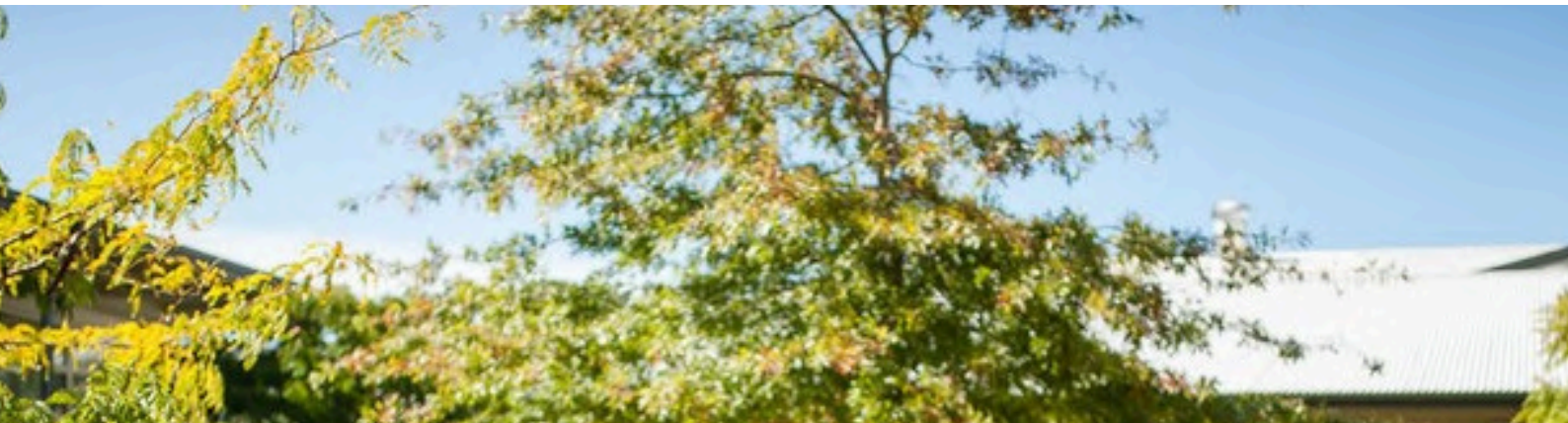




Blockhouse Bay Intermediate School

Ruia Taitea • Stand Tall

Welcome to Term 3 Week 10

Tēnā koutou, e te whānau o Blockhouse Bay Intermediate

Welcome to the Term 3, Week 8 Newsletter

This is the last newsletter of the term and I would like to begin by thanking our community for helping us as we navigated unprecedented bouts of influenza amongst both students and staff over term three.

By keeping sick students at home you helped us navigate and resource the school so that teaching and learning was not disrupted, class splits were kept to the very minimum and we were able to continue to send our staff off site for ongoing professional learning in delivering the refreshed literacy curriculum.

As we enter the term break and daylight savings, our staff will take a much needed rest before preparing for term four and all that entails; year eight camp, a final push to prepare our year eights for high school and preparing the classes to welcome a new cohort of year seven students in 2027.

Knowledge-a-thon

Thank you for your support to help us purchase more Chromebooks as our old devices become obsolete or are damaged in daily use. So far you have donated \$29000 to support us keep these resources as 1:1 devices. In the current economic climate we know it is not easy and so this response is truly amazing and appreciated.

Calendar

24 th September	BBI's Got Talent!
25 th September	Last day of Term 3 Star Awards 12:30pm School finishes at 2pm
12 th October	Term 4 Begins
16 th October	School Athletics Day
23 rd October	Teacher Only Day School Closed for Intruccion
26 th October	Labour Day School Closed



From the Principal

In zone enrolments - reminder

Blockhouse Bay Intermediate is a highly organised school. We thrive on structure, have a very busy calendar, the resources to drive forever forward and to navigate a rapidly changing educational landscape, all while keeping it real. Transitions are, perhaps, the most important time of the school year and we are driven to ensure each student is known before they enter the school gate, and those that leave in year eight are enrolled and known before they enter their high school.

We are reliant on our contributing primary schools to encourage their community to enrol in their next school. It takes a community to raise a child. We are reliant on our primaries to do their bit and help out the student transitions. If you know a friend or neighbour who has yet to enrol and who is in zone, remind them to do so, yesterday.

We wish you a safe and restful break and look forward to seeing our community back in the new term.

Ngā mihi,
Michael Malins
Principal

BBI's Got Talent:

The Marlow street entrance will be locked tonight so ensure you add a bit of extra time to walk, if planning on coming from this direction.



6pm Start!!! Arrive early to get a good seat!



High School Transition

Year 8 Parents and Caregivers,

Our local high schools have reached out to ask us for support in reminding families to submit their child's high school enrolment applications as soon as possible.

Based on our current numbers, we believe there are still approximately 160 of our Year 8 students who have not yet completed their enrolment. If you have not submitted your application, we strongly ask that you make this a top priority over the holidays. High schools require these numbers urgently to finalise staffing, subject options, and class structures for next year, and delaying may impact your child's subject option preferences.

To everyone who has already completed and submitted their child's high school enrolment, thank you very much for getting that sorted so promptly.

If you need any support, documentation, or guidance from our end to help complete the application, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this important step in your child's education journey.

IMPORTANT!



Sports News

Western Zone Volleyball

This week BBI sent two teams off to Western Zone Volleyball and they returned with stunning results!

BBI's Boys Team came 1st Place, beating Kelston Intermediate in the final. BBI's Girls Team went undefeated until the semi finals where they succumbed to Henderson Intermediate in a nailbiter.

**Ka pai,
Volleyball!**

Amazing effort all round and an awesome day too, as reported by Miss Niula and Mr Lelo who coached and accompanied the teams.





Sports News

Chess G'nT

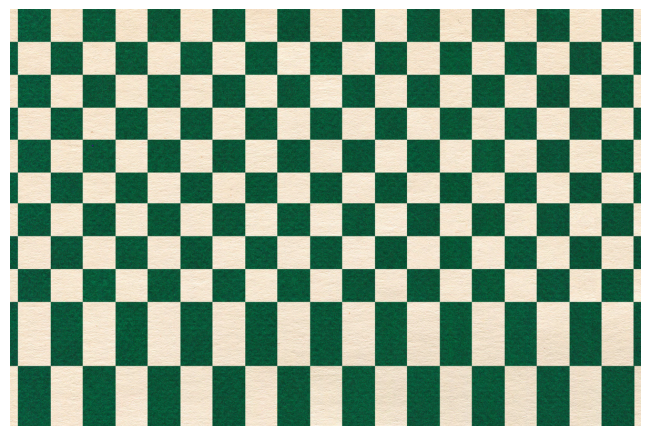
This term we have been lucky to host International Chess Master Andrew Wagdy the Founder of FIDE Precision Chess Academy.

A group of clever young ones have been learning and refining their chess skills. They have held a competition and the standings are:

- 1st — Akshat Upadhyay
- 2nd — Kaavyansh Vij
- =3rd — Yaraan Khan
- =3rd — Paarth Chakravarthy

Yaraan and Paarth tied for third place.

Well done to these budding grandmasters!





From the Library

The school holidays are a great time to access our Wheelers eBooks and Audiobooks. Borrow and read eBooks and Audiobooks from our library anywhere, anytime!



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.



From the Library

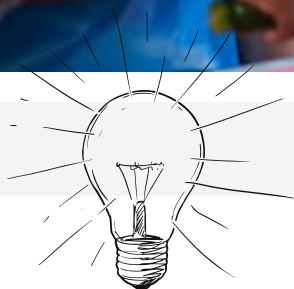
Te Manu
Rongonui o
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Bird of the Year 2026

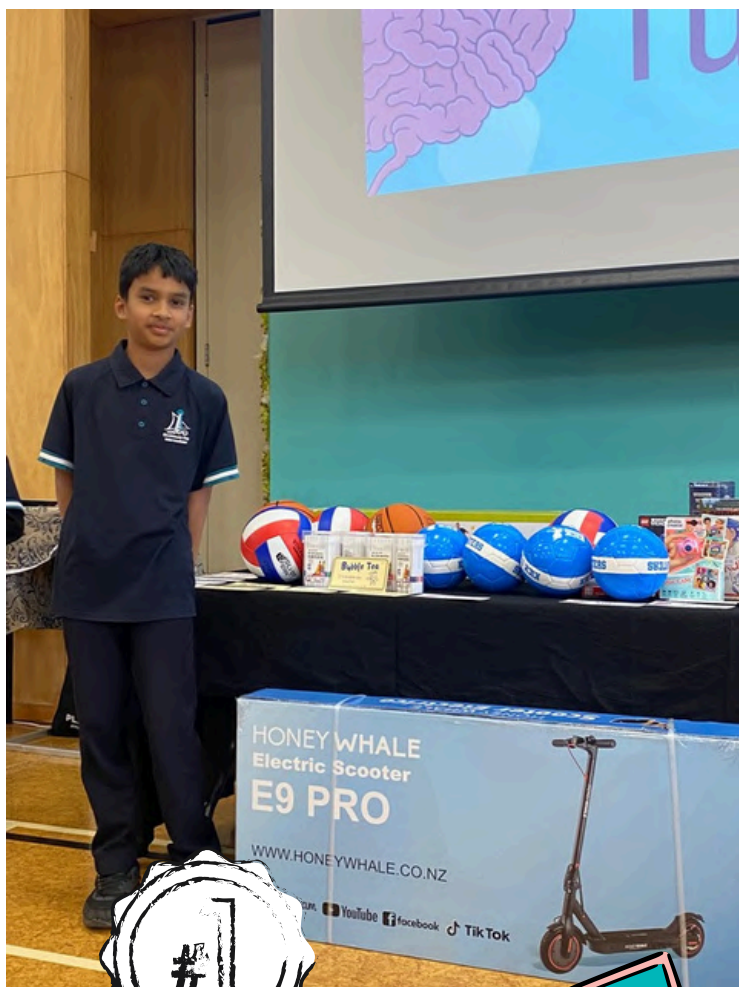


Over the last few weeks, we voted for our favourite bird party and our favourite bird for the annual Forest & Bird Bird of the Year competition. The BBI winner was the popular Pīwakawaka, followed closely by the Karure (Chatham Island Black Robin).

The Black Robin went on to win the official Bird of the Year competition - a very worthy winner!



Knowledge-a-thon



Thank you to all students, BHBI whānau, and our wider community for your incredible support of this year's Knowledge-a-thon fundraiser. Together, we raised an outstanding \$28,515.20 — a fantastic effort from everyone involved! These funds will go towards upgrading classroom Chromebooks and technology used in our SPEC classes, helping our taura access the tools they need to learn and thrive.

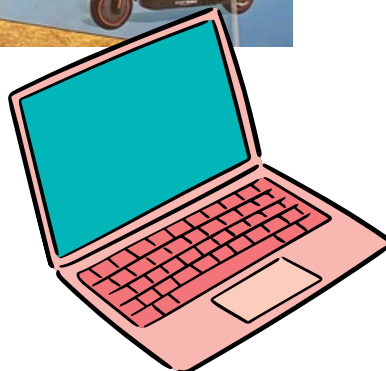
Ngā mihi nui for your generosity and support.

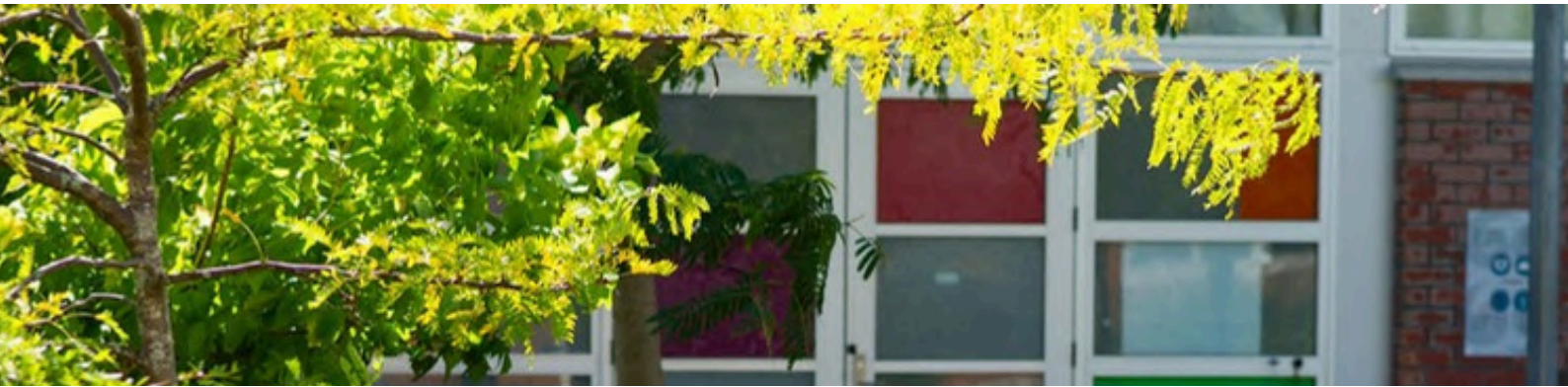
A big congratulations to our top three fundraisers!!!

Top fundraiser:
Anirudhsai Tudi R3
won the e-scooter

Runner up: Poorv Talreja
R10 won \$100 cash prize

Third place: Maliha Patel R3
won \$50 cash prize





Enviro News

Spring at Our School

Spring has arrived in Aotearoa! As kōanga (spring) brings warmer days and longer daylight, our school grounds are bursting into life. Lavender, daffodils and flowering fruit trees are providing a wonderful splash of colour and attracting plenty of insect visitors and making our school bees very happy. It is a great time to notice the changes in te taiao (the natural world) around us.



Bake Sale Helps Our Garden Grow

A huge thank you to everyone who supported our recent bake sale! The funds raised will help our Envirokids install a new water system in the school garden and some improvements in the upkeep of our garden beds. This will help us grow more food for harvesting and use in Food Technology lessons, while also helping plants survive through drier periods and produce flowers to support our school beehive. A delicious way to make a difference!



Growing Our Native Bush

Over the past few weeks, our Envirokids and helpers have been working hard to care for and restore our ngahere (native bush) and the area alongside our school stream, Wai Tahurangi (Avondale Stream).

Across several sessions, the group cleared weeds and prepared the site for new planting. Then, with the help of Pamela Gill from Ecomatters Trust and funding from Healthy Waters (Auckland Council), they planted approximately 100 native plants throughout the ngahere and along the stream.

These plants will help strengthen the stream banks and reduce erosion, while also providing valuable habitat for our freshwater wildlife, including the fish and tuna (eels) that live in our school stream.

It was fantastic to see so many hands working together to care for and restore our local environment.

Kōwhai students recently planted some rescued Kōwhai trees in our school ngahere (native bush area) so in the future our school will still provide sweet Kōwhai nectar for our beloved school Tui's who visit every year to drink the nectar and sing to the students around school.



Enviro News

Spring and Summer Safety

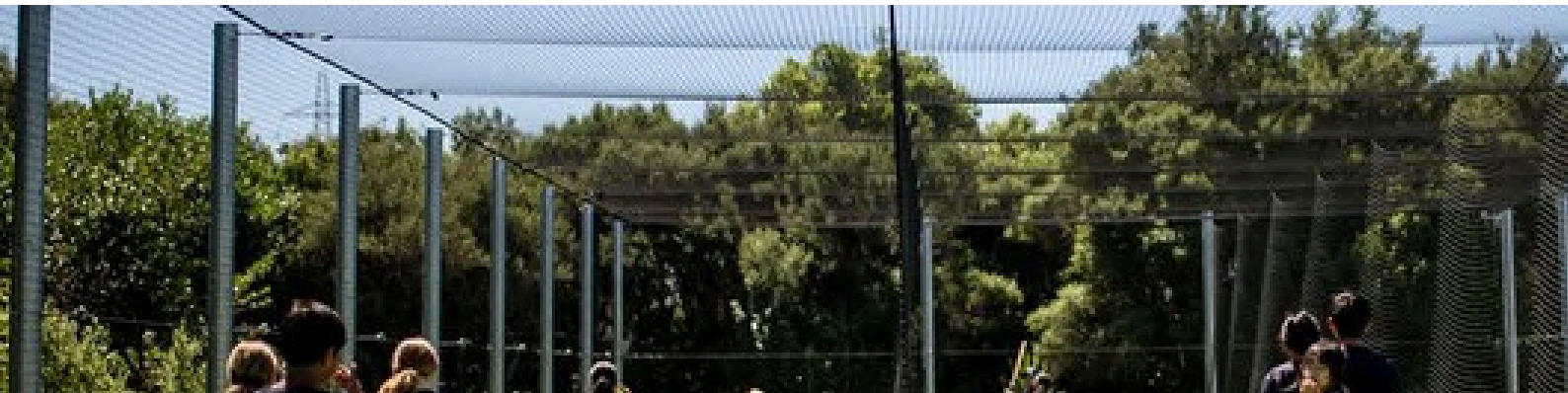
With the warmer weather encouraging more students to cycle and scoot to school, now is a good time to refresh our bike and scooter safety habits. Please remember to wear a properly fitted helmet, check that bikes and scooters are in good working order, slow down around pedestrians and use safe crossing points. A little extra care helps everyone arrive safely and enjoy the warmer months ahead.

Ngā mihi nui to our students, whānau and wider school community for helping us care for our environment and make our school a greener, healthier place.



EcoMatters

Looking for a free fun holiday activity in Nature?
<https://www.ecomatters.org.nz/event/flood-ready-treasure-hunt-at-la-rosa-gardens/>
Flood-Ready Treasure Hunt at La Rosa Gardens
Saturday 26th September 10:30am to 12:00pm



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 landfill, 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 bunting. At Titirangi Library

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WIN A FREE DAY!

ADVENTURE WITH US THESE HOLIDAYS!

BIGFOOT ADVENTURES

- Ride fun trails at Woodhill Park 2.5 hrs
- Climbing at Tree Adventures 2.5 hrs
- All skill ranges (Groups will be created based on skill levels)
- Bike and helmet included or bring your own
- Snacks included
- Transport included (See details when booking)

\$140 pp
Ages 7-15

BOOK NOW
MAX 20 SPACES

Monday 28th September | Wednesday 30th September

HAVE FUN AND SUPPORT A GREAT CAUSE!

ALL PROCEEDS GO TO SUPPORT THE HANDS ACROSS THE WATER CHARITY

WOODHILL PARK **TREE ADVENTURES** **HANDS ACROSS THE WATER**

RAINFOREST FALLS

Exploring the Nature of God

School Holiday Programme

28 Sept - 2 Oct. 9 - 12.30 pm

Primary ages. Donations.

Register and more info on www.cots.org.nz



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 aisles.
- ✓ 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 menu
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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 Jui Lee, a parent in Flat Bush, Auckland.
Questions: kiwilunchboxparent@gmail.com

Photos are featured weekly and shown as advertisements. August 2020.

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 1/4 field)
Years 5 & 6, Years 7 & 8 (1 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: wahjuniorsummerhockey@gmail.com for more information



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



AFTER SCHOOL TABLE TENNIS FOR KIDS

6 years and over

At WTTA 72a Seymour Road Sunnyvale.

Learn the basics while having fun!

Mondays 3.45 - 4.45 12th October - 14th December	AND/OR	Saturdays 1 - 2pm 17th October - 12th December
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(Kids can borrow bats for the first couple of weeks)

Cost

\$10 per session or
prepay for the term
**\$80 Mondays and
\$80 Saturdays.**

**Spaces are limited,
so register now at
wtta.nz/after-school**



Programming & Electronics

Year 5, 6 & 7 - Term 3 School Holidays

Join Tristan, Sam and Ben for an exciting adventure into the wonderful world of programming and electronics. This is an entry level course, meaning no prior knowledge of programming or electronics is required, though is recommended for students with an interest in maths.



Your Personal Electronics Kit

All students receive their own comprehensive electronics kit and programmable microcontroller. The kit includes dozens of sensors and components that can be used for a multitude of applications. Laptops are provided for use in class and instructions will be provided for setup on a home computer.

We have only 9 places available, please apply through our website as soon as possible.

Apply online here

location	The Academy School - 70 Hilling Street, Titirangi
year levels	5 - 7
date	Wednesday 30th September
time	10:00am - 4:00pm
cost	\$230 total (includes lunch and snacks)

Course run by
Tristan O'Hanlon
Principal of The Academy

Supported by
Benjamin Himme
Senior Biology Teacher
Samuel Crookes
Director - Warp Speed Computers Ltd

THE ACADEMY



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