



BLOCKHOUSE BAY INTERMEDIATE

NEWSLETTER

IMPORTANT NOTICE

We are writing to formally notify you of planned strike action scheduled to take place from 7:00am to 7:00pm on Thursday 23 October 2025.

This action will involve employees who are members of NZEI Te Riu Roa and are covered by the following collective agreements: Classroom teachers, support staff and school Principals.

Blockhouse Bay Intermediate school will be closed for instruction Tomorrow Thursday 23 October due to NZEI staff taking strike action. Please organise alternative arrangements for this day.



Whanaungatanga

Rangatiratanga

Wairuatanga

Manaakitanga

WELCOME TO TERM 4 WEEK 3

Tēnā koutou, e te whānau o Blockhouse Bay Intermediate

Welcome to the Term four, Week three newsletter.

Over the past few weeks there is a real buzz as we prepare for year eight camp and then the move to transitioning 430 students to high school, while welcoming an equal number in from our contributing primaries. This is a logistical feat of sound communication and coordination across many schools and does take up a lot of time for our staff and leadership team.

This is a process that we always aim to get right, and we use all the tools at our disposal to prepare a mostly seamless transition for all year levels.

All the while we still have a busy school to run, legislation to enact and targets to meet. Year eight students are realising that they are on a final push in assessment as we meet with our high schools to discuss every student and their placement.

While all of this is happening, we continue to support students and parents make positive choices and just like every school in New Zealand, we battle every day with the same issues around attendance as well as online incidents that impact on students at school. All of which take valuable time from other core tasks at the busiest time of the year.

We still see predictable patterns around lateness which is mapped every week with individuals who require supports when patterns emerge.

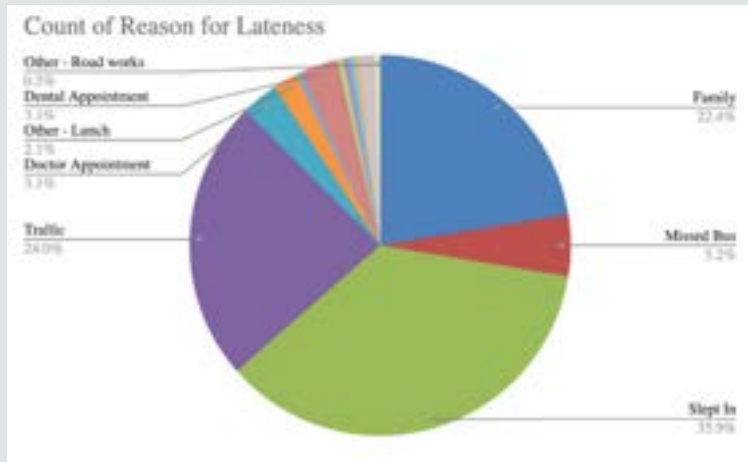
CALENDAR:

- 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 Miro Y7 surf trip - 26th November

**WHĀNAU WITH THE
BEST ATTENDANCE ON
FRIDAY 24TH OCTOBER
WILL WIN A CASUAL
CLOTHES DAY!**

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Term three week two 209 reasons for lateness



Attendance Builds a Strong Foundation:

- **Attendance Resilience:** We find a **very strong link** here. Consistent attendance is crucial. When our students are in class every day, they become more resilient. They learn to better manage challenges and setbacks in their learning, and this positive habit also gives a very strong lift to their **Grit**.
- **Attendance Sense of Belonging:** There is a **strong link** showing that regular attendance directly helps your child feel more connected and integrated into the school community. When a student feels they belong, it dramatically increases their **motivation to learn**.
- **Parent Support Fuels the Engine:** Our data also confirms that greater **Parent Engagement** supports and promotes consistent **Student Attendance**, which subsequently leads to improved academic outcomes. Your involvement makes a measurable difference in the habit of attendance.

Yet some parents continue to have difficulty making the connection between the behaviours of their children and the impact this has on others, particularly in regards to the inappropriate use of online materials and social media. They too require a lot of time and energy, along with data, that in some instances has continued to grow despite the school repeatedly reaching out.

While the numbers are few, the impact can be extremely high and consume a significant amount of valuable resources, better spent focusing on the positives that will impact all students.

The law is clear. Your child is not to be on social media under the age of 13. Your child is a child and if unable to self-regulate, the harmful impact of their actions does have a negative impact on others. Without positive parenting, the impact often affects others and can have far reaching consequences.

Parental responsibility is key to every child's success. Children require guidance to understand the importance of healthy habits of mind. Strong connections, real time monitoring of online usage and **off** devices at **bedtime**.

Good diet, plenty of sleep, sound routines and positive role modelling ensures you can help us prepare our most valuable assets for a safe and productive future (1 and 2am is not healthy bedtimes for young minds).

With your support we are looking forward to an amazing experience at camp as well as celebrating 2025 as another resounding success for BBI and our community.

FROM THE LIBRARY



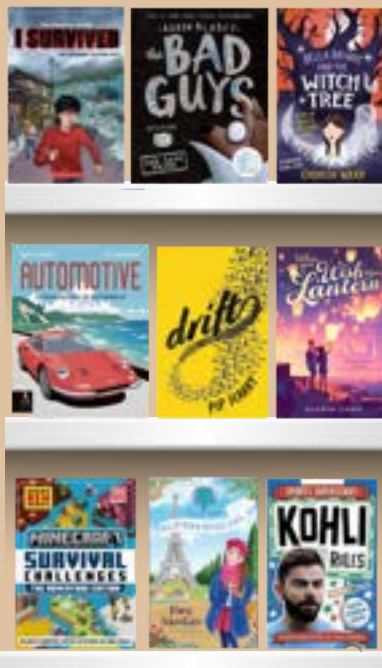
Overdue Library Books

There are currently nearly 500 books overdue from the Library.

All students have been advised of any overdues, and in some instances emails have been sent home.

We would really appreciate your support with finding any overdue books and returning them to the library as soon as possible - thank you!

NEW TO
THE
LIBRARY



ATHLETICS DAY

ATHLETICS DAY RESULTS

STUDENT OVERALL PLACINGS

YEAR 7 GIRLS

1ST = LAYLA QUENSELL (RM 13)
1ST = TEHANI AITCHESON (RM 10)
3RD = PAYTON OVERTON (RM 9)

YEAR 7 BOYS

1ST = CALLUM HORSFORD (RM18)
2ND = LEON PENG (RM 18)
3RD = THORNE TAFILI (RM 28)

YEAR 8 GIRLS

1ST = ALARIYAH TIATIA (RM 21)
2ND = KASSIDY JONES (RM 25)
3RD = LILY SEXTON (RM 7)

YEAR 8 BOYS

1ST = APHIDET KHOTHISEN (RM 22)
2ND = YUAN TIO (RM 7)
2ND = ISAAC FAIVA (RM 21)

WHANAU OVERALL PLACINGS

1ST - RIMU - 1779.5
2ND - MIRO - 1736.5
3RD - TOTARA - 1674.5
4TH - NIKAU - 1674
5TH - MATAI - 1596.5
6TH - KOWHAI - 1564.25



COMING UP

Hui-Fono 2025

Talofa Lava, Nau mai, Haere Mai

Blockhouse Bay Intermediate invites the Māori and Pasifika Communities to our

Term 4 Māori Hui-Pasifika Fono 2025

Thursday 27th November - 5.00 pm - 7.30pm

We will be having a shared Kai on the Main Court, followed by
Cultural performances from our Kapa Haka and Pasifika Beats Groups
in the school hall
(more information coming out to you soon)

Ma le fa'aaloalo lava

Mrs Theresa Talafou - Pasifika Education Leader
Matua Ashley Manuel - Māori Curriculum Leader



AUCKLAND MIDDLE SCHOOLS' ART ASSOCIATION



ART EXHIBITION

SILO 6, JELLCOE ST,
WYNYARD QUARTER

Opening @ 2pm Nov 2nd
Mon to Sat - 10am to 5pm
Sun 9th 9am - 12pm

FREE ENTRY

Sponsored by: David Baylis
Gordon Harris & Exhibition Hire

Year 8s

Saisha Prasad / Harmi Valand / Niko Chen / Angelo Arausa / Eman Ayaz / Cassie Chang / Stella Ortiz / Ines Khellaf / Arden Horsford / Rajavi Sohagiya / Sumanvir Kaur / Jeethika Sudhakaran / Tristan Lurch / Olivia Moro Vieira / Eyad Ahmed

Year 7s

Evelyn Thankachan / Bella Wong-Julke / Charlotte Kirkpatrick / Wren Cracknell / Danya Capps
Emily Wilmschurst / Senait Ahsan / Zakir Mohammed / Veer Nagar / Nuaim Ishaque / Ace Kahui
Lucas He / Riyaan Kanji / Jacob Sprague / Felix Seddon / Anthony Yeh / Mouslima Elchahal
Penny O'Brien / Johan Stanley / Leah Dempsey / Rand Mohamed Said / Chelsea LePine-Williams / Pia Diaz-Bell

OTHER NEWS

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Year 8 Camp Last Notice & Gear list

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



SUMMER READING

2025/26 SUMMER READING

AVOID THE SUMMER READING SLIDE...JOIN OUR
SUMMER READING PROGRAMME TODAY!

WHO CAN JOIN THE SUMMER READING PROGRAMME?

- * Students enrolled at BHBI for Year 7 in 2026
- * Any current Year 7 student returning to BHBI for Year 8 in 2026

CAN I EARN A RED STAR?

Yes, all students that complete the Summer Reading Programme will receive a red star in 2026.

To be eligible you need to:

- * Read over the summer holidays
- * Complete and return the required reading activities

For more information contact our Librarian,
Donna Le Marquand
donnaalm@bhbint.school.nz



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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