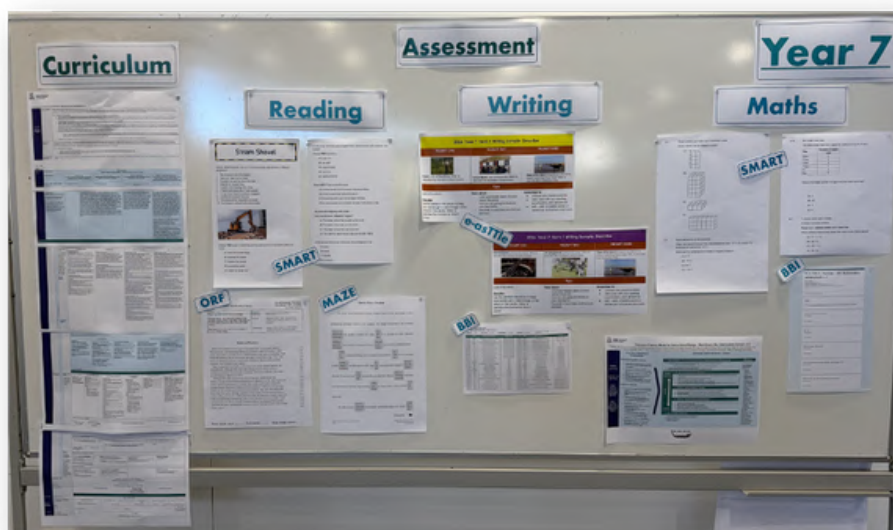




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Blockhouse Bay Intermediate School

Ruia Taitea • Stand Tall

Welcome to Term 3 Week 4

Tēnā koutou, e te whānau o Blockhouse Bay Intermediate

Welcome to the Term 3, week four Newsletter

*Mid-winter Disco Night
Tonight!*



Student-Led Conference and Parent Engagement Feedback

Blockhouse Bay Intermediate has navigated the changing education landscape. Keeping our community well informed of changes as they occur, developing tools to ensure parents can access students' work and engaging across various media to ensure that assessing and reporting to parents is as clear and concise as possible.

Our Student-Led Conferences were the proving ground of how well we had achieved our Strategic Goal - Manaakitanga – Ākonga (Learning to Learn) - in deploying the NZ Curriculum refresh to our community in a structured and logical way.

All the data we gathered from the evenings (including parent information evenings), student-directed learning, staff professional learning and delivery of new methodology has placed the school in a very strong position moving forward. We consistently see improving engagement and achievement across teaching and learning at Blockhouse Bay Intermediate.

Calendar

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

Winter Illness Reminders

Media has been reporting on the high number of winter viruses, flus, colds and Covid across communities. BHBI has not been immune either, and while we do our best to maintain cross-ventilation, air purifiers are used in every class and active hand-washing is encouraged. This legacy from Covid helps form our risk mitigation over winter.

As always, we do require your assistance. When we have a teacher down for a week, the interruption to the class can be minimised by our wonderful relievers, who know how we plan and teach. However, we still have a highly skilled teacher out of the loop which disrupts learning sequences and adds pressure across the school.

If in doubt, please keep your child at home. Be aware you will be required to pick up any student presenting as sick from the school office. Once again, prevention is the key to healthy homes and healthy classes. Safer communities together.

Years 0–10 Science and Social Sciences

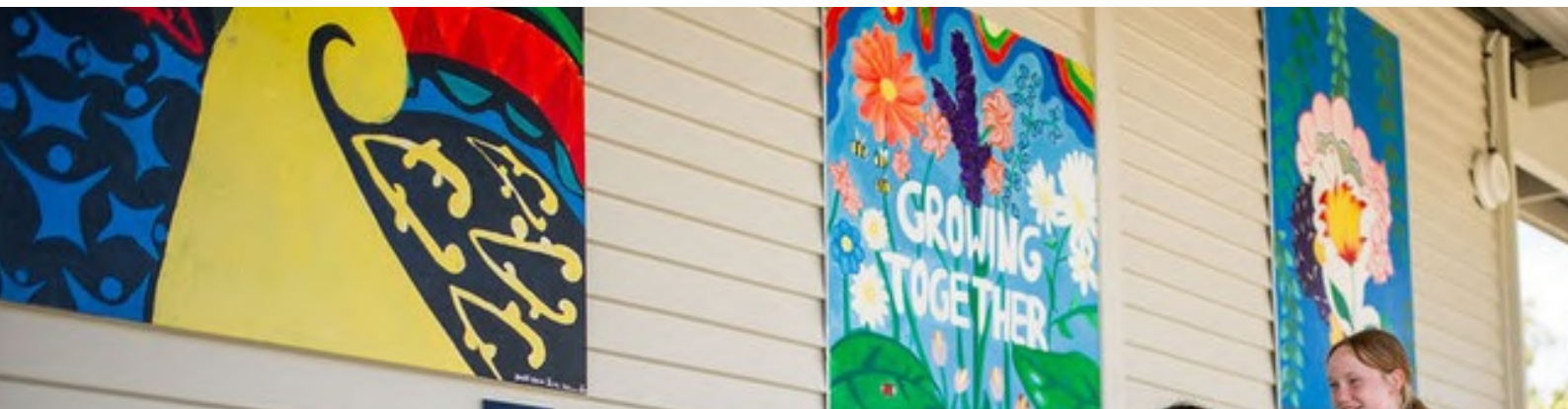
Yesterday, the Minister of Education released the final curriculum for the Science and Social Sciences learning areas.

We have positioned ourselves to be ready for these changes following the deployment of Literacy and Numeracy, which will now enter the review and consolidation stage of the deployment cycle. Meanwhile, we will draft and trial the two new curricula for full deployment in 2028, aligning with Ministry guidelines. We look forward to developing curriculum overviews, establishing assessment and reporting frameworks, and consulting with our community to ensure our students leave BHBI best prepared to meet the new secondary school curricula.

The Ministry of Education describes the new curricula as providing:

- Clearer expectations of what students will learn at each year level.
- Stronger progression of knowledge across the years.
- A more structured, knowledge-rich curriculum.
- More time to prepare before implementation begins.

Ngā mihi,
Michael Malins
Principal



Sports News

Year 8 Camp

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)



Year 8 Camp 2025





From The Library

Te Pou Muramura Children's Book Week

New Zealand's first-ever Read NZ Te Pou Muramura Children's Book Week runs from August 15 to 21, 2026, celebrating the theme "Reading Around Aotearoa!" Next week in the library, we look forward to revisiting old favourites and discovering new stories from our wonderful Aotearoa New Zealand authors.

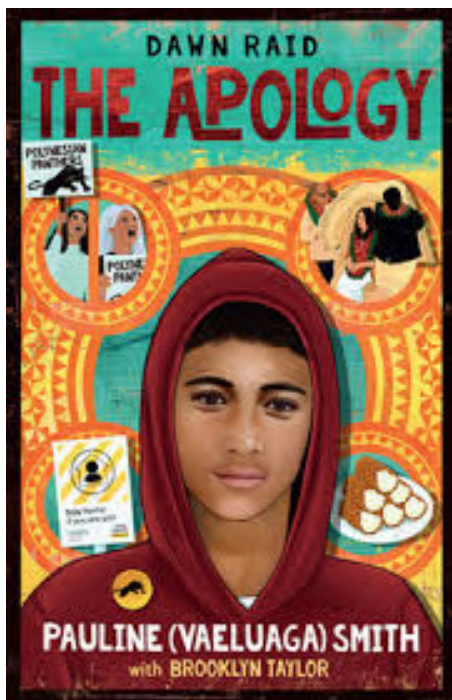


**Events
happening
near us!**





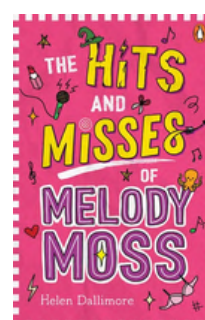
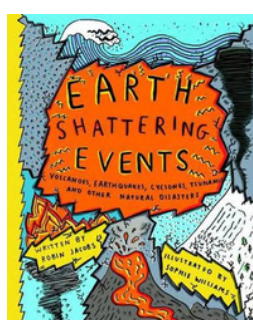
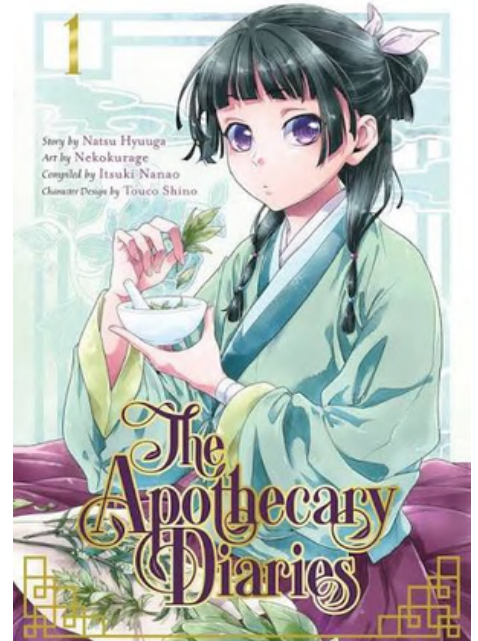
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In her award-winning first novel *Dawn Raid*, Pauline (Vaeluaga) Smith transported readers to the 1970s, where 13-year-old Sofia becomes involved with the Pacific Panthers and their work in standing up for those targeted by the Dawn Raids. In Smith's latest novel, *Dawn Raid: The Apology*, the narrative has shifted to a new generation, the story told through Sofia's grandson Jeremy's diary, written as Aotearoa, in the grips of the Covid-19 experience, approaches the official Government apology for the Dawn Raids. While the story stands on its own, reading the novel as a companion to *Dawn Raid* adds a sense of continuity and deepens understanding of the raids and their impact on the Pacific communities who lived through them.

Retrieved from <https://www.keterebooks.co.nz/reviews/review-dawn-raid-the-apology-by-pauline-vaeluaga-smith>


New Books 





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



MOUNT ROSKILL GRAMMAR SCHOOL

2027 OUT-OF-ZONE ENROLMENTS DUE IN 3 WEEKS: WED 2 SEPT, 4PM

THE DUE DATE IS THE SAME EVEN IF YOU HAVE A
SIBLING CURRENTLY ATTENDING.



Mt Roskill Grammar School enrolments for 2027 are closing soon!

Out of Zone applications close at 4.00pm on Wednesday 2nd September. Don't miss out on getting your application in so your child can be included in the ballot on Wednesday 9th September.

Applications can be submitted online through the links below or hardcopy forms can be handed in at Reception in the MRGS Administration Building. The MRGS office is open Monday – Friday from 8.00am – 4.30pm so please feel free to bring in your application forms or if you have any questions please just pop in for a chat.

IN ZONE:

<https://www.mrgs.school.nz/in-zone>

OUT OF ZONE:

<https://www.mrgs.school.nz/out-of-zone>

We look forward to welcoming your child to our Mt Roskill Grammar School whanau in 2027.



Coming Up

BLOCKHOUSE BAY INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL KNOWLEDGE-A-THON FUNDRAISING 2026

**TĒNĀ KOU TAMARIKI
AND WHĀNAU!**

 **FUNDRAISING
FOR THE FUTURE!**



**KNOWLEDGE-A-THON:
HOW IT WORKS**

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Study New Zealand History,
Current Affairs, Te Reo Maori.
-  **SIT THE
100-QUESTION TEST!**
-  **SCORE 80%+ TO EARN A
GREEN SERVICE STAR.**

EVENT CALENDAR

TIMELINE

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Introduction, Start Sponsorship!

WEEK 4 | AUG 10:
Answer Sheets Home, Turn in
Sponsorship Forms (NO MONEY).

 **WEEK 5 | AUG 18:**
KNOWLEDGE-A-THON TEST DATE!

WEEK 7 | SEPT 4:
Return Sponsorship Form &
All Money.

WEEK 10 | SEPT 21:
PRIZE GIVING ASSEMBLY!
(Time to be announced!)
**TOP INDIVIDUAL | TOP 2 CLASSES
| TOP WHĀNAU | PLUS SPOT PRIZES!**

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!
Ngā Mihi Nui,
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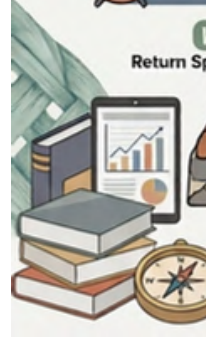
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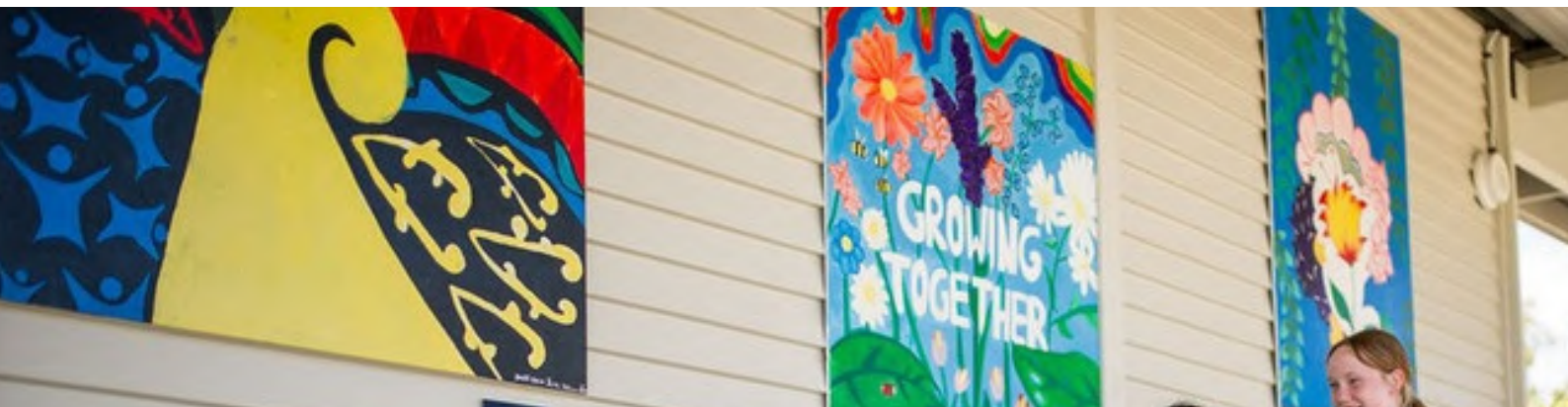
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Coming Up

 **Cancer Society**
Daffodil Day
Te Rā Daffodil

Register now for
Daffodil Day
..... to help the
1 in 3
New Zealanders who'll get
cancer in their lifetime.

Register Now
daffodilday.org.nz

 **Cancer Society** | **ANZ** 
Major Sponsor





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



Coming Up

FREE • MADE BY AN AUCKLAND PARENT

Lunchbox ideas, priced before you shop.

Kiwi Lunchbox plans a week of school lunches around whatever is on special at Woolworths and New World — and shows what the week will cost.



- ✓ **No account needed, nothing for sale.** Open it and use it.
- ✓ **Allergy filters** — nut-free, dairy-free, gluten-free, egg-free, vegetarian and vegan.
- ✓ **A shopping list you can print**, sorted by supermarket aisle.
- ✓ **Prices checked every week** against the current NZ supermarket mailers.

~\$4

median cost of a
complete lunchbox, per day

94

lunch menus —
89 of them nut-free

\$2—\$7.80

the range, depending
on the main

Over a 10-week term that spread works out at roughly **\$100 to \$390 a child**, depending on what you pack.



kiwilunchbox.co.nz

Built and maintained by Yong Jae Lee, a parent in Flat Bush, Auckland.
Questions: kiwilunchboxplanner@gmail.com

Prices are tracked weekly and shown as estimates. August 2026.



Coming Up

TEACHER AIDE Position Available!

We are looking for a capable and compassionate Teacher Aide to join our Learning Support team. This role is specifically focused on supporting students with high and complex needs to help them succeed in our intermediate school environment.

The Role

With the support from our SENCo and Learning Support team, you will provide 1:1 support for students with needs such as Autism, ADHD, and sensory processing differences.

Main Responsibilities

- Using visual supports and structured routines.
- Supporting communication, engagement, and regulation.
- Monitoring progress and working closely with whānau.

What We're Looking For

- Proven experience with high-needs students.
- A calm, patient, and resilient approach.
- An understanding of neurodiversity and inclusive education.
- Strong communication skills and the ability to show initiative.

What We Offer

- A supportive and collegial team.
- Ongoing professional learning.
- The chance to make a real difference for our young people.



How to Apply:

Please email your CV and a cover letter to Adam Vincent
adamv@bhbint.school.nz

Police vetting is required as part of our commitment to student wellbeing.



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