



# BLOCKHOUSE BAY INTERMEDIATE

## NEWSLETTER



WHANAUNGATANGA



MANAAKITANGA



WAIRUATANGA



RANGATIRATANGA

## CALENDAR



27th April - Anzac Day - school closed

6th May - School Cross Country

9th May - China trip departs

22nd May - China trip returns

29th May - Teacher Only Day - school closed

1st June - Kings Birthday - school closed

2nd June - 5th June - Book Week

2nd July - Reports go home

3rd July - Last Day of Term 2

School finishes at 2pm



### WELCOME TO TERM 2 WEEK 1

Tēnā koutou, e te whānau o Blockhouse Bay Intermediate,

Welcome back to a new term!

We trust and hope the weather over the break was not too disruptive, and your children had an opportunity to get out and about. It was great to see the students settle quickly into the routines this week and have come ready to learn.



# FROM THE PRINCIPAL

As we have a busy and long eleven-week term ahead, it is pertinent to begin this newsletter with an important reminder as we move into the winter months; media outlets are reporting that we can expect an especially virulent form of the flu in 2026. This, along with Covid, RSV and the usual round of gastro ailments, we know that keeping sick children at home is the best way to avoid school-wide outbreaks this winter.

We do our best to remind students to let families know when they are unwell. If students arrive at school visibly sick, we will send them home. To raise achievement, we need great attendance; to achieve great attendance, we need our students healthy and well. Please do your part to ensure safer communities together.

## Reporting to parents in term two

The Ministry of Education has developed new formatting for how schools report to parents in 2026. The chart below details what stays the same and what will be changing. More information will follow

What's staying the same?	What's changed?
The regulatory requirements to report to parents and whānau have not changed.	Schools reporting against the new curriculum: Years 0-10 NZC English and Mathematics & Statistics.
Schools must use good-quality assessment information to report on progress and achievement.	Good quality assessment information including the use of one of the three specified twice-yearly assessment tools for reading, writing and maths from 2026: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• SMART</li><li>• PAT</li><li>• e-asTTle (for 2026 only)</li><li>• For Years 0-2 this also includes the Phonics Check.</li></ul>
The reports must: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• be written in plain language, provided at least twice per year and</li><li>• include student progress and achievement in literacy and maths.</li></ul>	From 2026, schools are expected to use the following Progress Descriptors in reports to parents and whānau for Reading, Writing and Maths, and the elements or strands in them, using: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Emerging</li><li>• Developing</li><li>• Consolidating</li><li>• Proficient</li><li>• Exceeding</li></ul>

# FROM THE PRINCIPAL

## **New school garden**

Below is a render of our new garden space that is being laid between Tōtara and Rimu blocks. Our landscapers worked through the rain over the break, doing the heavy lifting to ensure noise was kept to a minimum when students returned. For the first two weeks of the term they will be screwing the decks, fixing the fences and planting. This garden provides another space for students and classes to enjoy a bit of nature where there was once a sterile, hard surface.



We are very proud of how we have transformed BBI through developing physical, social and emotional spaces for our students to enjoy. These spaces promote a great sense of belonging, pride in our environment and support a strong motivation to learn.

Thanks to our Board and community for supporting our vision to stand tall by our values

Ngā mihi,

Michael Malins  
Principal

# FROM THE LIBRARY

## Visiting Author

On Tuesday, we kicked off a busy, "book-related" term with a visit from author Brian Falkner. The author of 26 books—his most recent being *Spider Games*—Brian entertained us with stories from his childhood, shared his passion for storytelling, and offered inspiring writing tips. If the visit sparked your interest, Brian's books are now available for checkout in our library! It was an absolute pleasure to welcome Brian to our school. He was very impressed by the manners shown by our students, and it was wonderful to see our school values on display during this special assembly.



## Brian Falkner



**Brian will be launching his latest book *Spider Games* at Time Out Bookstore on Monday 27 April at 11am.**



# SPORTS NEWS

**CROSS  
COUNTRY  
WEEK 3**

**WEDNESDAY  
THE 6<sup>TH</sup> OF MAY**



## **Wednesday Night Netball**

**Year 7 Grading - Wednesday 22nd April  
(Week 1)**

**Year 8 Grading - Wednesday 29th April  
(Week 2)**

**Round Robin for all teams start - Wednesday  
6th May  
(Week 3)**

## **Western Zone Dates**

**WZ Rugby - Tuesday 19th of May (Week 5)**

**WZ Girls Football - Tuesday 26th of May  
(Week 6)**

**WZ Boys Football - Thursday 28th of May  
(Week 6)**

**WZ Basketball - Friday 5th of June (Week 7)**

**WZ Netball - Tuesday 30th of June (Week 11)**



## **RUGBY COACHES**

We are looking for community support in helping to coach our rugby teams for the upcoming Western Zone tournament. You will need to be available to train students either before school, or during lunchtime. There will be a teacher to help support. We are looking at having a boys and a girls team. If you are interested and able to, please contact Adam Vincent at [adamv@bhbin.school.nz](mailto:adamv@bhbin.school.nz).

# SPORTS NEWS



At softball we had a really great time. It was really fun competing against different teams from all across the Westside.

Being selected with all my other peers was a very good experience and as the year goes on, the sports will become even more enjoyable and entertaining.

Jeremia - Yr 8 WZ Boys Softball Team

When we first arrived, I could see the Umpires practising on pitches. I was helping carry a big bag full of gear and I couldn't help but stop to admire the place. Soon after, the teachers found us a spot and laid down a blue tarp so we all put our bags on the tarp and put on our gloves as we needed to practise. Me and the other year seven girls were practising throwing and catching, same for the year 8s. Our first match was extremely fun playing against another school. I could hear people cheering us on, and guiding us on what to do next. After a few matches, we were all exhausted and we got a break to quickly drink water and have a quick bite before our next match. The year 7 team (the team I was in) came 4th place which is extremely good for our first WZ Softball event. I can't wait for the next WZ!!!

- Aliza Khan - Year 7 Girls



## WESTERN ZONE SOFTBALL



Softball is a sport that anyone can play. It brings people together, and everyone always has a good time. The best thing about softball is the people—everyone from each team was enjoying themselves, even if they lost. Many students made friends with players from other teams, even if they had only met five minutes earlier. - Jack - Y7 WZ Boys Softball Team

# SPORTS NEWS

## BHBI SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY

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**WEDNESDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> MAY (WEEK 3)**



### RACE TIMES

**11 AM - Y7 GIRLS 11:40 AM - Y8 GIRLS**

**11:20 AM - Y7 BOYS 12 NOON - Y8 BOYS**

**EVERY STUDENT  
EARNS POINTS FOR  
THEIR WHANAU**

**WE ENCOURAGE ALL OF OUR  
STUDENTS TO TAKE PART AND  
GIVE IT A GO.**

# COMING UP



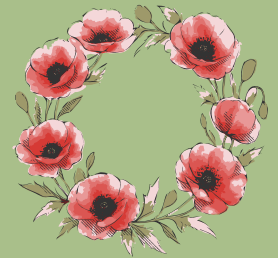
## ANZAC DAY 25<sup>TH</sup> APRIL



We have commemorative poppies and stickers available at the office.

We will be bringing them around classes on Friday for a gold coin donation.

Donations accepted until next Wednesday morning



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We are pleased to invite families interested in applying to Mt Roskill Grammar School for 2027, to join us for our Open Day on Wednesday 13 May from 3.30pm – 7.00pm.

Open Day is a great opportunity to meet with staff who will be supporting your child and find out more about our co-curricular opportunities. You can also take a tour of our school, visit our Learning Hub, have a closer look at what departments teach and students can try exciting activities in a range of subjects. We will give a presentation at 3.30pm, 4.30pm and 6pm about our school.

At Mt Roskill Grammar School, the vision for our students is for them to become successful and powerful learners, equipped with the attitudes, qualities and qualifications to excel. Our teachers are experts in their subject and are skilled facilitators of learning.

Our Year 9 academies for 2027 include Sports Performance & Performing Arts. We have two advanced learning classes in Years 9 and 10 with the remainder mixed ability. Some students in Year 10 may be accelerated into NCEA Level 1 Maths and Science, selected from across a range of Year 9 classes at the end of Year 9.

## **Mt. Roskill Grammar School Enrolments 2027**

Wednesday 13 May 2026 – Open Day 3.30pm – 7.00pm

Wednesday 13 May 2026 – Enrolment Opens

Wednesday 2 September 2026 – OUT OF ZONE APPLICATIONS CLOSE AT 4.00PM

Wednesday 9 September 2026 – Out of Zone Ballot conducted

# COMING UP

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

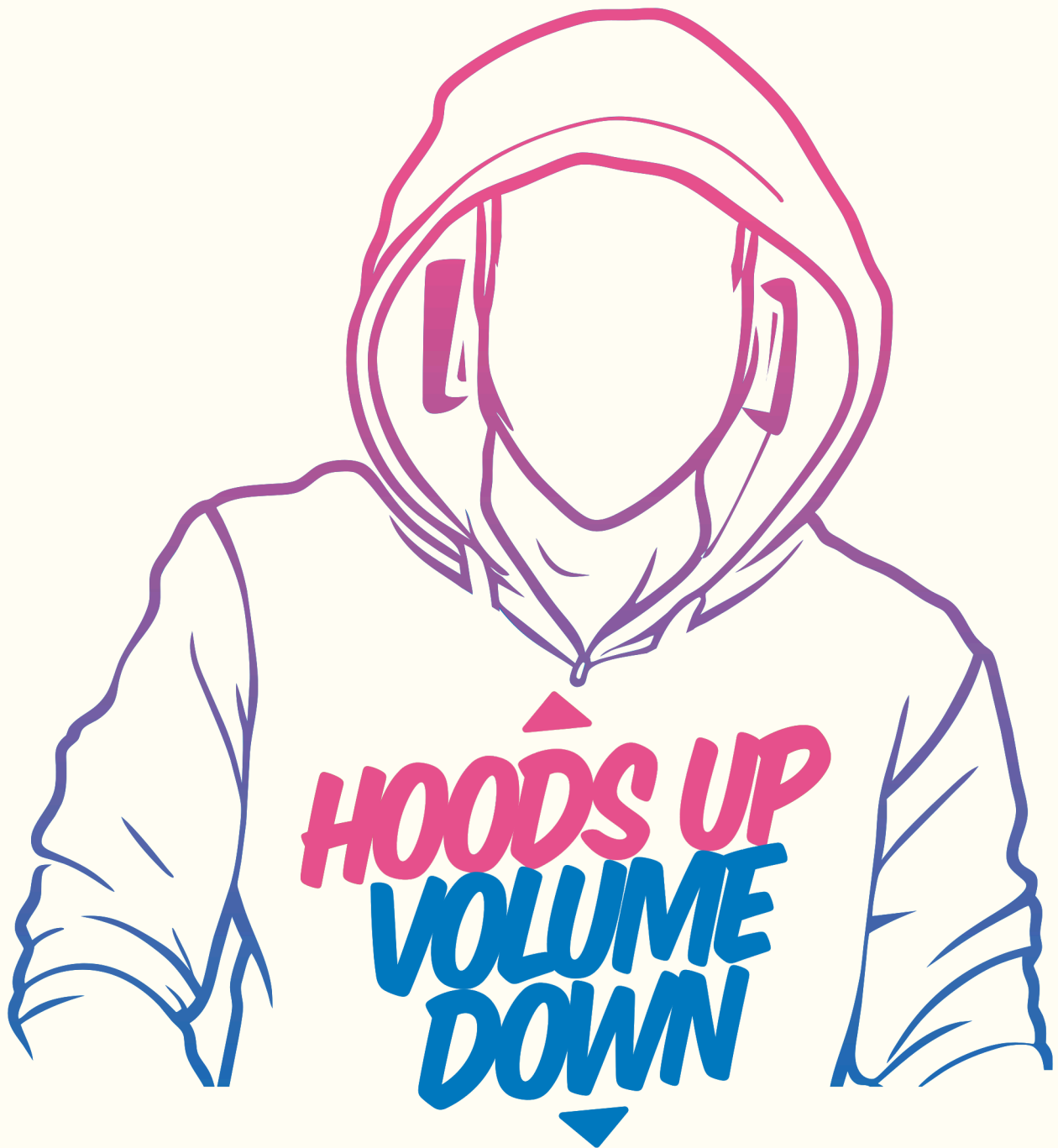


### **Hello Blockhouse Bay students and whānau,**

We have been hosting martial arts classes out of the Blockhouse Bay Intermediate Hall for many years. We are currently offering two free trial classes for anyone who wants to give kenpo karate a go. Classes run during the school term on Mondays and Wednesdays and times are 4:15-4:45pm for Little Dragons (5-7 year olds), 4:50-5:45pm for Kids (8-13), 5:40-6:25pm for Teens (13+). We also run Adult classes all throughout the year for any parents/staff who want to check it out 6:35-7:55pm. Spaces are limited so please email or send a web enquiry to book in a spot for yourself or your child(ren) at [www.aucklandkenpokarate.co.nz](http://www.aucklandkenpokarate.co.nz) or [jsk50auckland@gmail.com](mailto:jsk50auckland@gmail.com)



# COMING UP



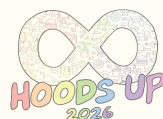
Turn down the lights, turn down the noise,  
and turn up for the autistic community.

 29<sup>th</sup> of APRIL 2026

 10.00 AM

 EVERYWHERE

**AUTISM**<sub>NZ</sub>  
Every step together

  
HOODS UP  
2026

# 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**