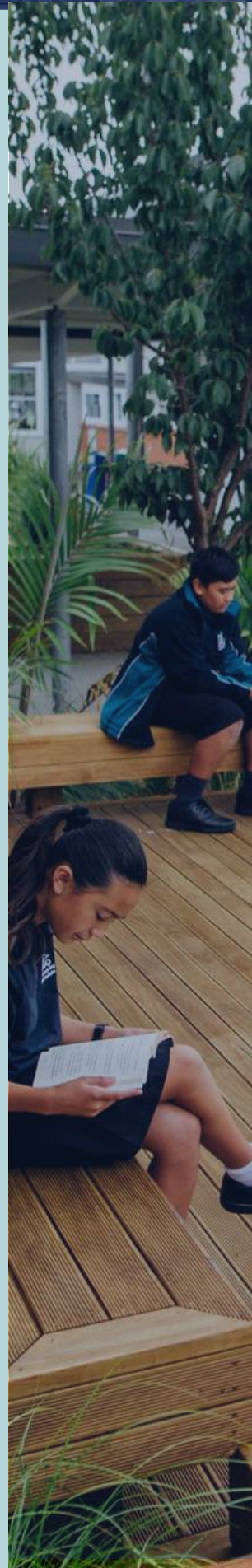
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OUR VALUES



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