



BHB Blockhouse Bay
Intermediate
Stand Tall • Ruia Taitea



*This week's header is
by Bethany Knox,
Room 26.*

*The winner of our
Book Week Travel
Poster Design.*



Blockhouse Bay Intermediate School

Ruia Taitea • Stand Tall

Welcome to Term 2 Week 11

Tēnā koutou, e te whānau o Blockhouse Bay Intermediate

As we end the term it is always a good opportunity to reflect on some of the highlights of what has been a long and busy term two. As we moved towards the shortest day of the year, we were afforded an opportunity led by Donna to celebrate all things literature, through book week.

Our library remains a sea of calm for our students and staff alike. A place of learning about digital identity, critical literacy and a space where each new book is unpacked and displayed / shared with our students. Most importantly, the library remains a treasure trove of literature for our emerging adolescents, carefully curated by Donna to provide something for every student.

We are very lucky to have a well-resourced library with new books added to our collection weekly. Which is why it saddens Donna to see that some of our students are not borrowing books, are keeping books long overdue, or in some instances are damaging them by tearing away the covers. We have recently seen a noticeable increase in the number of damaged books.

Please talk to your children about how to properly care for our books, and help them practice responsibility by returning their library books on time. A final piece about reading. Researchers are warning that as screen time increases, traditional reading habits are declining globally. One scientist, Falk Huettig, compares the future of books to vinyl records: a nostalgic hobby rather than an everyday habit. This shift could actually impact children's cognitive development, as reading is directly linked to the brainpower measured on intelligence tests. New technology doesn't automatically replace the mental growth that comes from reading a book.

Calendar

2 nd July	Reports go home
3 rd July	Last day of Term 2 Star Awards Assembly - 12:30 pm start
22 nd July	Green Bay Open Night
23 rd July	Student Led Conferences
28 th July	Lynfield Open Night
29 th July	Avondale Open Night
25 th August	BOT Meeting



From the Principal

Acknowledging our teachers

We also wish to take time to celebrate our teachers, who turn up every day for your child. This term has been particularly long for everyone. We all know the NZ curriculum refresh has placed heavy demands on schools to align the curriculum to ensure we meet the needs of all students. To make this happen, we are very fortunate to have the right team. Students at BBI receive the very best we can deliver and we deliver it collectively and consistently through every class. Reports are coming home and our term three Student Led Conferences are just around the corner. Please see this as an opportunity to share and celebrate what lies ahead. Please ensure you book your time for a Student Led Conference when the email comes out.

SLC Consultation: Are You Smarter Than a Year 7 or 8?

When you attend your child's Student-Led Conference in Week 1 of Term 3, be sure to visit the Library to connect with our Deputy Principals.

What's on display:

- Information regarding our Refreshed Curriculum.
- Real examples of BBI Assessment Tools.
- A chance to give feedback on our Digital Learner Pathway (tell us what else you'd like to see!).

We'd love to hear your thoughts, answer your questions, and put your knowledge to the test. See you there!



Please note:

There will be treats for participating!



Another space to enjoy

By breaking up the concrete between Rimu and Tōtara and installing a green space, we have changed the dynamic and brought a sense of calm and shared use. We want to acknowledge the respect and appreciation the students have shown for this new addition.





From the Principal

Students as coaches - Update

At BHBI, we survey students and staff around Motivation to Learn, Resilience, Grit, and Sense of Belonging. We then analyse our school-wide data twice per year. These are called 'time-stamps.' This high-level view allows us to analyse our data within each year and, as we in our 4th year, across years helping to identify multi-year trends across our four key pillars of success.

A summary of the school-wide data analysis is shared with staff and stakeholders after each timestamp. A more detailed analysis is conducted by Senior Management on the school wide data for the board and to form strategic planning. Whanau Leaders take a more focussed look into their whanau data and finally individual classroom teachers analyse their classroom data.

Our Strategic Commitment: This isn't just about collecting data. This entire programme is the cornerstone of our Wairuatanga Strategic Goal, demonstrating that we prioritise the social-emotional health of our students. It guarantees that we provide targeted interventions across the whole school that support improved attendance and academic achievement outcomes.

Elevating our students to coach students through SEL: Teachers will have five specialised avenues to choose from:

- Student Coach: Leveraging the power of GROWTH coaching with trained Year 7 & 8 student coaches.
- Whole Class Mini-Lesson: Incorporating a specific skill (like "growth mindset") into a quick lesson for the entire group.
- Teacher/Student Coaching: A focused, one-on-one session to build a specific strategy.
- Counsellor: Providing expert, therapeutic support where needed.
- Whānau: Connecting with family and community for holistic support.

By using this data-driven, strategic framework, we ensure that every student's social and emotional learning at our school is supported by purposeful, evidence-based, and compassionate support.

Parenting articles – practical support for parents

Thank you to all the parents who braved a winters night to learn more about the strange creature/s inhabiting your home. We had well over a hundred attend on the night. The messages from the Parenting Place team were very affirming and we do hope to see more of you next time, when we will provide cover for adults who can't make it due to lack of a babysitter.

We've selected a few more timely and practical articles from their website that we know will be of interest.

<https://parentingplace.nz/resources/help-my-teen-wont-talk-to-me>

<https://parentingplace.nz/resources/the-art-of-negotiation-setting-boundaries-with-teens>

Ngā mihi,
Michael Malins
Principal



Sports News

Year 8 Camp



Year 8 Camp 2025

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](#)



From the Library

School Holiday Reading

Students are encouraged to borrow books from our library for the school holidays. In addition to the 9000 library books, we also subscribe to Wheelers ePlatform where students can access eBooks and audiobooks 24/7. To access these resources please follow the steps below. If you need any help accessing the ePlatform please contact donnalm@bhbint.school.nz



Getting Started on a Chromebook

It's really simple to borrow an ebook or audiobook on your chromebook.

1. You need to login to our [Library Webapp](#), and from there search and select a book.
2. Follow the URL link.
3. Sign into the Wheelers ePlatform using Login SSO (Single Sign On).
4. Simply hit the 'borrow' button and you can start reading or listening immediately.

Getting Started using the APP

1. Download the ePlatform app from your app store
2. Add New Library
3. Search Library - Type in Blockhouse Bay Intermediate. We subscribe to the Junior Platform (for Primary and Intermediate age students) and the Senior Platform (for Intermediate and Secondary age students).
4. Sign in using Blockhouse Bay Intermediate via your Google account
5. Simply hit the "borrow" button and you can start reading or listening immediately.

Please be aware that some of the titles hosted on the Wheelers Senior eBook platform are classified as "Young Adult" books in our library collection. If you choose to read one of these titles please discuss your decision with your parent/caregiver. We recognise that at our school we have a diverse family of borrowers with different values, beliefs and experiences and as a library we strive to provide reading materials and resources for everyone.

[Auckland Libraries School Holiday Events](#)



Auckland Council
Libraries
Nga Pātaka Kōrero o Tāmaki Makaurau



Enviro News

Matariki Tree Planting with Ecomatters



EcoMatters



This Sunday, 5 July, Ecomatters are planting out the Waitahurangi streamside area at the Titirangi Golf Club from 10am–12pm, followed by a BBQ.

We'd love to have you join us as we bring this restoration project to the next stage of life, that is, planting out the wetlands area, and see all our hard work begin to flourish. It's always rewarding to watch our collective efforts take root, and it's even better when we celebrate together afterwards!

Come along for a community planting and mulching along the Waitahurangi Awa that flows though the Titirangi Golf Club. We're celebrating Matariki with an emphasis on the whetū Waitī, the star representing the freshwater environment and all our plants and animals that live in and around this Waitahurangi streamside area.

The native plants we put into the ground will add stability to the stream banks, slow water flow during heavy rain, reducing flash flood impact and helping manage stormwater. These plants also stabilize stream banks and provide habitat for native wildlife.

We'll be meeting at the bridge opposite Suburbs Rugby Club, 130 Portage Road, New Lynn.

Gumboots or closed-toe, sturdy footwear is essential. Please bring a hat, rain jacket and gardening gloves if you have any (some gloves will be provided). Kids welcome but must be accompanied by a supervising adult. Supported by EcoMatters and Waitahurangi Stream Care Neighbours. Thanks to Titirangi Golf Club and Auckland Council's Healthy Waters department.

Questions? Email pamela@ecomatters.org.nz.

[Facebook details for event](#)



Pasifika News

Pasifika Leaders 2026

Congratulations to the following students who are the Pasifika Leaders for 2026. They have been working hard behind the scenes since term one to tutor students in Pasifika Beats. We are fortunate enough to have a group of students who are exceptional leaders, "O le ala i le pule o le tautua" - The path to leadership is through service.

Theresa Talafou (Pasifika Education Leader)



**Lafita Puatua (Miro), Kausele Saula (Miro), Isabelle Wallace (Totara), Alan Pamaka (Matai),
Ieremia Fa'asisila (Mataoi), Tepuna Raina (Matai), Layla Quensell (Totara), Amelia Toloa (Rimu).**





Coming Up

Auckland Grammar School

Thinking about Auckland Grammar School for your son?

Auckland Grammar is opening its doors to prospective international students and their families during the second week of the school holidays! Join them for a relaxed, 1-hour campus tour and info session. Here's what's on the schedule: A guided tour of the campus A brief overview of what Auckland Grammar has to offer A live Q&A session for parents and students

Choose from two session times:

- Wednesday, 15 July at 10:00am
- Thursday, 16 July at 10:00am

Don't miss this great opportunity to explore the school and get all your questions answered.

Register your interest here:

[Auckland Grammar School - Register your interest](#)



Mana Wave Wednesday

Mana Wave will resume in Term 3, starting on Wednesday 29 July 2026, from 3:10 pm to 4:15 pm in the school library.



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](#).

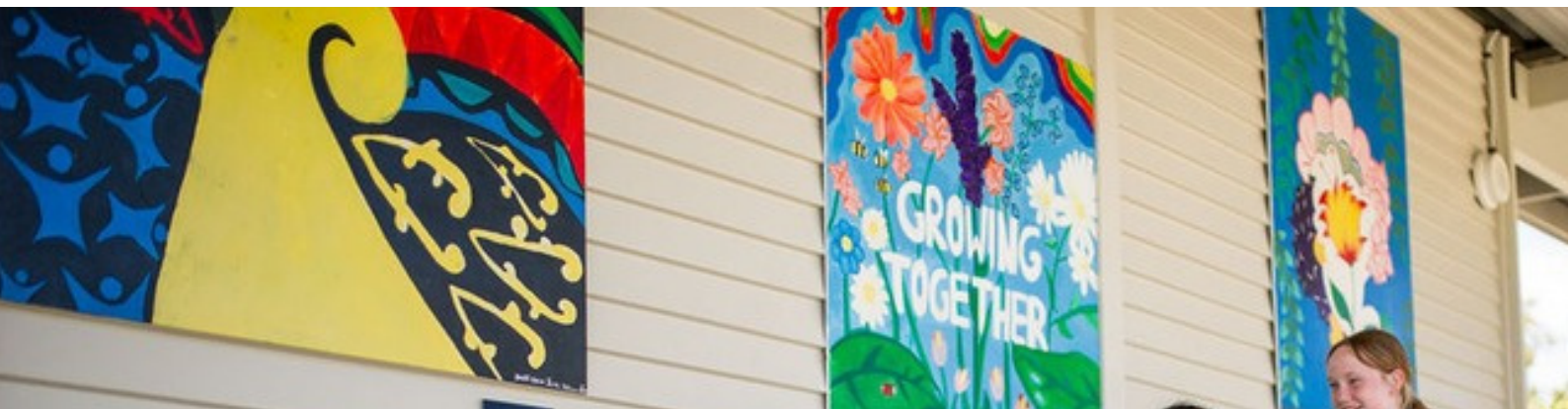
Waipunarangi - Tokens of Rain

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

Find all the stars hidden in the Blockhouse Bay Village between the **27th June – 9th of July** and go in the draw to win 1 of 3 prize packs.

MATARIKI

STAR QUEST

The Star Quest will conclude with an evening of connection, free kai and activities:

When 9th July
5.30pm – 7.30pm

Where Blockhouse Bay Community Centre

Join the quest

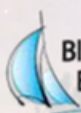
- Scan the QR code on posters within the Bay
- Collect your entry form from the Centre
- Head to our website and follow the link to enter!

Prizes

TE TAIAO
Inspired by nature, exploration and our connection to the world around us.

NGĀ WAWATA
Inspired by dreams, creativity and hopes for the future.

TE WHĀNAU
Inspired by connection, comfort and the people who we call family.



Blockhouse Bay Business Association



BHBCC
our people. our place.



Whau Local Board
Auckland Council

prizes will be drawn on the 9th of July



Open Evening Wednesday 22nd July

3:30pm - 7:00pm

Serving families in Green Bay, Titirangi and the surrounding areas, our focus is on learning that is relevant, exciting and meets the needs of all our students. At Green Bay High School, teachers know their students, they make time to foster strong relationships and support all students to achieve their best throughout the five years they are with us.

Come along to our Open Evening and see the great range of opportunities available. Tours are available from 3.30pm to 6.30pm. Our Principal, Fiona Barker, will talk in the Auditorium at 5pm and 6.30pm about what your child's future could look like at Green Bay High School.



Fiona Barker
Principal





Coming Up

LYNFIELD TENNIS CLUB

HOLIDAY CAMP

Mon 6th - Fri 10th July
9am to 12noon

Cost - \$235 for 5 days or \$50 per day



**HOTSHOTS, BEGINNER
& ADVANCED CAMP ARE
SAME DATE AND TIME**

We will be running a mini tournament on the final day of each camp. Prizes will be up for grabs. A quick prize giving will be held on the last day at 11.45am

Camp will be on regardless of weather, inside activities will be provided if wet. Bring morning tea and a drink.

To register contact Josh.
Payment please direct credit to
Josh Mark, BNZ 02-0278-0314418-00

LYNFIELD TENNIS CLUB
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Lynfield, Auckland 1042
www.lynfieldtennis.co.nz



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josh@365tennis.co.nz



JOSH MARK
All Year Round

LYNFIELD TENNIS CLUB
WINTER COACHING TERM 3, 2026

18 The Avenue Lynfield Auckland 1042 www.lynfieldtennis.co.nz

JUNIOR COACHING SCHEDULE

COST: \$185 for 8 weeks Starting Mon 20th July
(additional \$80 for 2 classes per week) & Sat 25th July 2026

RED AGE 5-8
MONDAY 4 - 5pm or
SATURDAY 8.30 - 9.30am

ORANGE AGE 8-10
MONDAY 5 - 6pm or
SATURDAY 9.30 - 10.30am

GREEN AGE 9+
MONDAY 6 - 7pm

YELLOW AGE 10+ (Level appropriate)
MONDAY 6 - 7pm or
SATURDAY 10.30 - 11.30am

HIGH PERFORMANCE COACHING

DAY | TIME: THURSDAY 5.15 - 6.30pm (Age 11+)
COST: \$195 for 8 weeks Starting Thurs 23rd July 2026

ADULT COACHING SCHEDULE

DAY | TIME: THURSDAY 6.30 - 7.30pm
COST: \$195 for 8 weeks Starting Thurs 23rd July 2026

To register please email
with name, age & squad.

Racquets provided for all levels.

Ph 021 031 8013
josh@365tennis.co.nz
Payments to 365 Tennis account:
BNZ - 02-0278-0314418-00



Tennis Hot Shots is the national starter tennis programme for New Zealand children. Tennis Hot Shots is just for kids. Smaller courts, shorter racquets and softer balls mean that kids can play a proper game of tennis from the moment they step on court.



Skate Your Way - A Neurodiverse Ice Skating Session For All

Hosted in collaboration with Glenburn Figure Skating Club

Date: Saturday 18th July 2026

Time: 11.45-12.45, please arrive 20mins prior to starting

Location: Paradise Ice Skating Avondale, 150 Lansford Cres Auckland 0600

Cost: Free to attend or optional donation to Autism New Zealand

Registration: <https://form.jotform.com/251803467929871>

What to Bring: Warm clothes, gloves, socks and a sense of adventure!

Helmets or approved headbands are compulsory for all skaters. You're welcome to bring your own, or borrow one free of charge from the rink.

Join us for a magical morning on the ice!

This special session is designed to support and celebrate neurodiverse children in a safe, welcoming, and sensory-considerate environment.

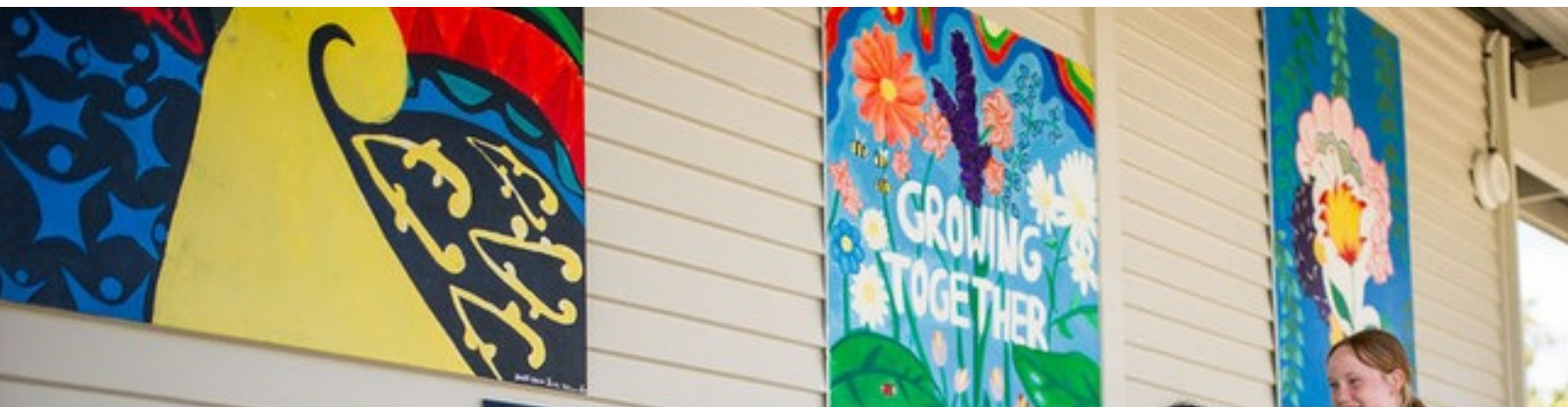
Skating Together: A Supportive Experience



Join Sheryl Squier — a passionate primary school teacher and ice skater — for a supportive ice skating session designed especially for our neurodiverse community. This inclusive experience is proudly hosted in collaboration with Glenburn Figure Skating Club and a team of experienced, compassionate coaches and skaters who are passionate about making ice skating accessible and enjoyable for everyone.

Spots are limited – register early!

For questions or more info, contact: Sheryl
sherylsquier@gmail.com

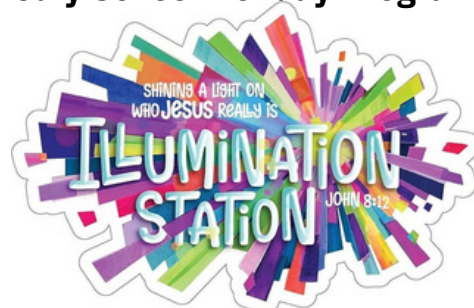


Coming Up



School Holiday Programme
6 - 9 July. 9 - 12.30 pm
Primary ages. Donations only
Register and more info on
www.cots.org.nz

Church of the Saviour presents....
July School Holiday Programme



Mon 6 July—Thurs 9 July, 9-12.30pm

(First week of holidays)

**at Church of the Saviour,
2 Heaphy St, Blockhouse Bay.**

School Yrs 1-6 (ages 5-10)

***Games, music, craft
and heaps of fun!***

No charge (Donations gratefully accepted)
Morning tea provided. (Please provide own food if allergies)

Registrations open Monday 15 June.

Sign up on the website **www.cots.org.nz**

Junior leadership programme with limited spaces

Any questions contact 6278779 or claire@cots.org.nz



Anglican Church, 2 Heaphy St.



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