



BLOCKHOUSE BAY INTERMEDIATE NEWSLETTER

Attention Year 8 parents!

To help us plan future Education Outside the Classroom (EOTC) experiences, we value your feedback. Please take 2-3 minutes to complete our short Camp Survey – whether your child is attending camp or not. Responses are confidential and used only for planning.

Access to the survey: [Year 8 Camp Survey](#)

Thank you for your time.



Whanaungatanga

Rangatiratanga

Wairuatanga

Manaakitanga

WELCOME TO TERM 4 WEEK 7

Tēnā koutou, e te whānau o Blockhouse Bay Intermediate

Welcome to the Term four, Week seven newsletter.

Yesterday myself and members of the leadership team visited students', parents and staff at camp two on Motatapu island. One of the great takeaways from spending time with our students is observing kiwi kids in a kiwi setting.

While the experience will be completely new to many of our migrant kiwi students or students new to Auckland, or students new to island life. This camp is unique to Auckland and gives a experience on an island in the Hauraki gulf, surrounded by islands and shipping. It is an experience getting there by ferry and a very full week that may never be offered again.

These memories will be lasting. The final years of primary education will be lasting and we will have done a good job for our community.

We have had a good response to our camp survey. Please take the time to complete this survey, so that we can work with the board to make this more accessible.



CALENDAR:

- Y8 Camp 2 - 17th November until 21st November
- Nikau Y7 surf trip - 25th November.
- Matai and Miro Y7 surf trip - 26th November
- All library books returned - 28th November
- Library closed for the rest of the term for stocktake - 1st December
- End of year reports go home - 8th December
- Summer reading open days - 9th-10th December
- Star awards/Sports assembly - 10th December
- Year 8 graduation - 11th December
- Prizegiving - 12th December
- End of term - 12th December

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Prizegiving – Important updates for 2025

We are writing to inform you of some exciting changes to our annual End-of-Year Prizegiving ceremonies for 2025. These changes have been made to ensure we can better accommodate our school community and to acknowledge the achievements of even more of our wonderful students.

Key Changes for Prizegiving 2025

1. Two Separate Ceremonies

To allow for more guests to attend and celebrate our students' success, we will be holding two separate Prizegiving assemblies this year:

- Year 7 Prizegiving
- Year 8 Prizegiving

Specific dates and times for these events will be confirmed in a follow-up communication shortly.

2. Acknowledging More Student Success

We are thrilled to announce changes to the awards structure designed to celebrate the hard work and achievements of a greater number of students.

If your child has been nominated for an award this year, they will be formally acknowledged on the day and will receive one of the following:

- A Certificate of recognition.
- A Medal for an outstanding achievement.
- A Trophy for the overall winner in a category.

3. Communication Regarding Awards

If you receive an email from the school office/Teacher letting you know that your child will be acknowledged at the Prizegiving ceremony, this is our way of signalling that they will be walking across the stage to receive either a certificate, a medal, or a trophy. Regardless of the specific award, the ceremony will be a significant and proud time to celebrate your child's achievements and contributions throughout the year.

We look forward to celebrating the end of a fantastic school year with you and your whānau.

Te Tiriti o Waitangi

Successful New Zealand schools aspire to uphold the principles of Te Tiriti. The principles are key to fostering an inclusive culture with a Te Ao Māori lens as an integral framework for welcoming, seeing and knowing all learners.

At BBI, our policy ([on our website](#)) is a source of pride, written for the community with Mr Mat Hill in consultation with iwi; reflecting our commitment to teach in a way that meets the needs of the community and raises achievement.

As a school that represents the most diverse community in New Zealand, we cannot deliver the quality of education we do without upholding our commitment to Te Tiriti o Waitangi. Acknowledging and upholding all communities mana through Te Ao Māori.

On Tuesday the Minister of Education shared with schools "School boards, made up of your parents and community reps, play a vital role in reflecting the unique social and cultural values of their communities. These changes allow for you to continue to make decisions appropriate to your school." Further she states "Together, with the way your teachers choose to bring the curriculum to life, schools retain the flexibility to teach in a way that meets the needs of the community and raises achievement."

Raising student achievement is a complex interplay of inputs, both direct and indirect based on proven methods that engage the learner in being motivated to learn through a strong sense of belonging. As a Visible Learning school, we must Know the Learner to know the impact. Reinforcing our commitment as a self-governing school to continue to make decisions appropriate to our school.

Te kotahi te kaakaho ka whati ki te kaapuia e kore te whati

When bound together, the reeds cannot be broken

— Kiingi Taawhiao

EPro8



EPro8 Challenge

Engineer Problem Solve Innovate

Four of our school teams took on eight other schools in an exciting inter-school Epro8 competition!

Throughout the day, students tackled a series of hands-on challenges that had them designing, building, and creating mechanical and electrical components. It was an action-packed, nerve-wracking mix of Maths, Engineering and problem-solving, and every team performed brilliantly-right down to the final seconds on the leaderboard!

A huge congratulations to the Teams Chez488, Bob the builders and Goats 3.0. who will now go on to represent our school in the Auckland Regional Semi-Finals.

Well done to all students involved. The creativity, teamwork and determination shown over the past few terms prove that we have some fantastic future engineers in the making!



WOW!



Each team will be based at a workstation containing easy to use equipment.

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

Each family has been asked to bring a savoury or a sweet dish for our shared Kai on the Main Court at 5.30 pm.

Cultural performances from our Kapa Haka and Pasifika Beats Groups will commence in the school hall at 6.00 pm.

Ma le fa'aaloalo lava

Mrs Theresa Tala Fou - Pasifika Education Leader
Matua Ashley Manuel - Māori Curriculum Leader

Thank you to families who have indicated how many of their whanau will be in attendance. It is important that we know approximate numbers of people so we do not exceed the hall capacity, observing safety for all.

BLOCKHOUSE BAY CHRISTMAS MARKET

SATURDAY 22 NOV 2025

05:00PM - 08:30PM

Blockhouse Bay Community Church
76 Dundale Ave, BHB

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OTHER NEWS

Manaakitanga and motivation in action

Each Monday, our students are taking part in Social and Emotional Learning sessions designed to strengthen wellbeing, build positive relationships, and develop the skills needed to be motivated, confident learners.

Recent lessons have focused on our value of Manaakitanga, showing care, respect, and encouragement towards others, and how lifting those around us helps everyone move forward together.

Students have been exploring what motivation looks and feels like, and how small acts of kindness or support can make a big difference when someone is finding things tough.

We encourage you to talk with your child about what they have been learning in these sessions. A great question to spark conversation is:
“When someone is struggling, what is one small thing you can do or say to help them feel motivated again?”

We are proud of the progress our students are making and the positive energy they bring each week.



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

LOST AT HOP CARDS



Please name your hop card. The bus company will not share any information for their return.

All unnamed cards are returned to the bus terminal at the end of term.

LAST CHANCE

BLOCKHOUSE BAY INTERMEDIATE

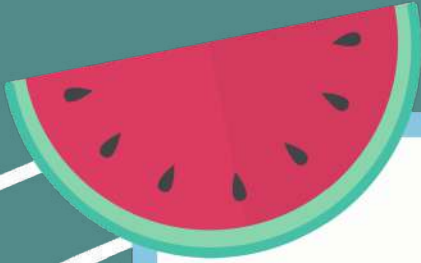


For just \$10, you can enjoy honey made by our very own BBI bees, it makes the perfect gift for friends and family and we only have a few left to get them while stocks last!



\$10 EACH

AVAILABLE AT THE SCHOOL OFFICE



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@bhbiint.school.nz



SUMMER MATHS CHALLENGE 2025/26

Always forgetting things that you have already learnt in class? Avoid the Summer slide, get yourself ready for the school year, and register to take part in the BHBI Summer Maths Challenge! Completing this challenge could also earn you an academic star ✨

WHO CAN JOIN?

- ☐ All Math abilities
- ☐ Year 6 students who are coming to BHBI in 2026
- ☐ Year 7 students who are returning to BHBI as a Year 8 student in 2026

HOW DO I TAKE PART?

1. Fill out the Google form to register:
<https://forms.gle/yetHSzs34KAALmvK9>
2. Pick up your challenge sheet from the school office in the last week of school (9th-12th of December, 8am-3:30pm) **OR** download it from the school website and print it at home (not available until December 8th)
3. Attempt ALL of the questions
4. Return your named answer sheet to the office no later than **Friday, February the 6th**

If you answer 80% or more of the questions correctly, you earn a red academic star!

HELP DAY

If you need help with the challenge, teachers will be available in the FLS on Wednesday the 29th of January, 10am-12pm

Email Miss Harper (teacher in charge) if you have any questions:
rubyh@bhbi.school.nz



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Intermediate
Stand Tall • Ruia Taitea

OUR VALUES



Relationships

Whanaungatanga

- Lifelong learners
- Maximising potential
- Personal excellence and integrity
- Active participants



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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