



BHBI Blockhouse Bay
Intermediate
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Blockhouse Bay Intermediate School

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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 8 Newsletter

BBI's got talent!

Limited tickets will go on sale from the office on Monday. We are ticketing this event to avoid overcrowding, managing health and safety and to avoid disappointing people by turning them away. We have space for 600 people on the night. **Tickets will be \$2.**

Numbered tickets will be available from the office from Monday 14th of September until sold out.

Calendar

7 th - 11 th September	AIMS Games
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

Maths practice

The Maths practice website is for children in Years 3 to 8. It offers quick access to hundreds of activities based on the New Zealand Curriculum.



Curriculum Refresh Update and Mathematics Support App

An Interactive Maths practice tool for students in Years 3 to 8 is available on the Parent Portal:

[Maths.practice.education.govt.nz](https://maths.practice.education.govt.nz)

The ministry has released a new interactive practice tool for parents and students. As a school we have added this resource to our warm up sessions. As this gets rolled out students will become familiar through classroom activities.

- The practice tool content supports the New Zealand Curriculum and includes content covering number problems, working with money, counting, multiplying and dividing, fractions, decimals, percentages, ratios, powers, and roots.
- Students can practice in English, to help reinforce what they've learnt at school.
- Short, regular sessions will help students build confidence with Maths. This can be 10 to 15 minutes sessions, 3 to 5 times a week.
- You don't need to be a Maths expert to support your child's learning.
- Just by spending a few minutes together throughout the week, encouraging effort, and celebrating progress, you can help build confidence and the skills children need to thrive in Maths.
- The practice tool website has been developed following feedback from parents and whānau that they wanted practical ways to support learning at home.



From the Principal

Updated Years 0-10 content now available: Science, Social Sciences, and Pūtaiao

As we continue to prepare for the new Science and Social Sciences curriculum design to trial in 2027 and integrate from 2028, the Ministry of Education has released the following statement:

The fully updated Science, Social Science and Pūtaiao curriculum content for Years 0 to 10 is now available for schools and kura to start using in 2027.

The Science and Social Science learning areas in the New Zealand Curriculum help young people understand the world around them and their place within it, so they can build the knowledge and skills to understand complex issues, evaluate information and evidence, and make informed decisions.

The Pūtaiao wāhanga ako in Te Marautanga o Aotearoa helps mokopuna understand the natural world by observing, questioning, investigating and making sense of how living things, environments and natural systems work together.

Explore the content here:

[Science](#)

[Social Sciences](#)

Out-of-Zone (OOZ) High School Enrolments Closed

A quick reminder for parents and caregivers of our Year 8 students: Out-of-Zone high school enrolments have now officially closed.

If you have not already done so, please ensure your child is enrolled in your local in-zone high school as soon as possible. High schools are currently finalising their numbers, making this an urgent priority.

If you require any assistance with the enrolment process or have questions about high school transitions, please reach out to Karen Mills at karenm@bhbt.school.nz.



From the Principal

Absence Notification Reminder

Please remember to contact the school office every single day your child is absent. To ensure all students are accounted for, we need to log every absence daily.

You can report an absence using any of the following methods:

Phone: Call the main office at 09 - 6266414 and leave a message with the attendance line.

Email: Send an email to office@bhbt.school.nz with your child's full name, class/room number, and the reason for the absence.

School Website: Report an absence on our website <https://www.bhbt.school.nz/report-an-absence>
Thank you for your cooperation in keeping our attendance records accurate and our students safe!

AIMS

Last Sunday Mr Vincent, Mr Price and two of our parents took students (41 Competing) to Tauranga to compete in the annual AIMS games. The competition began on Sunday with cross country and continues for the week with our main competitive sports for 2026, gymnastics, cross country and football. This is another very big week for our students and our mums who give up a week to support all our students.

Mr Vincent will present the results in our final Newsletter of the term in week 10.

Nga mihi,
Michael Malins,
Principal

BBI'S GOT TALENT



BBI is showcasing it's most talented performers in a

one-night-only-not-to-be-missed-extravaganza

.... of the arts!!!

The evening boasts special guest performances from the magnificent Kapa Haka, spectacular Pasifika Beats and the dazzling Bollywood groups.

Tickets are \$2 and can be purchased from MONDAY the 14th of September from the school office. Numbers are strictly limited to 600 guests. Please ensure you purchase and bring your ticket on the evening.

PLEASE arrive early to avoid disappointment.

Thursday 24th of September

6pm start

SPECIAL GUEST JUDGEES!

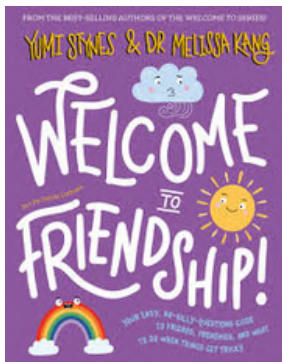
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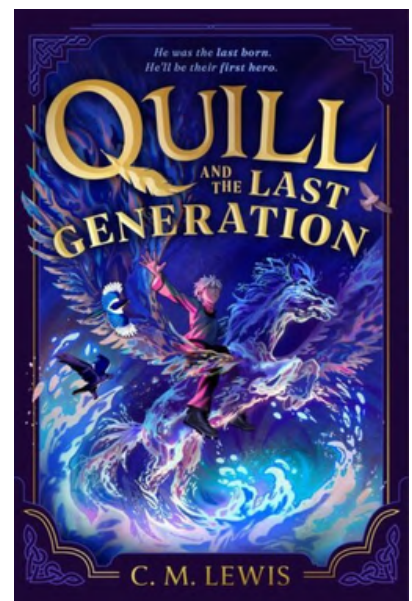


From the Library

New books!



12 year old Quill lives in a world where he is among the last generation of children born. It has been winter his entire life, and no one knows why. His is a simple life with his sail-maker dad and his loving mum, but now his mother is unwell with the constant cold. He has one good friend in Jona as many find Quill's life-long affinity with birds strange.



Little does he know, two of these birds are from another world and have been watching him grow up. When he finally learns his true past, he is suddenly in a race to prepare for a battle he'd never imagined. There is a link between his old world and his new, and this has been interrupted by a villain who is also responsible for no more children born in Quill's world. His life is now full of weaponry lessons, dragon history and breeds, and battle plans. With new friends alongside, he faces his destiny with courage and trust, whilst remembering advice given while growing up in his human family.

Review courtesy of [WhatBookNext.com](https://www.whatbooknext.com)





Sports News

Cross Country - Auckland Champs

On Friday, the 28th of August, 11 superb runners set off to Kumeu to compete in the 2026 Auckland Champs Cross Country Competition. Hundreds of students turned up from all around Auckland, all selected because of their impressive performance at their respective zone events.

It was a great day and each of our runners gave their all out on the course. They were all fantastic and acted as brilliant ambassadors for our school.

BBI is very proud of these students' because of both their skill and efforts!





Coming Up

Next week we celebrate Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori, Maori Language Week

From September 14 – 20, 2026. This year's theme is Ake, Ake, Ake – A Forever Language. Additionally, there is an initiative for a nation wide focus on Te Reo Towns; celebrating local communities, streets, workplaces, and marae that keep te reo Māori alive, while encouraging all of Aotearoa to help the language flourish.

Check out <https://www.reomaori.co.nz/te-wiki-2026> to see how you and your whānau can get involved!

Kia kaha te reo Māori!





Coming Up



Titirangi Community House

Crafternoon

NEWSPAPER FLOWERS

KIDS **FREE**

FRIDAY, 25TH SEPTEMBER 2026

KIDS OF ALL AGES WELCOME

Learn how to transform colourful newspaper into stunning, handcrafted floral hangings! Perfect for adding a cheerful touch to any room or giving as a thoughtful gift.

3:30PM - 4:30PM

TITIRANGI COMMUNITY HOUSE
500 SOUTH TITIRANGI ROAD, TITIRANGI

admin@titirangihouse.co.nz 09 817 7448 titirangihouse.co.nz



Titirangi Community House

EVENTS FOR FAMILIES

Month	Date	Time	Event
September	Saturday, 19 th	10:00am - 2:00pm	Whānau Arts Day A fun-filled day of free creative activities! Drop in to upcycle fabrics, ribbons, and accessories into a one-of-a-kind award ribbon for a friend, sibling, or yourself. No booking needed.
September	Friday, 25 th	3:30pm - 4:30pm	Last Friday's Crafternoon Learn how to transform colourful newspaper into stunning, handcrafted floral hangings! Perfect for adding a cheerful touch to any room or giving as a thoughtful gift. No booking needed.
October	Saturday, 17 th	10:00am - 12:30pm	Pre-Loved Toy Market Choosing pre-loved means less waste in landfills, fewer new resources used, and more budget-friendly joy for your little ones. Come hunt for hidden gems and give fantastic toys a new home! Bring your tote bags, tell your friends, and let's shop sustainably together!
October	Friday, 30 th	3:30pm - 4:30pm	Halloween Crafternoon Drop by for some spooky seasonal fun! Craft your own Trick-or-Treat bags, foam clay monsters, and spiderweb bangles. At Titirangi Library.

admin@titirangihouse.co.nz 09 817 7448 titirangihouse.co.nz



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 teens 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 teens.

Kristi Ward, Parent Coach
With a background in social work and child & adolescent mental health, Kristi Ward is passionate to see on the ground in the real world, no matter what challenging behaviour they are facing.

parenting@bhb.co.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

BLOCKHOUSE BAY LIBRARY

September School Holidays
26 September - 11 October

Wonderful Worlds



Enter Wonderful Worlds these school holidays at Blockhouse Bay Library:

- ❖ Minions Time
- ❖ Key to Unlock a Wonderful World
- ❖ Winnie the Pooh 100th Birthday Party
- ❖ Wonderful World Collage

See the other side for more information
Please arrive on time as late comers will be disappointed

Minions Time Wednesday 30 Sep 2:00

Come dressed as a Minion, do the Minion Scavenger Hunt, take Minion selfies and play Minion games. We'll finish with the great Banana's Unite rap!
Every Minion in costume receives a small treat bag. Bookings required.

Key to Unlock a Wonderful World Friday 2 Oct 2:00

Decorate a special key and discover how to unlock the entrance to a Wonderful World. Bring your torch.

Wonderful World Collage Wednesday 7 Oct 11:00

Bring your imagination and we will supply everything you need to create your own collage Wonderful World.

Winnie the Pooh 100th Birthday Party Friday 9 Oct 2:00

Celebrate our favourite bear's special birthday. Make a character headband, go on a heffalump hunt and have a birthday picnic with Pooh.
Picnic is not suitable for special dietary requirements. Bookings required.

Please arrive on time as late comers will be disappointed

For more information or to make a booking:
call 09 377 0209 or
email blockhousebaylibrary@aklc.govt.nz
with child's name, age and contact phone number



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 and product weekly and shown on advertisement, August 2020.

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 entrained for good!"
- Ludmila M (32 years old)

ShaolinKungFu.co.nz



Love 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 BBO Games, challenges, prizes and giveaways



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

JUNIOR SUMMER HOCKEY

LET'S PLAY OVER SUMMER

COMPETITION DATES:
Wednesday 14th October - Wednesday 2nd December
8-week competition

GRADES: 6-a-side
Years 1 & 2, Years 3 & 4 (1/4 field)
Years 5 & 6, Years 7 & 8 (1/2 field)

DURATION & VENUE:
30-minute games at Avondale College

Register as a **team** (\$270) or an **individual** (\$55, and you will be assigned a team)



Registrations are open online now - scan the QR code or go to westernhockey.co.nz/juniorsummer to register!
Contact wthjuniorsummerhockey@gmail.com for more information





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