



Blockhouse Bay Intermediate School

Ruia Taitea • Stand Tall

Welcome to Term 2 Week 9

Tēnā koutou, e te whānau o Blockhouse Bay Intermediate,

Tonight 6.00pm in the school hall – A free event for our community and our contributing schools.

As parents, as teachers and as leaders of Blockhouse Bay Intermediate, we have watched thousands of young adolescents enter our school, grow and develop into young teens and then send them off to high school. While each student travels a similar journey through adolescence, for each student and their family the experience is unique. As parents, adolescence can be an emotional roller coaster to navigate. Our own Social Emotional Learning research shows the shift from year seven to year eight is where we see some of the most vulnerable behaviour occur.

As students are impacted by social media and peer pressure, they can turn from their traditional moral compass (family) towards networks that they are often not able to regulate and emotionally navigate without support and understanding.

As a school we work closely to support our students successfully navigate the challenges of adolescence. We work closely with parents as they face reality that some choices their children make are not reflective of their own family values.

Tonight we offer the Parenting place delivering – strengthening connections with tweens

Supporting our parent and teacher community with their engaging, evidence-informed Parenting Talks. Delivered by experienced presenters and family coaches, these sessions are practical, hopeful, and empowering.

Calendar

18 th June	Parenting Place Evening
30 th June	Board Meeting 6:30 pm
2 nd July	Reports go home
3 rd July	Last day of Term 2 Star Awards Assembly - 2:30 pm



From the Principal

Staying Connected in the Tween Years

Keys to maintaining communication and enhancing connection

Connection with our young people during the pre-teen and teenage years is a top priority. Grow your understanding of your tween's inner world and their developing emotions and learn everyday strategies to create a nurturing environment where they can be challenged, championed and ultimately thrive. This talk looks at what makes young people tick and what helps them feel secure, with practical expertise on how to support teenage well-being.

This talk looks at anxiety and the impacts of social pressure and technology while offering parenting tips on staying connected in these years. Presenters share insights into teenage brain development and how this impacts behaviour and relationships.

Positive, hopeful and practical, parents will leave this talk feeling empowered to see beyond the behaviour to the young person who needs love, encouragement and acceptance.

Topics include:

- The challenge of staying connected during adolescence
- Understanding teen emotions and brain development
- Identity formation and the impact of social media
- Supporting autonomy and healthy individuation
- Listening more, talking less, and showing warmth and empathy

The parenting place has offered the following links to articles to support the evenings programme.

Parenting articles – practical support for parents

We've selected a few timely and practical articles from our website that you're welcome to share with your school community:

- [teaching our kids to see through the spin](#)
- [raising great adults why teens need autonomy](#)

As a trusted voice on parenting in New Zealand, Parenting Place is here to provide tools and encouragement to help parents feel confident in their vital role.

We trust you will be richer for the experience, knowing that adolescence is a wonderful challenge to be shared and treasured.

Ngā mihi,
Michael Malins
Principal



Sports News

Year 8 Camp Parent Helpers

We are busy getting things sorted for our Year 8 Camps in Term 4, but we do need your help and support with this. For each student, we need a complete Medical and Dietary form, which is to make sure we can take the best possible care of your child while we are at camp.

[Year 8 Camp - Student Medical and Dietary Form](#)

We are also looking for parents to come and join us. The dates for the camps are

WEEK 4 Camp 1: Monday 2nd November - Friday 6th November (Totara, Matai, Rimu)

WEEK 6 Camp 2: Monday 16th November - Friday 20th November (Nikau, Kowhai, Miro)

Extra adult supervision and assistance is necessary for the camp to proceed; we need adults to attend the camp to ensure the required adult/child ratios are met.

Any parent/caregiver can apply, however we are looking for more males as we have low numbers of male staff attending camp.

To help us in the selection process, please complete the sections below by Friday, 27th June.

If you are selected, we will hold an information evening later in Term 3 to give more details.

[Year 8 Camp - Parent Helper Form Application](#)



Year 8 Camp 2025



From the Library

Book Week Wrap Up!

Last week was our Annual Book Week, and it was packed with a fun-filled celebration of reading! While the teacher swaps, treasure hunts, and Book Week activities were highlights, a special shout-out goes to author Stacy Gregg. She kept everyone entertained with Viking battles, impromptu plays, and fascinating stories of her books and travels.

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Year 8 Group Winners

One Piece: R22 Keval, Kayden, Ethan, Caden, R29 Emaan

Year 7 Group Winners

The Good Eggs: Nyra R11, Sienna R8, Ria R8, Amanat R8

Year 7 Individual Winner

The BFG: Sisa R9

Year 8 Individual and Supreme Award Winner

An Aquarium of Books: Aarna R16

Whānau Tōtara took out the

Teacher prize with their

Dr. Seuss main character energy!



Enviro News

Rat Attack!

Six rats in eight weeks!

Thanks to the Rat Attack kids for a smooth burial.
Well done to our rat attackers:
Layla, Rishab, Asher, Lily, and Krishna.





Coming Up

BLOCKHOUSE BAY LIBRARY

July School Holidays - *Matariki*



Matariki herenga waka - For everyone

There is something for everyone to enjoy these school holidays at Blockhouse Bay Library.

See other side for information about our events from 4-18 July



Wishing Star Bottles

Tue 7 July 2.00

Make nine tiny origami stars to hold your Matariki wishes and save them in a treasure bottle. **Young children will need an adult to help them.**

Kauri Virtual Reality Experience

Wed 8 July anytime between 2.00-4.00

Enter the world of kauri! Experience its ecological & cultural significance. Discover what we can do to help preserve this taonga for generations to come.

Suitable only for ages 7+.

Drop in event, no bookings required, but please be aware there may be some waiting time if all headsets are in use. The experience lasts for 10 minutes.

Star Bookmark

Tue 14 July 2.00-3.30

Learn easy stitch craft and design your own bookmark
Recommended for ages 7+, adult help desirable [Bookings essential.](#)

Whānau Fun at Pyjama Storytime

Thu 16 July 7.00-8.00

Kids, wear your PJs to our cosy storytime with lots of singing and dancing. Find the secrets hidden in the library then enjoy a warm drink and biscuits. Remember to bring a torch!

For children 5-8 yrs with their parents. [Bookings essential.](#)

Waipunarangi - Tokens of Rain

Sun 19 July 1.00-3.30

Design small wearable pieces inspired by water cycles, rain, and renewal. **Drop in anytime to this whānau friendly workshop.**

Events start at the designated time, late arrivals may be disappointed. An adult must remain in the library during these events.

Make a booking with child's name and age at: blockhousebaylibrary@aklc.govt.nz or phone 09 377 0209



Coming Up

Parenting Talk

Staying connected in the tween years



DATE
6pm, Thursday
18 June

VENUE
Blockhouse Bay Intermediate

FREE EVENT

RSVP
via Facebook event



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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.

TONIGHT
Thursday 18th June 2026
Blockhouse Bay Intermediate
School Hall
6pm



Our Values



WHANAUNGATANGA



MANAAKITANGA



WAIRUATANGA



RANGATIRATANGA

Our Values Guide Everything We Do

At BHB we have four school values which shape how our students learn, lead, connect, and contribute:

Manaakitanga Respect

Rangatiratanga Leadership

Wairuatanga Wellbeing

Whanaungatanga Relationships

These values are lived through classroom routines, school-wide expectations, cultural opportunities, sport, service and the way we care for one another. Students learn what it means to respect themselves, respect others, and take responsibility for the kind of person they are becoming.



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