



# BLOCKHOUSE BAY INTERMEDIATE

NEWSLETTER



WHANAUNGATANGA



MANAAKITANGA



WAIKUATANGA



RANGATIRATANGA

## WELCOME TO TERM 2 WEEK 5

Tēnā koutou, e te whānau o Blockhouse Bay Intermediate,

Welcome to the term two, week five newsletter.

We are fast approaching the middle of the term and teachers are busy writing the new school reports for the end of term. The new reports are a lot more detailed than what was required in the past. We will be very keen to get your feedback in regards to the value added from the added workload to teachers during a very busy year of implementing two new curriculums. Fortunately, the Ministry has listened to the sector and accommodated the need for sound change management to give us time to embed the current changes before we move on to the sciences in 2028.



## CALENDAR

9th May - China trip departs

22nd May - China trip returns ★

29th May - Teacher Only Day -  
school closed

1st June - Kings Birthday -  
school closed

8th June - 12th June - Book Week

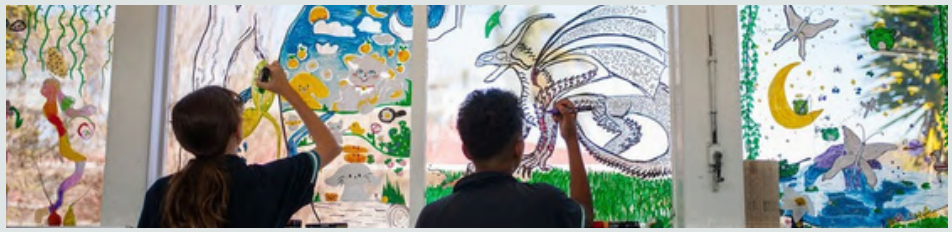
2nd July - Reports go home

3rd July - Last Day of Term 2

School finishes at 2pm



# FROM THE PRINCIPAL



The messages in today's newsletter are a number of reminders and a heads-up for this time of year as we move into winter and are spending longer indoors.

As we move indoors we want to share that all classes at BBI are equipped with air purifiers fitted with new HEPA filters in time for winter. All classes are required to provide a measure of cross ventilation, to be kept warm and to purify the air. This is what we do to maintain healthy internal environments for students and staff.

## **Personal hygiene**

We also ask a few things from our community to ensure we have a pleasant environment to teach and learn in. A reminder to regularly wash your child's uniform and in particular the PE uniform. Students at Intermediate are active for most of the day. They are emerging adolescents and this is the time when body odour becomes more prevalent through puberty. Hygiene is key at this stage and the use of deodorant will offset this and maintain a pleasant environment for all. Thank you for your consideration on behalf of all staff and students.

## **Regular attendance**

BBI is known for its strategic drive to have every student at school every day, to ensure they realise their right to a great education. Our teachers are here, ready and willing to deliver a world class education for every student in their class. If your child is absent, they miss out on key curriculum messages that form a part of a larger curriculum that empowers them to be successful as they develop through life.

A rainy day is not a day that school closes. When it rains we do not stay home from work. Rain will not dissolve our students. Schools are set up for rainy days and we are lucky to have a lot of covered areas. Please encourage your child to attend school when it rains. Being at school promotes resilience and reinforces a stronger sense of belonging, not to mention, being present ensures they never miss the key pieces of information in their train of learning.

## **Safer communities together**

We have recently been contacted by members of the public expressing concern regarding our students not looking before running across the road. We do not want any family to have to experience the trauma of a serious accident. Please discuss this with your child. Always look right before looking left and then right again before crossing the road - cross when it is clear to do so.

Ngā mihi,

Michael Malins  
Principal



Parenting Talk

## Staying connected in the tween years



**DATE**  
6pm, Thursday  
18 June

**VENUE**  
Blockhouse Bay  
Intermediate

**FREE EVENT**

**RSVP**  
via Facebook event



### Maintaining and *enhancing* communication and connection

Grow your understanding of your tween's inner world and their developing emotions, and learn strategies to create an environment where your tween can be challenged, championed and thrive.

This talk looks at the impacts of social pressure, anxiety and technology and offers insights into what motivates tweens and helps them feel secure. Gain valuable expertise on supporting their well-being and understanding their need for love, encouragement and acceptance.



Kristin Ward, Parent Coach

With a background in social work and child & adolescent mental health, Kristin helps parents to be on the same team as their kids, no matter what challenging behaviour they are facing.

# PINK SHIRT DAY

It was so great to see our staff and students support Pink Shirt Day last Friday 15 May.

We raised a total of \$557.80 for the Mental Health Foundation. Thank you to everyone's contribution and helping this amazing cause.



**KŌRERO ATU, MAURI TŪ,  
MAURI ORA!  
SPEAK UP, STAND  
TOGETHER, STOP  
BULLYING!**

# FROM THE LIBRARY

## AUCKLAND WRITERS FESTIVAL



Last week, we took a delightful group of 56 students to the Auckland Writers' Festival. This was a great opportunity for them to listen and meet authors from Aotearoa New Zealand and around the world, be inspired by their stories, and learn some new writing techniques.

This year, we were very fortunate to receive transport funding from the Potter Masonic Trust, as well as book donations, which meant every student went home with a book from one of the authors.



# FROM THE LIBRARY

8-12 June  
BOOK  
WEEK



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## Author Visit

COMING

In Week 8 (8-12 June), we will be celebrating our much anticipated Book Week.

A week-long celebration of books and reading! While there is so much happening, a major highlight will be welcoming the wonderful Stacy Gregg to our school as our featured Book Week author. All students will have the opportunity to hear her speak at a whole school assembly, and some will even get to join her later for small group writing workshops.

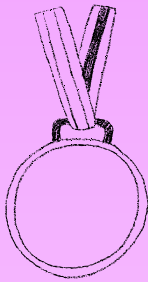
If you would like to purchase a copy of one of Stacy Gregg's books, she will be signing them on the day.

Please use [this link](#) to order a book to be delivered directly to the school during Book Week.

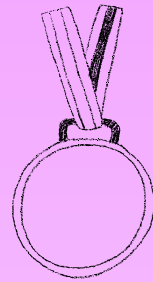


# SPORTS NEWS

## CROSS COUNTRY



*Congratulations*



### *Year 8 Girls*

- 1st - Layla Quensell Rm 15*
- 2nd - Karan Kawada - Rm 26*
- 3rd - Ziyun He - Rm 1*

### *Year 8 Boys*

- 1st - Charles Marra Rm 15*
- 2nd - Callum Horsford Rm 18*
- 3rd - Leon Peng Rm 17*

### *Year 7 Girls*

- 1st - Tallulah Scopes*
- 2nd - Zoe Mediratta*
- 3rd - Maya Ranchod*

### *Year 7 Boys*

- 1st - Marlo Cooney Rm 3*
- 2nd - Aqib Mohammed Rm 21*
- 3rd - Laumessi Latu Rm 14*

Well done to all our students who took part in our school cross-country event in week 3. It was fantastic to see so much colour from students to represent their Whanau.



**1st - Rīmu 2nd - Miro 3rd - Nīkau**

# ENVIRO NEWS



A great week for our Enviro group! They set 3 traps in our school native bush last week and 3 traps produced 3 rats!!! Well done to Asher, Rishab, Lily and Elsa for taking care of the burials.



# ENVIRO NEWS



Our BBI students have been out in the community cleaning up our beaches and parks as a part of earning their Enviro Star for services to the environment. 30 students have participated in this initiative so far and we expect many more to jump on board before the end of week 10.

# COMING UP



## Mana Wave Wednesday Initiative

Talofa and Kia ora Whānau-Aiga,

This initiative is for Māori and Pasifika students available in Terms 2-4.

Assistance in learning every Wednesday  
3.10 - 4.15pm.

Teachers from designated whānau will be available after school to provide extra support for learning programmes delivered in class. If you have not received a consent form, please email the undersigned.

Due to the winter months fast approaching and for the safety of your child, we suggest whānau-aiga organise pick up after every session. We advise not to let your child not walk home on their own.

Ma le fa'alalo lava,

Theresa Talafou (Pasifika Education Leader) -

[theresat@bhbint.school.nz](mailto:theresat@bhbint.school.nz)

Matua Ashley Manuel (Māori Curriculum Leader) -

[ashleym@bhbint.school.nz](mailto:ashleym@bhbint.school.nz)

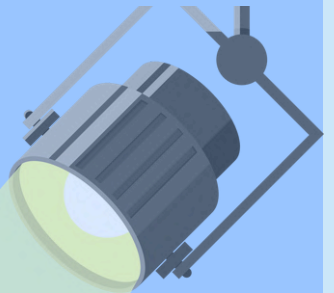
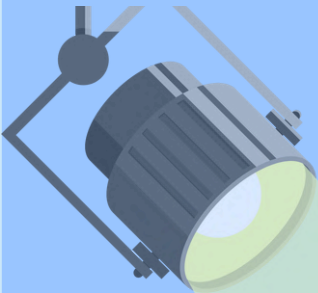




# COMING UP

## Save the night!

On Thursday September 24th, Blockhouse Bay Intermediate will be showcasing the extraordinary talents of our students in our BBI's Got Talent Quest. If your child is interested in participating, they should be bringing a permission letter home to be signed by next week. In addition to our remarkable student participants, we will also have our Kapa Haka, Pasifika Beats and Bollywood Dance groups performing on the night. You won't want to miss this!



## BBI's Got Talent

**Jeff Speakman's**  
**Kenpo 5.0**  
Auckland - New Zealand

**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 [jks50auckland@gmail.com](mailto:jks50auckland@gmail.com)



**MUSIC LESSONS**  
at Blockhouse Bay Intermediate School

**Does your child want to learn to play music?**

*Would you like after school lessons with a professional Music Tutor with many years of teaching experience? You can enrol your child in piano/keyboard lessons at Blockhouse Bay Intermediate School!*

We deliver a fun, varied and structured curriculum. Students learn songs in styles ranging from traditional to contemporary, after school on Tuesdays.

For information on piano/keyboard lessons, contact Lih Foo.

Email: [lih.foo@musiqhub.co.nz](mailto:lih.foo@musiqhub.co.nz)  
Phone: 021 2076 231

**MUSIQHUB**

# COMING UP



ONE OF OUR YEAR 8 STUDENTS,  
IMOGEN CONNELL,  
HAS TAKEN HER CAMP FUNDRAISING  
TO A WHOLE NEW LEVEL!

Rather than selling chocolate, Imogen has created a unique and exciting fundraising experience.

She has partnered with Vintage Views to offer a special Auckland tour aboard “Dorothy”, their beautifully restored double-decker bus.

This is a fun and memorable way to support Imogen’s camp fundraising, and she would love to welcome members of our school community on board.

All event details can be found on her flyer. Please feel free to share with friends and whānau, and book a seat if you’re able.

Thank you for supporting Imogen as she works towards her upcoming camp adventure!

for bookings  
email [Lucy.connell@me.com](mailto:Lucy.connell@me.com) or text 0275200116

The flyer features a central image of a red double-decker bus on a city street. To the left of the main image is a vertical filmstrip showing four frames of the bus. The background of the flyer is a collage of text, including phrases like 'A seedling from that premier Beddit', 'SOUPERT.', and 'Two Best'. A white paper with a paperclip is pinned to the bottom of the flyer, containing the following text:

Join us for a tour on Dorothy the Double decker  
23 May 2026  
Adults: \$25 | Children: \$15  
Pickup & drop-off: Blockhouse Bay Intermediate  
Departs: 10:30am  
Duration: 120 minutes  
In partnership with Vintage Views

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This flyer is identical to the one on the left, featuring the same central image of the red double-decker bus, filmstrip, and background text. The white paper pinned to the bottom contains the same event details:

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# 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**