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Welcome to Term 3 Week 2

Tēnā koutou, e te whānau o Blockhouse Bay Intermediate

We begin by referencing the above photo of our students art work, on display alongside many pieces of work from our local schools at the Lynfield community centre at Margret Griffen Park last week. If you did not get a chance to see this, it was a wonderful affirmation for our talented students working alongside our outstanding teacher and curator, Kate Hart.

Kate's eye and detail to excellence showcased the talent of our students and adds to a culture that celebrates all of the Arts, design tech and our library. Adding a richness that benefits all who enter our Kura.

Student Led Conferences

Last Thursday we held another big night of the year with our student led conferences. It was a cold foggy and a long day for all. It was also a celebration of all things that make our community hum. To have 81% of families attend was wonderful

Ms Mills and Mr Norton gathered important feedback on the new curriculum and assessment in the library and we were thrilled by our community supporting how we have rolled out what has been a comprehensive change process. Thank you for investing in our most valuable asset and the reason we look forward every day to coming to school to learn together.

Calendar

4 th August	Y6 Information Evening
13 th August	AIMS Disco
18 th August	Knowledge-a-Thon Test Day!
25 th August	BOT Meeting
2 nd September	Out of Zone Applications Close
7 th - 11 th September	AIMS Games
9 th September	Out of Zone Ballot
17 th September	Parenting Place Seminar #2: Tackling Technology - 6:30pm in Hall
24 th September	BBi's Got Talent!
25 th September	Last day of Term 3 Star Awards 12:30pm School finishes at 2pm



From the Principal

Knowledge-a-thon

As a school we have dedicated a significant amount of resourcing on providing a secure managed network, with one on one devices for all students. While tech is a part of our integrated approach, it is only used as a tool to support a school wide infrastructure for teaching and learning. Our approach mitigates a substantial cost to our community. While most schools expect BYOD at a significant cost to parents especially those with multiple children, at BBI we prefer to maintain a safe and secure digital environment for all students.

The cost of a chrome book has almost doubled in recent years. This year we do have a very real need and a request to help us continue to provide equitable access for all students.

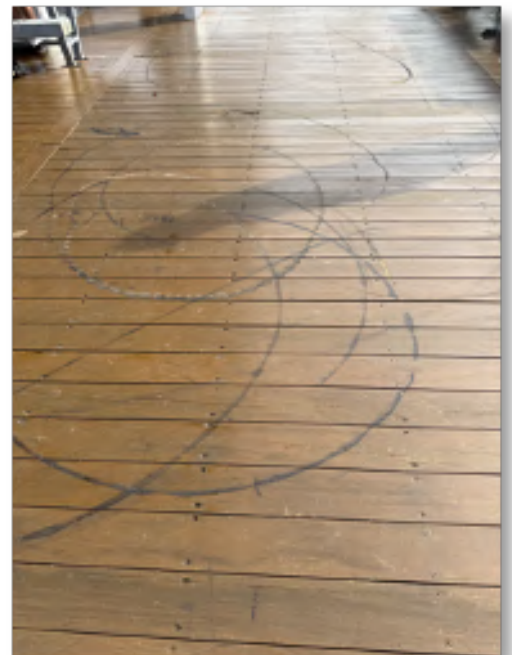
This will have a direct impact on all our students currently at BBI. Thank you for your support.

Graffiti at school

We have recently experienced a sharp and unexpected rise in e scooter burn outs and skidding across the school, resulting in deliberate defacing of school property.

We ask that if your child has an e scooter, to please speak to them around Manaakitanga / respect for our school and to not enter the school grounds and use their scooter to deface the property. This takes a lot of time to repair and restore. Time better spent by our staff who created the beautiful spaces in the first instance.

We believe education is the best approach and ask for your assistance in this matter.





From the Principal

School gates installation

Blockhouse Bay Intermediate has never been gated. We have actively encouraged our community to enjoy the facilities and treat the space with respect. This has remained a juggle between maintaining a beautiful space, alongside managing cases of vandalism, theft and some concerning behaviour on site after hours. We have increased surveillance cameras and lightening, and unfortunately we do still have to tidy up and deal with the after effects.

Increasingly we have also had to support the complex needs of our students and their health and safety, as well as providing a safe place for our staff after hours. This requires securing our environment in a manner that ensures this beautiful school is safe for generations to come.

Alongside the Ministry of Education, the school will be installing discreet new gates within the school. We believe the installation will have minimum impact on the aesthetics of our environment, while meeting a needed update to health and safety. Please be aware that these gates will be closed from 4pm daily and locked over the weekend and school breaks. and while this is a change, it is one that is required to protect a beautiful environment. We will keep you posted and we thank you for your understanding and support.

Ngā mihi,
Michael Malins,
Principal



Painting by Erica Hsu



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](#)



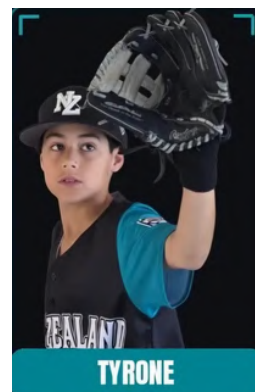
Sports News



Congratulations Tyrone Hooton!

We are incredibly proud of Tyrone Hooton, who recently represented New Zealand as a member of the Auckland 12U All Stars at the 2026 Little League Baseball Asia-Pacific & Middle East Region Tournament in South Korea.

Tyrone and his teammates made history by becoming the first New Zealand team to win three games and reach the tournament semifinals. Along the way, they recorded impressive victories over Indonesia, the Northern Mariana Islands, and Saudi Arabia before taking on powerhouse Chinese Taipei in a hard-fought semifinal. Representing New Zealand on the international stage is an outstanding achievement and reflects Tyrone's dedication, teamwork, and perseverance. We are incredibly proud of his success and congratulate him on this memorable experience and for representing both our school and New Zealand with pride. Congratulations, Tyrone! We look forward to following your future achievements.



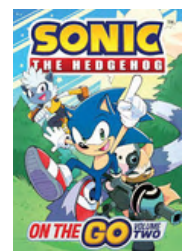
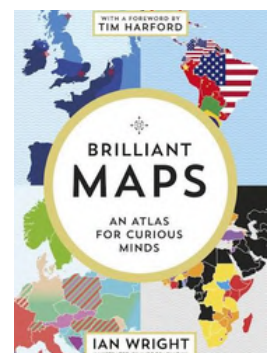
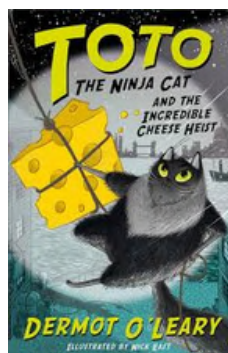
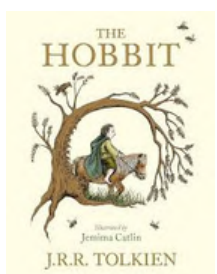
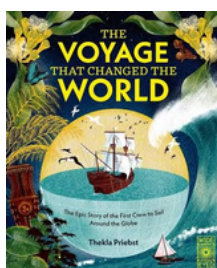


From the Library

Our library is proud to support our athletes at the Glasgow Commonwealth Games! Bronze medalist Cameron Gray has kindly lent us his Birmingham kit. Today, we're sending him all our support as he swims his best for New Zealand on the Commonwealth stage.



New Books





International Guests



Korean Students Visit BBI

Blockhouse Bay Intermediate is lucky enough to have a group of 20 Korean students visit for two weeks from Jeongeup City in South Korea this term. They are having a fantastic time practising their English and getting involved in school life. They are loving their homestays with Blockhouse Bay Intermediate students. Over the coming weeks we also have two small groups from China.

At the beginning of Term 1, 2027 we will have some more international students coming to visit our school. If you are interested in hosting an international student, please email Ingrid Belt our international student coordinator at ingridb@bhbtint.school.nz



Coming Up

SCHOOL DISCO

AIMS GAMES FUNDRAISING EVENT



LOCATION:
SCHOOL HALL



AUGUST
THURSDAY
13TH 2026



TIME:

5:30 PM – 7:30 PM

ENTRY FEE:

\$5.00

Refreshments:



Sausage Sizzle: Sausages - \$3 for one or two for \$5



Chocolates & drinks are \$2





Coming Up



Knowledge-a-Thon 2026

The story of schooling improvement at BHBI has been a deliberate part of our strategic plan over the past nine years. Each year our community has given forward to the next. What we raise benefits this year's students but also those that follow, with the Board of Trustees covering the difference.

At BHBI, we are very fortunate to be able to equip every classroom with a class set of Chromebooks. Due to a price increase, we will be fundraising to replace old Chromebooks and the technological tools used in our SPEC classes. Students will sit a 100-question test involving general knowledge questions based on New Zealand history, current affairs, and Te Reo Maori. Students scoring more than 80% will receive a green service star.

Students will be given an answer sheet and will need to study the questions and answers in preparation for sitting the test. Alongside this, students will collect sponsors and donations.

Week 2 - Monday 27th July

- Knowledge-athon introduced at a school assembly.
- Information letter and sponsorship forms sent home.
- Test questions are handed out to students, which they will research and find the answers.
- Begin collecting sponsors/donations.

Week 4 - Monday 10 August

- The answer sheet will be sent home for students to learn the correct answers.
- Sponsorship forms only (NO MONEY) brought into school, sponsored/donated amount totalled and given to the classroom teacher.

Week 5 - Tuesday 18th August

- Knowledge-a-thon takes place at school (students sit the test).
- Test scores are recorded on the child's sponsorship form, signed by the teacher and returned to students to collect money.

Week 7 - Friday 4th September

- Return both the sponsorship form and all the money to the school.

Week 10 - Monday 21st September

- Prizegiving Assembly!
- Prizes will be awarded to the top individual, top two classes, and top whanau, as well as spot prizes announced from the draw.





Coming Up



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



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