



BLOCKHOUSE BAY INTERMEDIATE

ATHLETICS DAY 

Tomorrow is the big day. Our thanks to Mr Vincent for organising the event that takes place over two sites. Thanks to his organisational skills and the great teams of staff at both sites, athletics runs like a well oiled machine.

Tomorrow the forecast is for 22 degrees and sun all day. This is the first real taste of summer and our students will need to be prepared, with preferably a long sleeve (their whānau colours if preferred), apply sunscreen before leaving home (sunscreen will be available at the event). Plenty of water (especially if attending Olympic park) and enough food to last.

We look forward to seeing you if you are popping down to support your child.

NEWSLETTER



Whanaungatanga

Rangatiratanga

Wairuatanga

Manaakitanga

WELCOME TO TERM 4 WEEK 1

Tēnā koutou, e te whānau o Blockhouse Bay Intermediate

Welcome to the Term four, Week one newsletter.

It is wonderful to return to school after having a two-term sabbatical following nineteen years as a principal. This was an opportunity for refreshment and reflection; as well as an opportunity to present the work we do at BBI to schools in Canada and to write the BBI Structural Equation Modelling case study for the Ministry of Education.

I would start with thanking Mrs. Wong, our Senior Leadership team, all our staff, board and community for keeping the ship steady over what has been a year of ongoing educational change. I have been in weekly contact with Mrs. Wong, so feel in a good position of knowing where we are as a school and where we are heading, as we begin the final term and prepare the strategic plan for the next three years.

Looking back, it has certainly been a busy six months as we have navigated new curriculums, and the school has made excellent progress and has positioned itself to continue delivering a world class education for our community.

I would like to especially acknowledge all the hard work behind the scenes to provide our students with the rich opportunities available to them. Our staff spend a lot of time ensuring safe and inclusive opportunities are available for all.

CALENDAR:

- School Athletics - 10th October
- Camp parent helpers meeting at 5:30pm - 14th October
- Board meeting 6:30pm - 21st October
- NZEI Strike day (school closed for instruction) - 23rd October.
- Year 6 Intermediate experience day - 24th October
- Labour Day - 27th October
- Y8 Camp 1 - 3rd November until 7th November
- Totara and Kowhai Y7 surf trip - 11th November.
- Y8 Camp 2 - 17th November until 21st November
- Nikau Y7 surf trip - 25th November.
- Matai and Mitro Y7 surf trip - 26th November

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Performing arts (festival of the Arts) - Aims – Sports camp – Japan - camp.

High expectations are Visible Learning

What is not negotiable at BBI are our values. This is the messaging for all our students as we embark on the final term of 2025. Our values support our high expectations that every student will succeed at BBI.

As we move to transitioning to high school, transitioning to year eight or thinking of joining us next year, it is an important time to remind all students that term four is the time to really knuckle down and shine before we embark on our next adventure. Teaching and learning never ends until the final bell of the year has been rung.

Welcome new BOT - induction

Thank you to all parents who put their name forward. As a school it always helps to have a mix of established and the new members. We welcome Bridget Marchant and Jot S Bisht as new members to the board.

We will begin with a combined hui at Lynfield college on the 15th October with the wider Lynfield schools.

Strategic planning for the next three years at BBI

For 2026, all New Zealand schools are required to design and deliver a three-year strategic plan (with a detailed annual plan), that shows giving effect to the delivery of the National Education Learning Priorities (NELP). This has always been Business as Usual for BBI and we started the this new cycle back in term 1.

[Click this link to view our consultation process so far and our draft strategic road map which captures the essence of the NELP as well as our innovative delivery through an adolescence lens.](#)

This is an exciting time for us all at BBI, knowing that schools should now be aligning across the country to give effect to our refreshed curriculums, delivered through a science based common practice model that will level the education playing field, providing for more equitable outcomes for all Kiwi students. We will share more as we progress.

Important messaging from the Ministry Measles cases in Aotearoa

Recent measles cases linked to overseas travel have been reported in Te Tai Tokerau and Queenstown. Cases were active in the community while infectious and there is a risk of measles circulating there, and more widely in Aotearoa.

Points to share with parents, caregivers and the school community:

- Measles is very contagious and can make people of any age very sick.
- Watch for measles symptoms – fever, cough, runny nose, sore eyes and a blotchy rash.

Measles: Locations of interest in Aotearoa New Zealand – Health New Zealand

- If anyone in your whānau has measles symptoms keep them home and contact a doctor or Healthline urgently on 0800 611 116.
- Vaccination is the best protection from measles. Check all whānau are immunised.

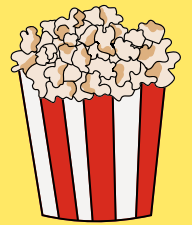
Measles immunity – Health New Zealand

Measles, mumps and rubella (MMR) vaccine – Health New Zealand

- Anyone closely exposed to measles who has not received two MMR vaccinations cannot attend their school | kura for at least eight days.

KNOWLEDGE-A-THON

KNOWLEDGE-A-THON 2025



A big thank you to all our students and their families who fundraised this year and took part in our school wide event. Together you raised

\$27 606.30!!

We gave out over 30 spot prizes at the end of last term, and Rimu - the top fundraising whanau, are enjoying a double lunch block on Thursday this week.

On Tuesday our top fundraisers from each whanau and their lucky chosen friends, headed off to Reading Cinema at LynnMall with Mr Vincent to enjoy a movie, and our top fundraiser was Payton from Room 9, who earned herself a \$150 Prezzy Card!

Because of your support we can keep upgrading our school facilities and looking at new initiatives to make our awesome school even better.

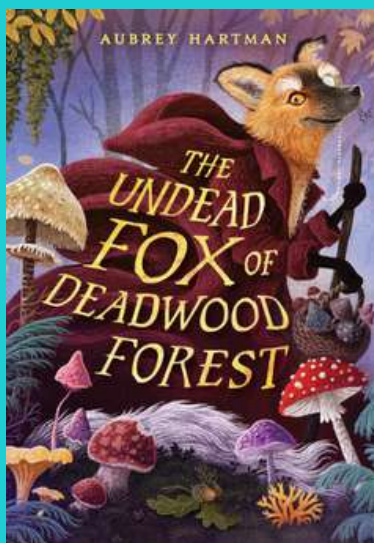
See you next year!!!



FROM THE LIBRARY



BOOK OF THE WEEK



Clare is the undead fox of Deadwood Forest. Here, leaves grow in a perpetual state of fall: not quite dead, but not quite alive—just like Clare. Long ago, he was struck by a car, and, hovering between life and death, he was given the choice to either cross into the Afterlife or become an Usher of wandering souls. Clare chose the latter: a solitary life of guiding souls to their final resting place.

Clare's quiet and predictable days are met with upheaval when a badger soul named Gingersnipes knocks on his door. Despite Clare's efforts to usher her into the Afterlife, the badger is unable to leave Deadwood. This is unprecedented. Baffling. A disturbing mystery which threatens the delicate balance between the living and the dead.

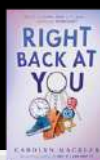
This delightfully grim tale is a heartwarming exploration of moving on, perfect for fans of Kate DiCamillo and Tim Burton.



The Library is PAC'D with great books! Come and join the scavenger hunt, how many Ghosts and Pac Men can you find? The first correct winner will win a book voucher and special sweet treat!



NEW TO THE LIBRARY



OTHER NEWS



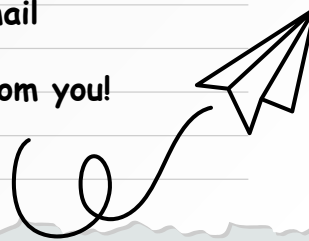
2026 HOMESTAY OPPORTUNITY

At the beginning of Term 1 in 2026 we will be having four different groups of intermediate-aged Chinese students attending our school. They are interested in experiencing life with a New Zealand family during this time.

You will be paid \$380/week and need to provide 3 meals/day.

If you are interested in having a homestay, please contact me at Blockhouse Bay Intermediate by using this email ingridb@bhbint.school.nz
Looking forward to hearing from you!

Ingrid Belt



ICE SKATING FOR NEURODIVERSE CHILDREN

Hosted in collaboration with Glenburn Figure Skating Club

Date: Saturday 1st November 2025

Time: 11.45-12.45, please arrive 30mins prior to starting

Location: Paradise Ice Skating Avondale, 150 Lansford Cres Auckland 0600

Cost: Free to attend or optional donation to Autism New Zealand

Registration: <https://form.jotform.com/251803467929871>



What to Bring: Warm clothes, gloves, socks and a sense of adventure!

Helmets or approved headbands are compulsory for all skaters. You're welcome to bring your own, or borrow one free of charge from the rink.

Join us for a magical morning on the ice!

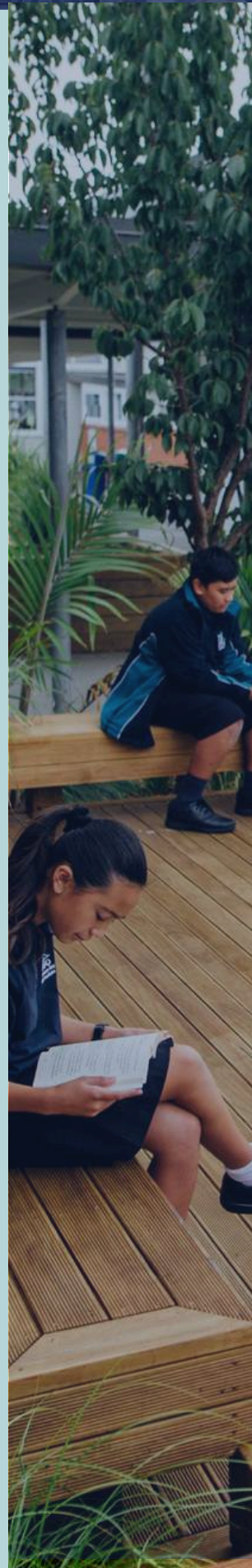
This special session is designed to support and celebrate neurodiverse children in a safe, welcoming, and sensory-considerate environment.

Skating Together: A Supportive Experience

Join Sheryl Squier — a passionate primary school teacher and competitive ice skater — for a supportive ice skating session designed especially for neurodiverse children. This inclusive experience is proudly hosted in collaboration with Glenburn Figure Skating Club and a team of experienced, compassionate coaches who are passionate about making ice skating accessible and enjoyable for everyone.

Spots are limited – register early!

For questions or more info, contact: Sheryl
sherylsquier@gmail.com



OTHER NEWS

St Dominic's Catholic Primary School

\$10

WITJUTI CLOTHING

FLASH SALE

11TH OCTOBER
10-12PM
SCHOOL HALL

GRAB A BARGAIN...BRING A BAG!!
EVERYTHING \$10.00 - CASH ONLY!

GLEN EDEN TENNIS CLUB

JUNIOR TENNIS

COACHING STARTS
WEDNESDAY 8TH OCTOBER
TERM 4 2025 THROUGH TO
TERM 1 2026

FIRST LESSON **FREE** TO TRIAL
FOR NEWCOMERS

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| 5-8 YEARS | 4.00PM-4.45PM |
| 8-11 YEARS | 4.45PM-5.45PM |
| 11-18 YEARS | 5.45PM-7.00PM |

42 GLENDALE ROAD, GLEN EDEN
(NEXT TO HAROLD MOODY PARK)

ALL ENQUIRIES:
ANNE NIGHTINGALE 021.103.3786
OR RAEMA INGLIS 021.208.0725

FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK AND INSTAGRAM

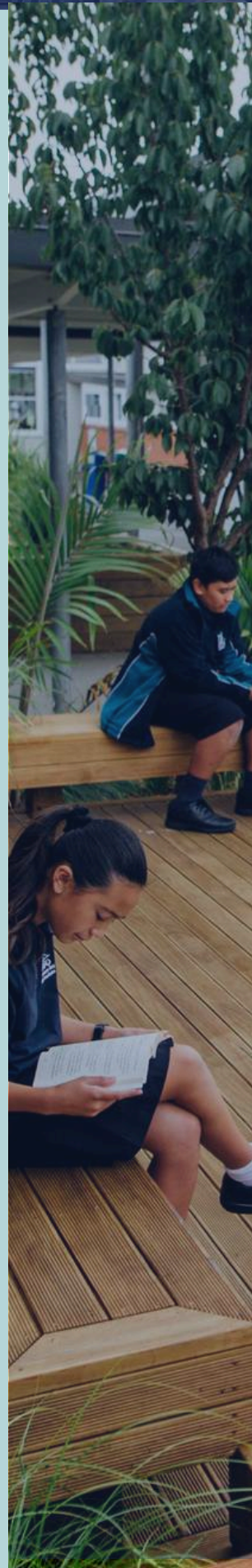
Transform lives through faith, knowledge and education founded on Marist traditions.



ENROLMENTS OPEN FOR 2026

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

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



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