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Welcome to Term 3 Week 6

Tēnā koutou, e te whānau o Blockhouse Bay Intermediate

Welcome to the Term 3, week six Newsletter.

We are starting to see an end to the winter darkness. At last the mornings are brighter and the first blossoms of spring are beginning to appear.

Last Wednesday Mr Vincent and the AIM's footballers hosted teams from eight local primary schools for our annual football competition, with our BBI footballers refereeing during the day. It was a beautiful, brisk winters day showcasing our facilities for future players and their parents. Titirangi primary won on the day with Blockhouse Bay Primary taking second place. A big thank you to Mr Vincent for organising this.

Health and safety of all students during the winter season.

Thank you to all parents who have been active in keeping sick children at home. As illness has moved from the usual colds, we are well into the flu and associated illnesses season. When a staff member goes down, it is for a week. We can expect the same for students. When your child is sick please email the school office: office@bhbint.school.nz with the number of days they are expected to be away. Alternatively, you can ring the school office and leave a message to the same effect.

We understand that some parents have been finding it tricky to know when their child is well enough to attend school and when an unwell child should be at home. We are sharing the following guidance provided by Health New Zealand with our school community:

[How to decide if a child is well enough to be at school or early learning – Ministry of Education](#)

Calendar

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

Attendance Processes for Absence

If we receive no message from you, we must text you – please respond. When you don't respond, the student will be marked as truant and this impacts their attendance. We require you to respond so we know how to code your child and let the teacher know. These simple steps support our attendance process. Notifying the office allows our team to get on with the day supporting students and staff. This is the process at all schools, is critically important at all times, even more so in the winter months, keeping you and our students safe.

School gates installation – students asked to head home at the end of the day

The school is slowly being gated, with final handover for the project's completion being September 21st. While the gates are not imposing, they do add layers of security, along with our many new cameras and lighting. Out of hour access will not be possible with the final install of the main back gates and the internal gates blocking access by the staff room and the back of the hall.

Students are to move off at the end of the day so that grounds staff can secure the site for cleaners. We appreciate this will be a change and we are keeping you posted as the project nears completion.

Ngā mihi,
Michael Malins
Principal



Wear Yellow for Daffodil Day

Tomorrow

Friday 28th August

**Show your support by bringing a gold coin donation
and wearing your sunniest clothes!
All proceeds go to the Cancer Society.**





From The Library

Last week, we celebrated Culture and Language Week in the library by exploring books from around the world. Books can be mirrors that reflect our own identity, helping us understand ourselves; windows that give us a view into other people's lives to build empathy; and sliding doors that allow us to step into new worlds and escape our own for a little while.



Book of the Week

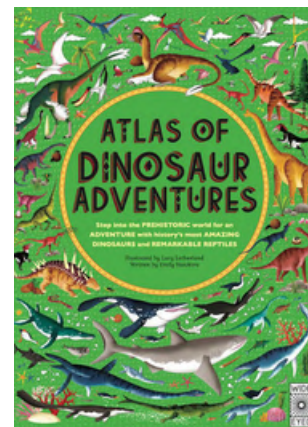
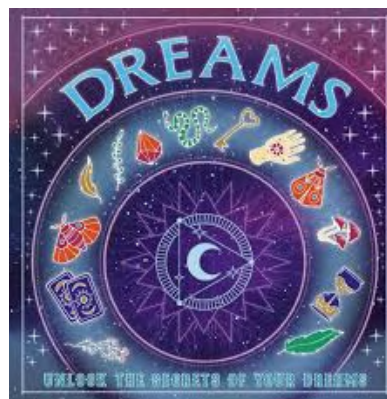
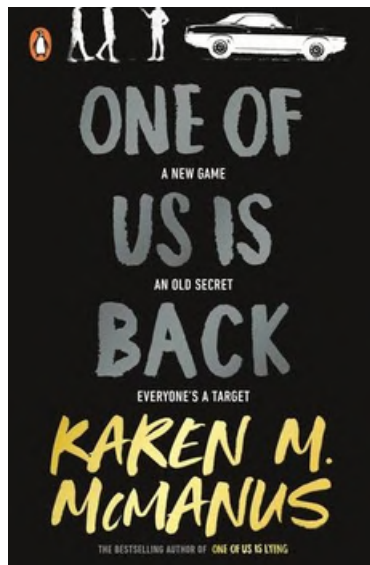
I can't remember how old I was when I first started collecting stamps. But I've got a whole shoebox full of them now. Mam used to help me collect them ... Before she got so ill that she lost her job, her friends...everything.

Now it's my job to take care of her and protect her - and my little brother and sister too. But to do that, I have to make Mam a Secret. A secret no-one can ever find out about. Not even my best friends at school, or Mo, our postman. Or the stranger living in the house across the street. The one no-one has seen, but who I know is spying on us.

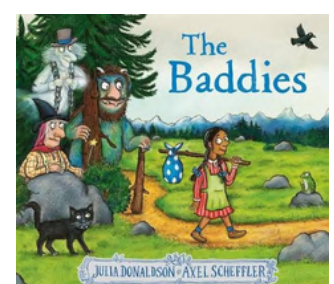
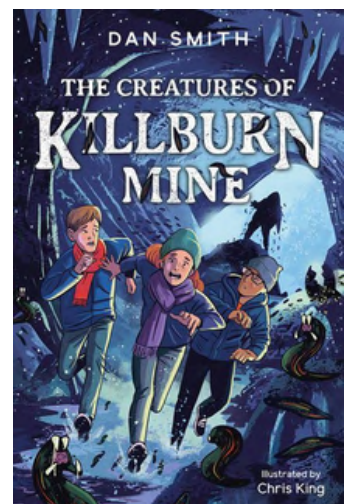
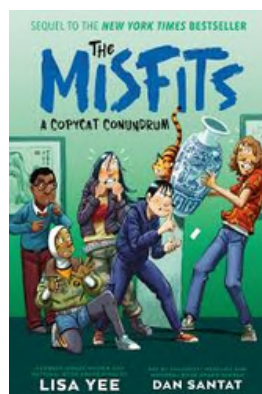
"The Letter with the Golden Stamp" is a touching story that highlights the hidden struggles of young caregivers, giving them the understanding and support they deserve.



From the Library



New Books!





MATHEX

We took 3 teams to mathex last week for a successful night. The Year 7 team did amazing and scored 85 despite being down a team member. The year 8 teams scored 100 and 80. A great effort all round!



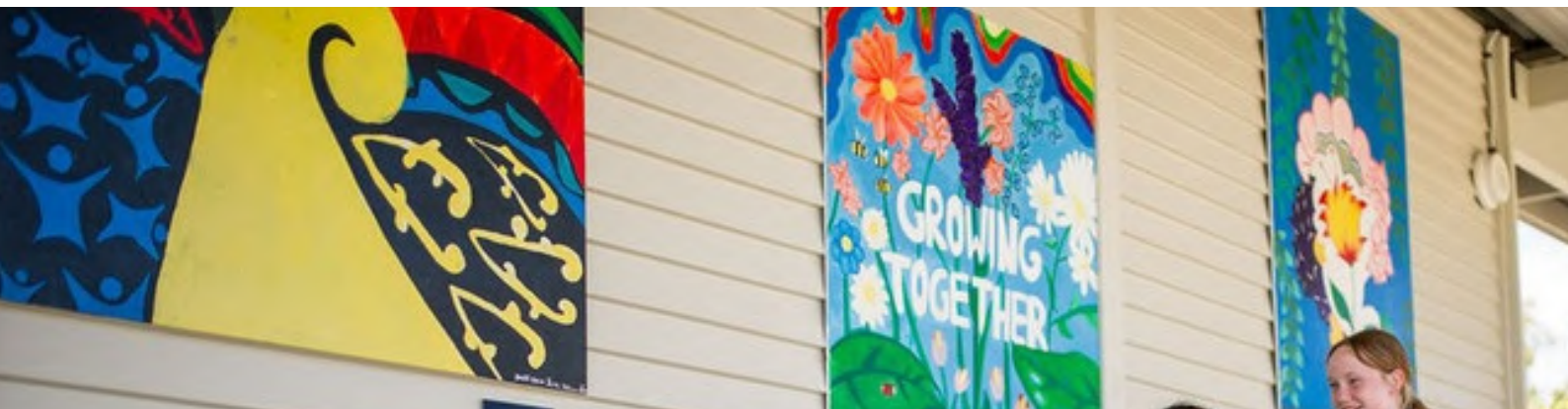
International News



Tokyo Metropolitan Oizumi Junior High School

Last week, Blockhouse Bay Intermediate School welcomed our friends and guest students from our Japanese sister school, Tokyo Metropolitan Oizumi Junior High School! Their visit kicked off with a welcome ceremony from our school kapa haka group, introducing them to our Māori culture. Throughout their stay, our Japanese friends dove straight into Kiwi school life bringing their curiosity to learn, participating in Visual Arts painting ceramics with Whaea Kate and learning traditional moves in kapa haka class with Matua Ash. Outside of school, our host families opened their doors and hearts, sharing true Kiwi hospitality and taking students to explore some of Auckland's best spots—from the wild sands of Piha and the views at One Tree Hill to the lush trails at Arataki. A huge, heartfelt thank you goes out to all of our host families, staff, and our wonderful classroom teachers who opened up their learning spaces and embraced these students like their own. You all made this exchange a truly unforgettable experience!





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





BBI'S GOT TALENT

We are extremely excited to announce that we have two super special celebrity guest judges joining us for our TALENT QUEST happening in WEEK 10 on Thursday the 24th of September.

Save the date... more details to come!



“After a breakout year cementing her place as one of Aotearoa’s most exciting new pop voices, 18 year old, Rockquest winning Emerson enters 2026 with an exciting new sound, as well as a range of new collaborations.

In the past year, Emerson has consistently translated momentum into meaningful industry milestones, completing two National tours and performing on major stages including IMNZ’s Going Global Showcase and NZ On Air’s showcase series, before closing out the year at Rhythm and Vines – her first major festival appearance. Alongside live success, she has continued to build strong creative and professional relationships across Aotearoa and Australia.”

<https://www.muzic.nz/artists/emerson/>

SPECIAL GUEST JUDGES ANNOUNCED! ***EMERSON & PAX ASSADI***

‘Pax Assadi is one of New Zealand’s most exciting comedic voices. Since beginning stand-up in 2012, he has earned multiple nominations including the Billy T Award, the NZCG Breakthrough Comedian of the Year, Best Male Comedian, and the prestigious Fred Dagg Award. Pax has been a regular face on New Zealand television, appearing on 7 Days, Word Up, Crack Up, Brown Eye, the NZ International Comedy Gala — and most recently as a contestant on Taskmaster NZ. He is also the co-creator, writer, and star of the critically acclaimed comedy series Raised by Refugees. Born in New Zealand to immigrant parents, Pax’s sharp, heartfelt storytelling resonates across cultures and audiences.’



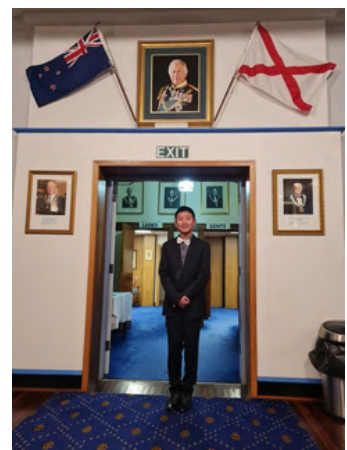
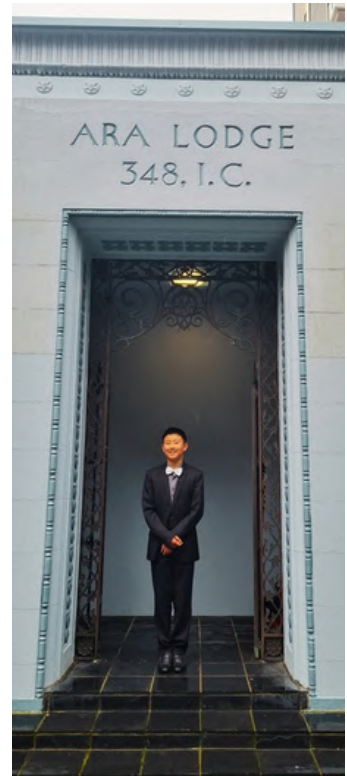


Music News

A warm congratulations to Khang for his fantastic performance on the piano!

Recently, Khang represented Blockhouse Bay Intermediate at the ARA Lodge Music Competition, taking the stage to tackle some remarkably advanced pieces. Music competitions are notoriously tough and subjective, but Khang's technical skill and expression place him well beyond standard age group expectations. Reaching Grade 6 level typically takes years of exams, yet Khang bypassed those early milestones through sheer talent and disciplined practice.

Performing at such a high level requires immense courage and preparation. We are incredibly proud of the way Khang represented our school community, and we look forward to following his ongoing musical journey!





Coming Up



Friday 28th of August

**WEAR YELLOW AND BRING A GOLD COIN DONATION
RAISE MONEY FOR THE CANCER SOCIETY**

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

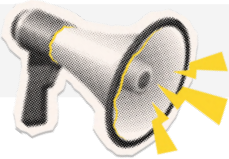


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***Wear yellow
clothes
TOMORROW!***



Remember
your
donation!



Coming Up

Important Enrolment Notice: Year 9 in 2027

Attention parents of current Year 8 students: out-of-zone enrolment applications for the 2027 school year are approaching their deadline.

Key Application Deadline

- Date: Wednesday, 2 September
- Time: 4:00 PM Sharp



Who Needs to Apply by This Date?

- Out-of-Zone Applicants (Categories 1–5): All out-of-zone enrolment applications for Year 9 (2027) must be submitted by the deadline.
- Siblings of Current Students: If your Year 8 student lives out of zone but currently has a sibling attending your preferred high school, you must still submit an application by 4:00 PM on Wednesday, 2 September to qualify under the relevant priority category.



Note: Applications received after 4:00 PM on Wednesday, 2 September cannot be included in the standard out-of-zone ballot process.

Please ensure all completed forms and supporting documentation are submitted to the relevant College enrolment office on time.





Coming Up



MOUNT ROSKILL GRAMMAR SCHOOL

**2027 OUT-OF-ZONE
ENROLMENTS DUE IN 1 WEEK:
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

Parenting Talk

Tackling Technology



FREE EVENT

DATE

6pm

Thurs 17 Sept

VENUE

Blockhouse Bay Intermediate

RSVP via

Facebook event



Guiding our young people through a *digital* world

Technology offers opportunities for both dynamic creativity and mindless consumption.

How do we know the difference, and how do we help our tweens safely navigate a digital landscape that is more enticing by the day?

With the latest information and insights, this talk is your vital guide to the online world of tweens.



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.

parentingplace.nz



Titirangi
Rudolf Steiner School

Spring Open Day

Saturday 19 September

11am | Spring Festival

12:30pm | Introductory Talk

12:30 - 2pm | Open Classrooms



From early childhood through to high school, we offer an education that grows with your child - **screen-free** before high school, immersed in **nature**, and rich in **academic, creative and hands-on learning**. Come and meet our teachers, explore student work and experience our school at our **Spring Open Day**!

Register

www.titirangi.steiner.school.nz/event

Email enrol@trss.nz

5 Helios Place, Titirangi





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 mallers.

~\$4 median cost of a complete lunchbox, per day	94 lunch menus — 88 of them nut-free	\$2-\$7.80 the range, depending on the main
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Over a 10-week term that spread works out at roughly \$100 to \$300 a child, depending on what you pack.

 kiwilunchbox.co.nz
Built and maintained by Ying Jao Lee, a parent in Flat Bush, Auckland.
Questions: kiwilunchboxplanner@gmail.com

Prices are based weekly and shown as estimates, August 2025.

BLACKOUT | TICKETS AVAILABLE AT PARADICE.CO.NZ | \$20PP | **paradice**

PARADICE BOTANY AND AVONDALE

DRUM & BASS ON ICE

FRIDAY 4 SEPTEMBER | 7.30PM - 10.30PM

LIVE DJ SPINNING THE HOTTEST
DRUM & BASS HITS ALL NIGHT

ICE SKATING | LIVE DJ | PUMPING BEATS | ELECTRIC ATMOSPHERE

EXPERIENCE AN EPIC NIGHT OF **DRUM & BASS** AS THE RINK COMES ALIVE
WITH PUMPING BEATS, LIGHTS, AND AN ELECTRIC ATMOSPHERE.

Start Your Martial Arts Journey For Free In Term 3

- Build Confidence
- Improve Fitness
- Practice Self Defence
- Safe & Friendly

GLEN EDEN SPECIAL
3 Free Classes • Free Registration
Valued at \$74

SCAN ME 

★★★★★
"Kung fu encourages your child to be disciplined, resilient, responsible and respectful."
— Antara (parent)

"The Kung Fu school has guided me, challenged me, and supported my learning in a positive, safe environment."
— Stella U (16 years old)

"I finally found a martial art that can keep my easily-bored brain entertained for good!"
— Ludmila M (12 years old)

ShaolinKungFu.co.nz



MUSIC LESSONS

at Blockhouse Bay Intermediate School

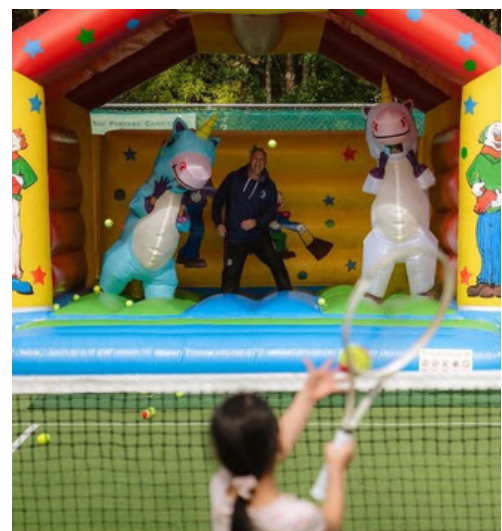
Does your child want to learn to play music?

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



Lavie Tennis Academy coaches on court | Bouncy castle | Activities for the whole family

love tennis

Sunday 13 September 2026 | 10.00am - 2.00pm
Blockhouse Bay Tennis Club | 36 Rathlin Street, Blockhouse Bay
FREE ENTRY | ALL AGES | ALL ABILITIES | RACQUETS PROVIDED

Special one-day-only membership offers | BBQ | Games, challenges, prizes and giveaways



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