



BLOCKHOUSE BAY INTERMEDIATE

NEWSLETTER



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WELCOME TO TERM 2 WEEK 7

Tēnā koutou, e te whānau o Blockhouse Bay Intermediate

We appreciate that any Teacher Only Day can be disruptive to our community and we are immensely grateful for your support in enabling our staff to engage in Professional Learning to support the delivery of (in this case) Structured Literacy.

The professional learning for last Friday was requested by our teachers to support our students and involved...

- The Power of Background Knowledge for Critical Thinking.
- Writing to support and develop reading.
- Scaffolding students to develop deeper complexity in their writing by moving from single paragraph outline to multiple paragraph outlines.
- Supporting students with moderate learning needs achieve success.

If this looks like a mouthful... The content supports teachers understanding of how to use these structures to support all our students achieve success and understand the ways behind making meaning of and communicating through structured literacy.

CALENDAR

• 8th June - 12th June

Book Week

• 2nd July

Reports go home

• 3rd July

Last Day of Term 2

Star Awards Assembly

School finishes at 2pm

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

As a large intermediate that replaces half the student population every year, our teachers are tasked with preparing all our students for high school. Not all students arrive ready to learn in phase three. This is why we have always written our curriculum from the time students start school at five years old to when they 'currently' enter NCEA. We assess, we identify and we teach. Every student must experience value as a learner during their time at BBI.

This is a very big ask and this is why our staff deserve the best training and resources to meet this challenge.

We have one more teacher only day later in the year and then we keep reviewing, refining and improving on our delivery to better serve our community. I know staff will have welcomed the public holiday to have a break from school and refresh before report writing really gets underway.

High 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. Last week we learned BBI has consistently the highest attendance in NZ. It makes us feel proud that we are doing it right. That our students are motivated to learn, with a strong sense of belonging. Ensuring they are present to engage with our highly professional teachers at BBI.

Wearing helmets on e-scooters

It has come to our attention that a number of our students are riding to and from school on e-scooters without wearing head protection. While current legislation pertains to push bikes, it has not kept up to date in regards the introduction and use of powerful e-scooters and in particular, use by children.



We do ask that parents discuss with your child (if using either a bike or a scooter) the danger of an unprotected skull in the event of a serious accident using either a bike or a scooter. Schools are very busy spaces and so is the traffic before and after school. As we enter winter, it is also wet and particularly dangerous. We strongly recommend the use of protective gear when using any two wheeled transport to get to school.

Mobile phones - reminder

The legislation is clear. Phones are not to be on while in the school grounds. Off as they enter and only on once outside the gate. Students caught on their phone in school grounds may have it confiscated and returned to their parents. It is a simple piece of legislation we are tasked with enforcing. Safer communities together.

Ngā mihi,
Michael Malins
Principal



IMPORTANT

Year 8 to Year 9 High School Transition Update

The transition to high school is an exciting milestone, and the process for the 2027 school year is officially underway! Here is what you need to know to help prepare your child for their next big step.

Lynfield College Promotion Assembly

This Thursday, representatives from Lynfield College will be visiting BBI to run a special promotion assembly for our Year 8 students. This is a fantastic opportunity for our tamariki to learn more about the college, its culture, and the opportunities available to them next year.

High School Enrolments & Mid-Year Reports

Many local high schools have started opening their online enrollment portals. While you are welcome to begin the application process, please keep the following in mind regarding required documentation:

- Mid-Year Reports: High schools require a copy of your child's mid-year report to complete the enrollment.
- Timeline: BBI mid-year reports will be sent home to families during the last week of this term.

What to do: You can either wait until the last week of term to submit your application, or submit the application now and forward the report to the high school as soon as you receive it.

Out-of-Zone Applications Closing Date

If you are planning to apply for a high school outside of your home zone, please note that out-of-zone applications do not close until Wednesday, 9th September 2026. You have plenty of time to gather your documents and secure your mid-year report before this deadline.

Important: Watch your inbox and child's school bag next week!

A comprehensive notice with key dates and links will be emailed to all Year 8 families next week. A notice to help us with the transition of your child will also be coming home.

This notice MUST be completed and returned to school by the due date.

Thank you for your partnership as we support our Year 8s through this important journey!

FROM THE LIBRARY




Ahoy Me Hearties! Book Week

The Library has officially been transformed and is ready for our week-long celebration of books, community, and reading! We have a jam-packed schedule designed to inspire our students and spark a lifelong love of reading.




Here is a sneak peek of what's in store:


NEXT WEEK

 **Survivor Book Island:** Daily challenges that will test our students' literary wits.

 **Book Activities:** Fun activities to complete all week long.

 **Whānau Book Battles:** Friendly house competition to see who reigns supreme.

 **Golden Tickets:** Hidden surprises waiting to be discovered.

 **Loads of Prizes:** Tons of giveaways and rewards to be won!

FROM THE LIBRARY



Special Highlights

🐾 **Author Visit with Stacy Gregg:**

We are thrilled to welcome our Book Week author Stacy Gregg, who will be speaking to the whole school about her books, writing journey, and love of storytelling.



🐾 **Book Character Parade:** We will wrap up our incredible week with our famous character parade! Start brainstorming those costumes now — we can't wait to see everyone's creativity on display.

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

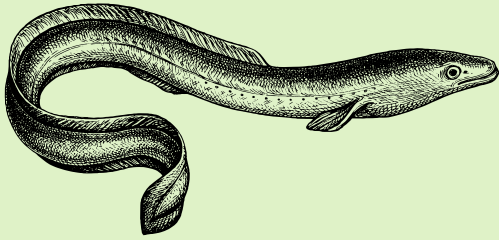


🐾 Please use this link to order a book to be delivered directly to the school during Book Week.

A Note for Whānau:
Thank you for supporting your children with their costumes and encouraging them to dive into the daily library challenges. Let's make this a Book Week to remember!



Arbor Day at Waitahurangi Awa



Would you like to plant a tree to last a lifetime or more?



Clean the awa (stream) at Shadbolt Park near Suburbs Rugby?

Now is your chance!

Families welcome but ALL children MUST be accompanied by an Adult.

Arbor Day at Waitahurangi Awa

Nau mai, haere mai! To celebrate Arbor Day, we'll be planting four kahikatea alongside the Waitahurangi Awa. We'll also be removing pest plants and rubbish to help this stream, which flows through Titirangi Golf Club, thrive. We'll be meeting ...

♥ EcoMatters



ENVIRO NEWS



Rat Attack!

Our Rat Attack groups have been doing an awesome job of de-ratting our native bush. Catching 5 rats in 6 weeks!!



ARTS NEWS

Last Wednesday, a small group of our extension art students worked towards their first tukutuku (woven Maori latticework) under the guidance and expertise of Awhina Murupaenga, owner and founder of Whatu Creative. Our students learned about traditional tukutuku designs and their meanings; how to make fundamental stitches to weave one's own tukutuku and the story of how Whatu Creative came into being. Awhina Murupaenga is from the far north in Ahipara. She is a solo Mum to two children, a registered teacher and artist and her company Whatu Creative keeps the wairua (spirit) and tikanga (tradition) of tukutuku alive, feeding the souls of those who love to create and take inspiration from Te Ao Maori. BBI generously thank Awhina for sharing her precious time and resources with us.



When complete, our tukutuku panels will hang in the foyer of BBI's hall - the wharenuī (meeting house) of our school - telling a story about our school's values. For those who might like to create their own tukutuku, visit www.whatucreative.co.nz

Football Zone Days

Our students proudly represented the school across two fantastic Football Zone Days, showcasing their skill, determination, teamwork, and sportsmanship against strong opposition from schools across the zone.

Girl's Football Zone Day

The girls' tournament was a tremendous success, with four teams entered for the day, two Year 7 teams and two Year 8 teams. A total of 40 girls participated, making it a wonderful opportunity for students to represent the school and enjoy competitive football.

The Year 7A team had an exceptional day, playing some outstanding football throughout the tournament. They progressed all the way to the final after a series of impressive performances, demonstrating great teamwork and resilience. The final proved to be a closely contested match, with neither team able to be separated at full-time. Unfortunately, the girls were narrowly defeated in a penalty shootout, finishing as runners-up. Despite this, they should be extremely proud of their efforts and the high standard of football they displayed throughout the day.

The Year 8A team mirrored this success, also advancing to the tournament final after a strong and determined campaign. They showed excellent skill and composure throughout their matches and were once again involved in a thrilling final that went to penalties. After an incredibly close contest, they finished in second place, earning a well-deserved runners-up position.

The Year 8B team also performed admirably, competing strongly against quality opposition and finishing in an impressive fourth place overall. Their positive attitude, teamwork, and commitment were evident throughout the day and contributed to a highly successful tournament for our girls football programme.

Boys Football Zone Day

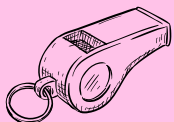
Two days later, four boys teams took to the field with the same enthusiasm and determination. The boys represented the school exceptionally well, displaying excellent sportsmanship and a willingness to support one another throughout the competition.

The Year 7A team enjoyed a successful tournament and finished 3rd overall. They played with confidence and energy, competing strongly against some very talented teams. Their efforts throughout the day were rewarded with a podium finish and plenty of positive performances to celebrate.

The highlight of the boys' tournament came from the Year 8 team, who produced an outstanding display of football from start to finish. They remained focused and determined throughout the day, combining strong defensive play with attacking flair to secure victory in the competition. Their achievement of becoming Zone Day Champions is a testament to the hard work and dedication they have shown all season.

As a result of their tournament victory, the Year 8 boys have qualified for the Auckland Champions Tournament, where they will have the opportunity to compete against some of the top school teams from across the region. We wish them all the best as they prepare for this exciting next challenge.

A huge congratulations to all players who took part across both days. Their commitment, teamwork, resilience, and sportsmanship were outstanding, and they represented our school with pride. We are incredibly proud of all of their achievements. A big thank you to Mr Vincent, Mr Carney and Mr Price for making this possible for our students.



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,

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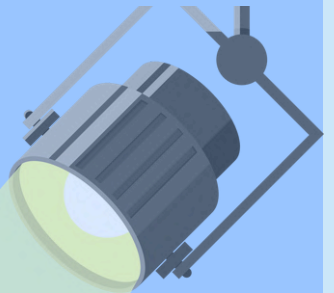
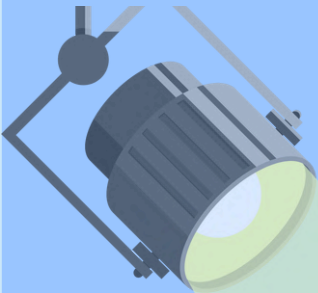




COMING UP

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 or 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
Phone: 021 2076 231

MUSIQHUB

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