



Blockhouse Bay Intermediate School

Ruia Taitea • Stand Tall

Welcome to Term 4 Week 1

Tēnā koutou, e te whānau o Blockhouse Bay Intermediate

Welcome back to term four and we start with Mental Health Awareness week 12 – 18th October. Adolescence is a time when developing minds need nurturing, understanding, an unjudging ear and a steady hand to navigate a very emotional few years.

After a long winter it has been a much appreciated turn in the weather that welcomes us back to the final term of 2026.

While the school has been closed, our ground staff and contractors have been on site preparing the school for the summer. We have fertilised and placed fifty tonnes of sand on the fields. This has been well overdue and is weather dependent. Last year it didn't happen, last week gave us the opportunity we needed to ensure our fields are best prepared to survive the potential impact of an El Niño summer.

Term four is always a very busy time for Intermediates. Now is the time to build on all the hard work our teachers have invested in to strongly deliver the refreshed curriculum to ensure our students are prepared for their next educational journey.

Teaching and learning runs right through to the very last day. Where there are gaps, we see an opportunity to fill those gaps. To be able to teach and learn, we need students present. This is where you as parents are key to your child's success.

Calendar

16 th October	School Athletics Day
23 rd October	Teacher Only Day School Closed for Instruction
26 th October	Labour Day School Closed



From the Principal

On the 20th November BBI will be hosting the central Auckland schools attendance hui. We have been asked by the ministry for the following reasons.

1. BHBI has consistently applied determination to its regular attendance rates since 2024.
2. We recognise the effort that you, your staff, and your wider school community have invested to achieve and sustain these improvements.
3. Your attendance journey is one worth sharing, and I know many schools across our region have similar challenges and would benefit from hearing your experiences and insights.

Our attendance journey began with the onset of Covid and knowing the devastating impact a pandemic would have on attendance long term.

Attendance, along with parental engagement became our key strategic goal and driver for getting students back into the class from 2022.

To measure our success, we not only had the attendance data from the MOE, we also started collecting our own data and insights through our Social Emotional Learning (SEL) surveys and reports, collecting student data on sense of belonging, motivation to learn, resilience and grit from 2023. This SEL data, along with academic achievement and the direct correlation to positive inputs that affect stronger engagement for adolescents, is a point of pride for our board and leadership team.

Our attendance is so strong because we focus on providing the best spaces and people to interact with adolescents so that they actually want to be at school. A good school can be a roll of the dice. A great school for students; where they want to be takes great planning, resourcing, measuring and taking action directly with our community.

We have our Deputy Principal Karen Mills leading attendance, strengthening inter agency connections to support whānau at risk. Working directly with families to support and acknowledge building good attendance patterns.



From the Principal

Attendance Builds a Strong Foundation:

We find a very strong link here between attendance and resilience. Consistent attendance is crucial. When our students are in class every day, they become more resilient. They learn to better manage challenges and setbacks in their learning, and this positive habit also gives a very strong lift to their Grit.

Attendance Sense of Belonging: There is a strong link showing that regular attendance directly helps your child feel more connected and integrated into the school community. When a student feels they belong, it dramatically increases their motivation to learn.

Parent Support Fuels the Engine: Our data also confirms that greater Parent Engagement supports and promotes consistent Student Attendance, which subsequently leads to improved academic outcomes. Your involvement makes a measurable difference in the habit of attendance.

This is the way of BBI. Every child has the right to the very best education. It can be a mixed bag, but not at BBI.

Teacher only day Friday 23 October

This will be the last of our two government sanctioned Teacher Only Days (TOD) for 2026. Our final day of Literacy Professional Learning for staff. These are big days of refining putting learning into practice and we can see the difference in every class. We know every TOD can be disruptive for families and ask for your understanding. The last two years have been intense for our teachers and we must embrace this opportunity to deliver high for you our community.

Ngā mihi,
Michael Malins
Principal



AIMS GAMES 2026

AIMS GAMES 2026 Wrap Up



What an incredible week of sport, competition and unforgettable experiences for our Blockhouse Bay Intermediate athletes at the 2026 Zespri AIMS Games in Tauranga Moana! BBI was proudly represented by students competing across artistic gymnastics, badminton, cross country, football, indoor bowls, orienteering, swimming and tennis. For many of our students, simply earning the opportunity to compete at AIMS was the result of months of training, trials and preparation.

Throughout the week, our athletes experienced the highs and lows that come with competing at a major sporting event. There were outstanding individual performances, close contests, personal bests and plenty of opportunities to learn and grow. Most importantly, our students continued to support one another and represented BBI with pride.





AIMS GAMES 2026

Artistic Gymnastics

Our gymnasts produced some of BBI's standout performances of the Games.

Naomi Tanabe had an exceptional competition in the Artistic Girls Open GfA 6, finishing an impressive 5th overall. Naomi also delivered a brilliant performance on the beam, taking 1st place in that apparatus.

What makes Naomi's week even more impressive is that gymnastics wasn't her only AIMS commitment. She also competed as part of the BBI football team, requiring her to switch between two very different sports during an already demanding week.

Alana Beer also proudly represented BBI in artistic gymnastics, competing in the Artistic Girls Open GfA 4 competition and finishing 38th overall.

Congratulations to both girls on representing BBI so well on the gymnastics floor.



Badminton

Hugo Liang represented BBI in badminton across a full week of competition from Monday through Friday. Playing his way through Division 2, Hugo progressed to the Top 32. Tournament badminton requires athletes to continually reset and prepare for their next match, and reaching the Top 32 was a great result after several days of competition.

Well done, Hugo!



AIMS GAMES 2026

Football

Representing the BBI girls team were **Pranaya Karan, Sina Loimata, Grace Hamilton, Jazelle Kapoki-Prescott, Zahabiyah Patheria, Maheera Daud, Charlotte Kilpatrick, Risha Maharaj, Maya Ranchod, Karen Kawada, Naomi Tanabe and Layla Quensell.**

The girls, some who do not play club, were excited about the opportunity to represent BBI on the biggest stage. The girls' pool was one of the toughest, but this did not stop the girls from giving it their all. Coming away with 1 win, 1 draw and 2 losses, one of the losses being against AIMS finalists St Kentigan Girls School 0 - 2. These results put the girls into the 17 - 32 bracket and a new pool.



The girls really found their form from here, going undefeated the rest of the tournament with standout games on the Friday being a 6 - 1 win against Berkley Normal Middle School, and a penalty shootout win against Northcross Intermediate with Sina saving four straight penalties. This meant 17th overall with a final record of 7 wins, 1 draw and 2 losses.

Both finishing 17th at AIMS Games was something the entire group could be proud of after a demanding five days of competition.

Just as importantly, the team had the opportunity to compete together, deal with pressure, bounce back from difficult moments and support one another throughout the tournament.





AIMS GAMES 2026

⚽ Football

Our footballers experienced one of the busiest schedules of the week, competing from **Monday through Friday**, with both the boys' and girls' teams eventually securing **17th place overall**.

Throughout the tournament, the group had to continually recover, regroup and prepare for their next challenge. Tournament football isn't only about what happens during one match — maintaining your effort, concentration and teamwork across an entire week is a challenge in itself.

Representing the BBI boys team were **Kayden Patel, Dron Kukreja, Mustafa Akturk, Kohen MacKinnon, Riaan Bhikha, Hudson Ebbet, Emilio Martinez, Callum Horsford, Aqib Mohammed, Caleb Hussey, Mayan Narsey and Amaan Ali**.

Going through the week, the boys comfortably moved through their first pool, winning all 3 games and scoring 16 goals and conceding only 2. These results moved the boys into the top 32, a new pool and 3 more games. At this stage, the boys came away with a win, a draw and a loss. This loss would be the only one of the tournament for the boys, a close 2-1 game against AIMS finalist Cambridge Middle School. With this result, it put the boys in the playoffs for 17th - 24th. Three straight wins brought the boys to 17th overall. In the end, a record of 7 wins, 1 draw and 1 loss. Well done, boys, on a great week of football.





AIMS GAMES 2026

Orienteering

Our orienteers also produced an excellent set of results.

Asher Hewitt competed in the Year 8 Boys competition and finished an impressive 30th out of 100 competitors.

Alongside **Emma Burrows**, BBI also recorded an excellent 9th-place team result.

Orienteering presents a very different challenge from many other AIMS sports. Competitors need to combine physical endurance with navigation, decision-making and concentration, often while under significant time pressure. Finishing inside the top ten in the team competition a fantastic achievement for BBI.



Cross Country

Our cross-country athletes faced one of the toughest physical challenges of AIMS Games.

BBI had a large contingent take on the course, with students from both Year 7 and Year 8 competing.

Leading the BBI results was **Karen Kawada**, who produced an excellent run to finish 27th in the Year 8 girls event. **Tallulah Scopes** in the Year 7 girls event recorded another strong BBI performance with 35th place.

Sanjay Narayan finished 71st, while **Maya Ranchod** placed 86th and **Marlo Cooney** finished 87th. Our remaining finishers were **Mayan Narsey** (96th), **Summer Cleave** (114th), **Charlie Marra** (132nd), **Aqib Mohammed** (134th), **Laumessi Latu** (135th), **Callum Horsford** (142nd) and **Caleb Hussey** (146th). A special mention must go to the large number of cross-country athletes who then had to turn their attention to another AIMS sport. Callum, Aqib, Caleb, Maya, Mayan and Karen all went on to compete in football, while Charlie also competed in swimming. Taking on one AIMS event is challenging enough, so competing across two sports was a fantastic display of commitment and determination.



AIMS GAMES 2026

Swimming

Our swimmers delivered another group of standout results in the pool.

Layla Quensell produced some outstanding swimming results. In total she achieved 12 personal bests, with six top 10 finishes and 2 bronze medals, one in the 50m backstroke, and the other in the 50m butterfly. A top-10 finish at AIMS was a fantastic achievement and one of BBI's strongest individual results of the week.

Like several of our other athletes, Layla had an incredibly busy schedule. After competing in swimming, she also represented BBI in football for the remainder of the week.

Charlie Marra also had a great result in the 100m IM, finishing 23rd, after also representing BBI in cross country. He achieved 3 personal best.

Ziyun He competed in a number of races, achieving 13 personal bests over the competition, an amazing achievement in a national competition.

Congratulations to all three swimmers for their performances in the pool.



Tennis

On the tennis courts, **Jemima Litulangi** and **Phoenix Crabb** represented BBI across the week.

AIMS tennis provides young players with the opportunity to test themselves against competitors from many different schools, and both students gained valuable experience through several days of tournament play.

We congratulate Jemima and Phoenix for earning the opportunity to represent BBI and for the commitment required to compete throughout the week.



AIMS GAMES 2026

AIMS Games is about far more than the numbers beside a student's name.

For every result we see, there are hours of training, early mornings, trials, practices, injuries and setbacks, as well as parents and whānau transporting students to training and coaches giving up their time to help our athletes improve.

One of the most impressive aspects of BBI's 2026 campaign was also the number of students who competed across multiple sports. Some went directly from cross country into a week of football, while others balanced swimming or gymnastics with football. That takes a tremendous amount of physical and mental energy. An AIMS Games campaign of this size doesn't happen without an enormous team working behind the scenes.

A huge thank you must go to our coaches, managers and staff for the many hours spent preparing our students, organising teams and supporting them throughout the week.

For the football, a big thank you goes out to Sally Kilpatrick and Lee-Anne Quensell for helping assist with the teams for the week. To Mr Jamie Price for all his work with the Boys team, and Mr Adam Vincent for taking the Girls Team.

Thank you also to our parents, caregivers and whānau. From transport and accommodation to fundraising, food, encouragement and sideline support, your contribution helped make this experience possible for our students.

And finally, congratulations to every student who wore the BBI colours at AIMS Games 2026. Some of you achieved outstanding placings. Some reached new personal milestones. Some experienced the disappointment that inevitably comes with competitive sport. Every one of you, however, had the courage to put yourself out there and compete.

The medals, placings and results are achievements to celebrate, but the experiences, friendships, resilience and memories created throughout the week will last much longer.

You represented Blockhouse Bay Intermediate with pride, and we hope you are as proud of your efforts as we are.

Congratulations to our entire BBI AIMS Games 2026 team. What an awesome week!



Sports News

BBI's Very Own Tenpin Bowling Champion!

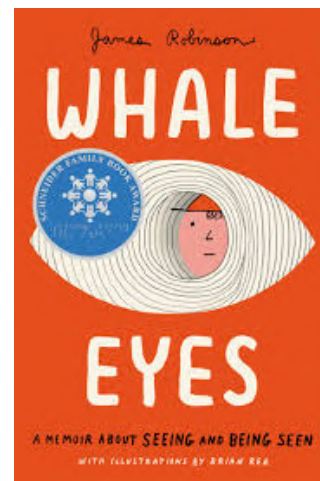
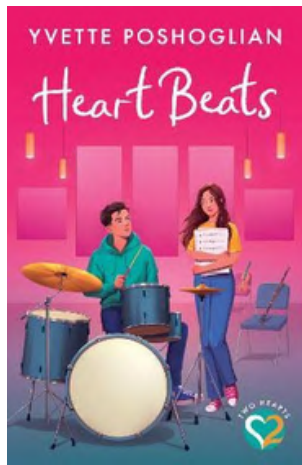
A massive congratulations to Johnny Raphael of Room 26, Whānau Kōwhai, who has made BBI extremely proud at the 2026 Junior Youth Tenpin Bowling Tournament during the holidays.

He has been crowned Junior Masters Champion and also the new Zealand Bantam Champion, taking home 3 gold metals and 2 silvers.

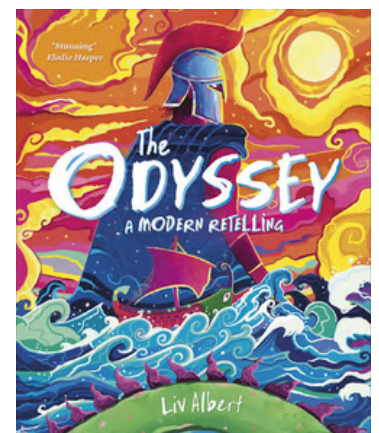
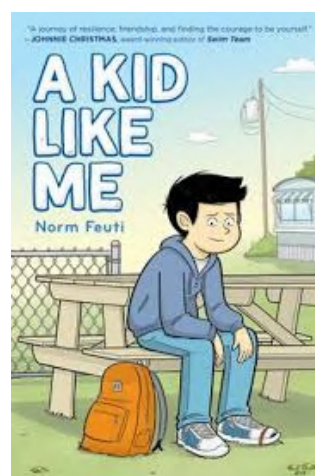
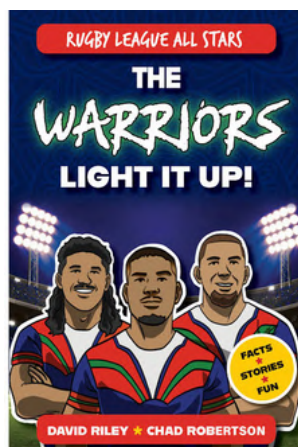




From the Library



New Books!!



Coming Up



PRECISION CHESS

BLOCKHOUSE BAY INTERMEDIATE

FREE CHESS TRIAL · TERM 4

Curious about chess? Let your child give it a try. Join Precision Chess Academy for a fun, engaging coaching session at school.

FOCUS • SOLVE • PLAN • COMPETE

Chess develops concentration, problem-solving and strategic thinking.

CHESS TACTICS & STRATEGY

Core patterns and plans that help students turn good moves into winning games.

PRACTICAL GAMES & COMPETITION

Plenty of real games and friendly competition in a supportive group.

IM-LED COACHING TEAM

Our coaching team is led by a FIDE International Master.

PROBLEM-SOLVING & CRITICAL THINKING

Calculation and careful decision-making that carries over into the classroom.

SUITABLE FOR ALL PLAYING LEVELS

Complete beginners and experienced players are both welcome.

LIMITED SPACES AVAILABLE

Trial spaces are subject to availability, so register early.



SCAN TO BOOK

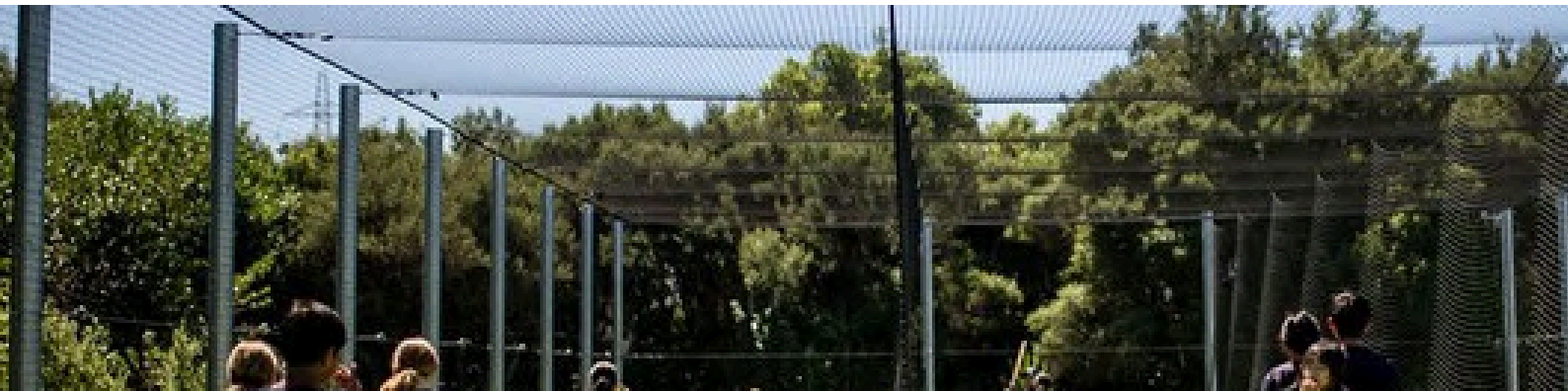
Scan the QR code below with your phone
Complete the free trial registration form
Your child attends one free trial session
Enjoyed it? Enrol for the rest of Term 4

YOUR SCHOOL SESSION

MONDAYS · 1:10 – 2:10 PM

TERM 4 · FREE TRIALS RUN IN WEEK 2 AND WEEK 3

Each student can attend **one** free trial session, in either week.



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

September		Saturday, 19th • 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, 25th • 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, 17th • 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, 30th • 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 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 Yung Jee 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.

Learn the fundamental skills of programming in the industry standard C++ language, using the extremely popular Arduino microcontroller chip.

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