



# BLOCKHOUSE BAY INTERMEDIATE

## NEWSLETTER



WHANAUNGATANGA



MANAAKITANGA



WAIRUATANGA



RANGATIRATANGA

## WELCOME TO TERM 1 WEEK 8

Tēnā koutou, e te whānau o Blockhouse Bay Intermediate,


Welcome to the Term 1, week eight Newsletter

This is the last newsletter of term one. Thank you for your support in ensuring a successful start to the year.

### What's on top as term one draws to a close...

As with most schools in New Zealand, our term one focus was on embedding the professional learning for the deployment and implementation of the New Zealand curriculum refresh, and putting it into practice. Our staff have also been up-skilling on new assessment tools to ensure our students are fully supported and enabled to transition smoothly from primary to intermediate, or from year seven to eight.


## CALENDAR

Tuesday 31st March   
7:30 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Student Led Conferences  
Please bring students with you  
to the conference you have booked.

24th - 27th March  
Tongariro Trip

2nd April  
Star Awards - 12:30 p.m. start  
Term 1 ends - 2 p.m. finish

20th April   
First day of Term 2  
Class and individual photos

29th May  
Teacher Only Day

23rd October  
Teacher Only Day

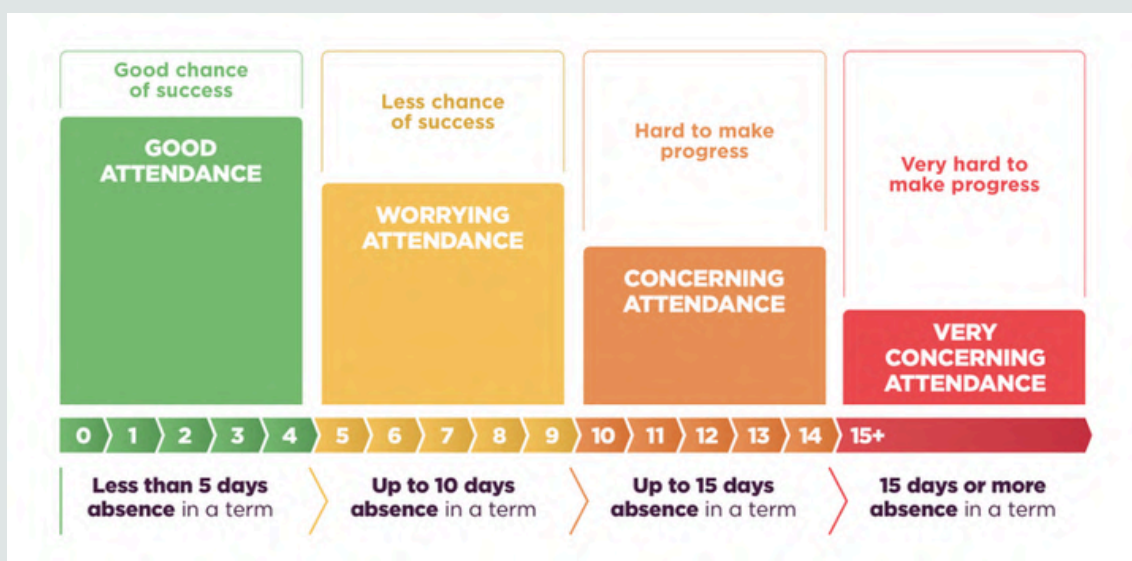
# FROM THE PRINCIPAL

## Teacher Only Day – Friday the 29th May

The Ministry of Education has allocated two 'Teacher Only' Days in 2026 for the Curriculum Refresh. Blockhouse Bay Intermediate will be utilising these days for literacy development. Please make a note in your calendar.

## Attendance

At BHBI, we update parents/whānau each term with how your child's attendance is tracking. You will receive an email letting you know which of the 4 categories below, your child is sitting in.



## Student Led Conferences (SLC) 31 March 7.30 am – 7.00 pm

This significant event in our calendar, brings all the work together from the start of the year to set the way forward for a successful 2026. Our SLC are a collaboration between you, your child and the teacher. Learner maps have been designed to show our year seven strengths as learners and the areas they can self-identify to work on.

Goal setting in each curriculum area helps set the pathway, as well as helping each student understand the measures of success that they can share in their online learning pathways. Since 2024 BHBI has delivered and reported on the refreshed maths curriculum, which will still be new for our year sevens.

Students only attend school on this day for their conference with their parent/s. Conferences last for 15 minutes and no longer, as we need to move things along. Please be at you conference a few minutes early. If you are late you may miss out. Remember that parking around the school will be congested, so please plan ahead. School gates will be closed on the day.

Please organise alternative care if needed on this day.

This is a very busy day for staff and runs from 7.30am – 7.00pm.

Our target is 96% of all students having some form of conference on or around the day. If you have missed the cut off for bookings. Please email your child's teacher to request a time to meet.



# FROM THE PRINCIPAL

## **Blockhouse Bay Intermediate New Zealand Curriculum Refresh update**

As many of our parents will have come to know, significant changes have been made to the New Zealand Curriculum (2007) over the past four years. The changes aim to make it easier and clearer for learners to know how they are progressing every step of the way, and that whānau have clear visibility of this progress. The refreshed and strengthened New Zealand Curriculum will be knowledge-rich, grounded in the science of learning and nationally consistent. One of the key changes encompasses the content of what will be taught and in what sequence for each year of schooling.

Teaching practices, assessment and progress monitoring

Our Year 7 and 8 students are working in Phase 3 of the refreshed New Zealand Curriculum. At Blockhouse Bay Intermediate the science of learning enhances teaching (pedagogy) through evidence-based, consistent practices that unify and clarify teaching, making learning visible and accessible.

We have developed our own Common Practice Model as a school wide approach. This approach fosters collective teacher efficacy to improve outcomes and ensure that students progressively master concepts, and are supported by a structured and effective learning environment.

Mathematics and Statistics curriculum refresh

2026 marks the third year of implementing the refreshed Mathematics and Statistics curriculum at Blockhouse Bay Intermediate. We have developed a clear learning progression across Phases 1 to 4 and use it within each classroom. Our students lead discussions about what they are learning, how to access that learning, and how they can track and monitor their progress. The critical focus of Phase 3 in Mathematics and Statistics is for all students to 'see' themselves in the learning, to understand how it applies to the world beyond school, and to advocate with and for others. Students use logic and reasoning to identify and solve problems, make connections between mathematical and statistical concepts, and investigate patterns and variation. They are learning to communicate mathematically and statistically, using notation, conventions, and subject specific vocabulary to explain and justify their approaches to solving problems.

In the English curriculum space

Last week, five of our lead literacy teachers attended the three day Structured Literacy professional learning with Liz Kane Literacy Facilitators, funded by Ministry of Education. This opportunity affirmed our practice around the Science of Reading and Structured Literacy, and we are implementing the Structured Literacy pedagogy as outlined in the NZCF. Over the course of 2025 we unpacked the refreshed English Phase 3, along with a further two Teacher Only Days (TOD) this year, Structured Literacy will be fully implemented in 2026.

Further information on how we will be reporting on student achievement will follow next term.

As this is the last newsletter of the term, we wish you a safe and enjoyable break and look forward welcoming you back for term two.

Ngā mihi  
Michael Malins  
Principal

# FROM THE LIBRARY

## Scholastic Book Fair

TUESDAY, THE 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH



On Tuesday 31st of March we will be hosting a Scholastic Book Fair in the Library from 7:45am to 6:45pm. Pop in before or after your student-led conference to have a look at our beautiful library, and browse the books on sale. A percentage of all books sold will go towards buying new books for our library.



When a sporty teen's leg is crushed in a mountain accident, he has to face new challenges one tiny but huge step at a time.

A fast-paced, powerfully told novel for middle-grade readers about limb loss, resilience and becoming excited about the future again.

BOOK OF THE WEEK



Retrieved from <https://www.penguin.co.nz/articles/5187-editors-rave-review-stepping-up>

NEW BOOKS



# SPORTS NEWS



## NZ AIMS GAMES **INDIVIDUAL** Sporting Codes

Registration of Interest: Closes Thursday 2nd April 2026

The Zespri AIMS Games is a national event held in September, in Tauranga, that brings the best Intermediate age athletes together to compete against each other. Each year, Blockhouse Bay is represented in a number of individual codes during the competition. This is a registration **ONLY** for **INDIVIDUAL SPORTING CODES** (not team sports). Parents/Caregivers must be able to manage their child for the duration of the AIMS Games Competition. You will also need to find your own accommodation. There are registration costs for each sporting code.

*Your child should currently be competing at a Regional OR National level in the following sporting codes:*

1. Badminton
2. BMX
3. Canoe Sport
4. Cross Country
5. Golf
6. Gymnastics
7. Indoor Bowls
8. Mountain Biking



9. Rock Climbing
10. Squash
11. Swimming
12. Table Tennis
13. Tennis
14. Yachting
15. Surfing
16. Orienteering

If your child is interested, please email me your child's details, chosen sports and level that they are competing in. Once again, this is just an *expression of interest*, and by emailing your child's details does not guarantee they will be registered to compete at The Zespri AIMS Games.

**Email [adamv@bhbint.school.nz](mailto:adamv@bhbint.school.nz)**

# ARTS NEWS



Have a look at some of the gorgeous Ruru sculptures by year 7 students in visual arts this term



With the purchase of a new school kiln in late 2025, our 2026 year 7 students will be some of the first to experiment with ceramics at BBI in many years.

# LOCAL ENVIRO NEWS

## A Butterfly Celebration!

Blockhouse Bay Recreational Reserve Butterfly Habitat  
Sunday 19 April  
1pm - 3pm

FREE, Fun for all ages!

Come along to our Butterfly Celebration for fun and games in the park.  
**Blockhouse Bay Recreational Reserve Butterfly Habitat**  
Rathlin St



www.nzbutterflies.org.nz  
Inquiries: jacqui@nzbutterflies.org.nz



## Butterflies in the Bay!

Blockhouse Bay Shops  
22 March to 18 April  
Scavenger Hunt  
FREE Fun for all ages!

As you walk around the Blockhouse Bay Village shops look out for New Zealand's beautiful butterflies. There are sixteen of them in different shops. Write down the name of the shop where you see the butterfly, and bring your completed entry form along to our Butterfly Celebration

on Sunday 19 April,  
**Blockhouse Bay Recreational Reserve Butterfly Habitat**  
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www.nzbutterflies.org.nz  
Inquiries: jacqui@nzbutterflies.org.nz



## Tagged Monarchs

Have YOU seen a tagged monarch?

Perhaps you have seen clusters of monarch butterflies hanging in trees on golf courses, in parks or elsewhere in your community?

The Moths and Butterflies of New Zealand Trust needs your help, looking out for tagged monarchs and identifying overwintering roosts, so that we can learn more about monarch butterflies and how they are faring.

There is more information on our website.

<https://www.nzbutterflies.org.nz/project/tagging/>



Photo thanks Janelle Bell

# LOCAL ENVIRO NEWS



## Water Wonder

Discover the science of drinking water and build your own mini water filter.

**Date: Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> April**  
**Time: 10.30 am to 11.30am**  
**Place: New Lynn Library**






JOIN US FOR A HANDS-ON, SEASONAL WORKSHOP ALL ABOUT FLOWERS YOU CAN START FROM SEED IN AUTUMN. LEARN WHICH HARDY ANNUALS, BIENNIALS, AND PERENNIALS THRIVE WHEN SOWN FROM MARCH THROUGH TO MAY!

COME ALONG AND MEET OTHER FELLOW GARDENERS HELPING TO SUPPORT OUR SEED SHARING COMMUNITY!

2-3 PM | SUN 12 APRIL  
 NEW LYNN LIBRARY  
 FREE WHĀNAU FRIENDLY EVENT  
 SCAN QR CODE TO REGISTER YOUR INTEREST






## PLANT POT PAINTING

10,30 - 11,30  
 Thursday 16 April  
 New Lynn Library  
 Ages 5+

WITH OPTIONAL MICROGREENS PLANTING



SCAN THE CODE TO REGISTER




## the GREAT WHĀU clean up

Saturday 18 April | 12pm - 2pm  
 New Lynn War Memorial Square

Let's work together to keep our community rubbish free



Gloves and rubbish bags provided  
 Free sausage sizzle for all volunteers  
 Activities facilitated by Bunnings






# COMING UP



Scan here for all the details

## Let's get *Out and About* **AUCKLAND** this school holidays



**FREE**  
Activities



Play, sport  
& more!



Fun for  
everyone



All over  
Auckland

**Saturday 4th to Sunday 19th April 2026**

**- KITE FLYING - NATURE PLAY - CYCLING - CULTURAL PLAY - PARKOUR - HUNGERBALL & MORE -**



WHAU LOCAL BOARD

**Blockhouse Bay Library**  
**April School Holidays**

### Mischief Makers



Join us for some mischievous fun these school holidays:

- ❖ Minecraft Gaming
- ❖ Face in a Jar
- ❖ Villainous Scavenger Hunt
- ❖ Racing Baddies

Also discover great reads filled with mischievous or villainous characters.

See other side for details.

For more information or to make a booking:  
call 09 377 0209 or  
email [blockhousebaylibrary@aklc.govt.nz](mailto:blockhousebaylibrary@aklc.govt.nz)  
with child's name, age and contact phone number



#### Minecraft Gaming

**Wednesday 8 April 3.30 - 5.00**

Build incredible worlds, explore hidden realms, and battle mobs with the amazing Scratchpad Team.

**Booking is essential for this event.** Call 09 377 0209 or email [blockhousebaylibrary@aklc.govt.nz](mailto:blockhousebaylibrary@aklc.govt.nz) with child's name, age & contact phone number.

#### Face-in-a-Jar

**Saturday 11 April 11.00**

Make your most mischievous face & capture it forever in a jar.

#### Villainous Scavenger Hunt

**Anytime 13-17 April**

Villains have escaped from their books and are lurking in the library. Find them all then discover your secret Mischief Maker Name and make a badge.

#### Racing Baddies

**Wednesday 15 April 11.00**

Make your favourite Baddie or Mischief Maker then see how fast you can get them to run!



# COMING UP

## Specialist Subjects Costs Important Notice

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!



ezLunch is a convenient and affordable way to have healthy hot and cold lunches delivered directly to school for your child.

Create an account at ezLunch so you can order your child's lunch online or by text message.

Orders must be placed before 9 a.m.

Students can also purchase food from the school tuck shop.

## TUCK SHOP





# COMING UP

## Rail closures



# April Rail Closures

**There are both full and partial closures of rail lines in April for essential upgrades as we get ready for City Rail Link.**



To find out more, visit or use the QR code to go to [at.govt.nz/aprilclosures](https://at.govt.nz/aprilclosures). Plan your journey on the **AT Mobile app**

**STH** **EAST** **WEST** **ONE**

**3 to 6 April:** Full closure  
**13 to 15 April:** Full closure  
**25 April:** Full closure from 2pm  
**26 to 27 April:** Full closure

**EAST**

**7 to 11 April:** Full closure

**STH**

**7 to 12 April:** Partial closure between Pukekohe and Puhinui. Southern line will also serve Manukau



Getting ready for the City Rail Link



KiwiRail



# OUR VALUES



## WHANAUNGATANGA RELATIONSHIPS

- Lifelong Learners
- Maximising Potential
- Personal Excellence and integrity
- Active participants



## MANAAKITANGA RESPECT

- Effective relationships
- Identity & languages
- Respect
- accepting differences
- equity (resources)
- knowing who and what we are
- aware & accepting of ourselves and others



## WAIRUATANGA WELLBEING

- Students value: physical, emotional and spiritual wellbeing
- Social
- Whānau
- Environmental excellence



## RANGATIRATANGA LEADERSHIP

- Students understand that they are members of the wider global community
- Service to people and community
- compassion and care
- Developing potential

## TERM DATES 2026

**TERM 1: 5TH FEBRUARY – 2ND APRIL**

**TERM 2: 20TH APRIL – 3RD JULY**

**TERM 3: 20TH JULY - 25TH SEPT**

**TERM 4: 12TH OCT - 17TH DEC**

## HOURS

**SCHOOL: 8:40AM -  
3.00PM**

**OFFICE: 8:00AM - 3.30PM**