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Blockhouse Bay Intermediate School

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Welcome to Term 4 Week 3

Tēnā koutou, e te whānau o Blockhouse Bay Intermediate

Welcome to the Term Four, Week Three newsletter.

With a short week before camp, year eight teachers are preparing our students for their final primary years adventure on Motutapu Island. This is an exceptionally well organised and smoothly run series of two camps. Organised by Mr Vincent, run by trained MOEC staff and our brave teachers, willing to give up a week to support our students. I want to acknowledge all our teachers who do go the extra mile for their classes. We wish the students a great Kiwi experience.

In our last newsletter we provided a number of reminders to parents that are the basic housekeeping that help us run a successful school. These reminders help us to help you in delivering exceptional educational outcomes for your child.

Helping our students understand that school is a place of new learning, new opportunities and preparing for high school. Not all students get it all the time. We pride ourselves on a schoolwide approach (teacher efficacy), high expectations and student accountability. This can be a difficult adjustment for some students (and some parents) and that is why our messaging is clear and consistent.

Calendar

2nd - 6th November	Whānau Tōtara, Mātai and Rimu on Camp
3rd November	Board Meeting 6:30 pm
16th - 20th November	Whānau Miro, Kōwhai and Nīkau on Camp
30th November	Year 7 & 8 immunisations catch-up
7th - 12th December	Year 7 EOTC at Ōrewa with Surf NZ
15th December	Reports go home
17th December School	Last school day of 2026 School finishes at 2pm

Cast your vote at our place!
Polling booths will at Blockhouse Bay Intemediate on Election Day
Saturday the 7th of November





From the Principal

Illness and doctor appointments

Last term BBI and all NZ schools attendance was hit very hard by illness. Term four is a busy term and we want all our students present for the final drive to the years end. Another reminder to not send your sick child to school. Your sick child touches surfaces, infects others, is sent to the office and then our admin staff fall sick, students fall sick, staff fall sick and a cycle is established.

Please organise doctor / specialist appointments for after school. Mornings are especially important to your child's learning where we cover the essentials and any missed lessons can and will impact on student sequential knowledge in core subject areas.

Reporting Absences

Don't forget to report any absences. Given the size of our school, all absences will be followed up. You can report an absence through our website or by calling the office and leaving a message. Always report absences to the office and not directly to the classroom teacher. If you drop your child off late or they arrive late, they must sign in at the office before going to class, to avoid unnecessary calls to parents.

Taking students out during the day

If you are wishing to pick up your child during the day or towards the end of the day, you must email or phone the school office to organise a pick up, as well as let your child know when to expect you. This ensures your pick up runs smoothly. Parents still turn up unexpected at break times and for a school our size, it is near impossible for messages to be heard over the intercom in a noisy playground or on the field/turf.

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BBI is a big and eventful school, with sports events, assemblies running throughout the day. Please help us help you by communicating with the school office.

All visitors must report to the office
If you are picking up your child early or dropping something off, we require all visitors to report directly to the office and not to approach the class. Classes are busy spaces of learning and as a busy intermediate, classes are often out at SPEC (specialist subjects) or other learning activities. The office is the best place to help you.

Ngā mihi
Michael Malins
Principal

Voting for the 2026 General Election is now open. Cast your vote at our place! Polling booths will at Blockhouse Bay Intemediate on Election Day

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Arts News

BANDQUEST 2026

Last term, BBI bands KAVA CAJ, Chroma, and SPARKLL represented our school at the annual Bandquest competition at the Bruce Mason Centre. Performing on a professional stage in front of a huge crowd, our students delivered unforgettable rockstar performances!

Special congratulations to KAVA CAJ for placing 3rd in the Auckland regional competition, Victoria and Avika for jointly winning the Killer Guitarist Award, and Finau and Tom for taking out the Specialist Instrument Award on trumpet. What an incredible achievement for our talented young musicians!





















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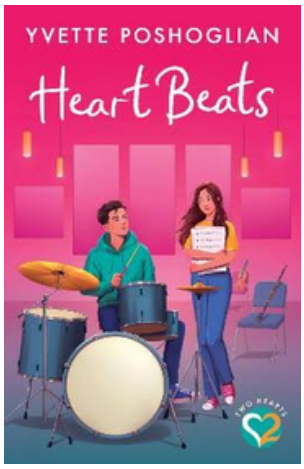


A huge congratulations to our exhibiting students...

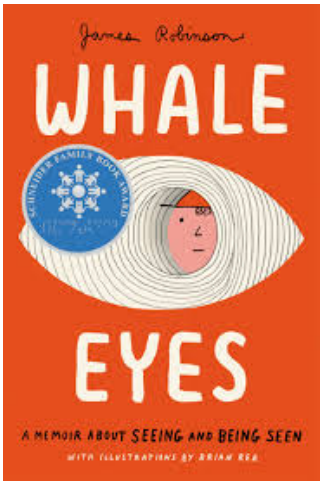
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From the Library

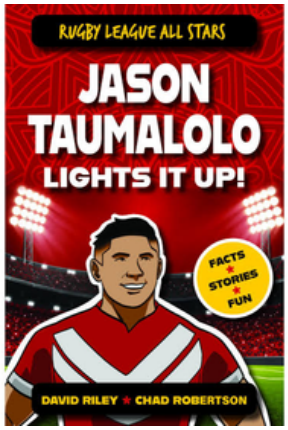


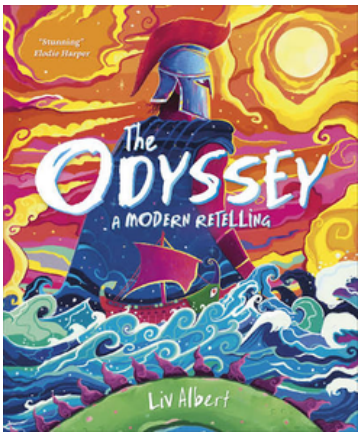


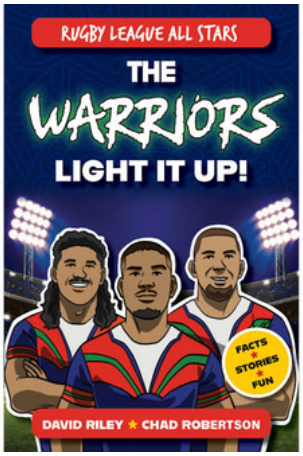


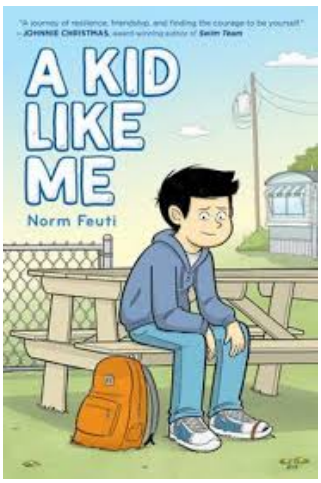


New Books!!

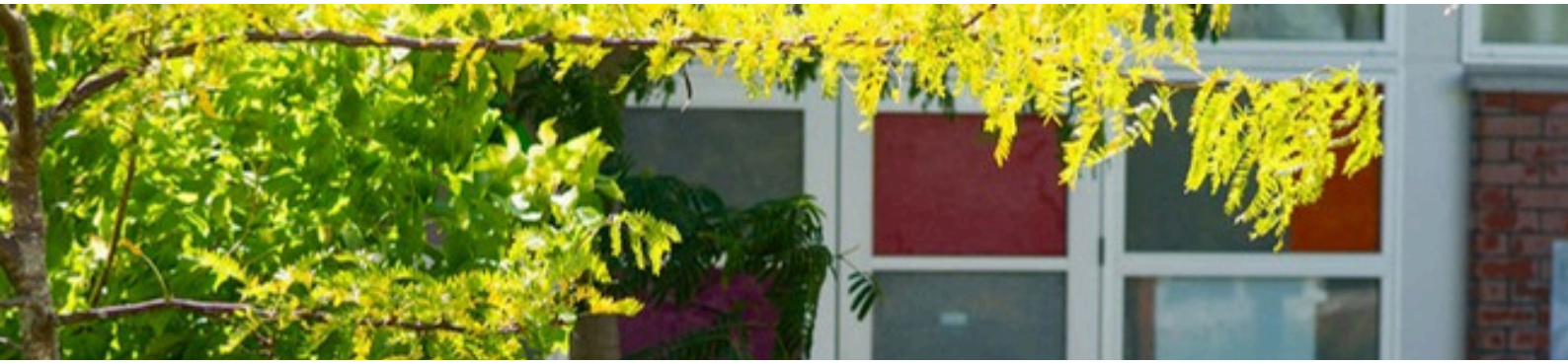












Coming Up

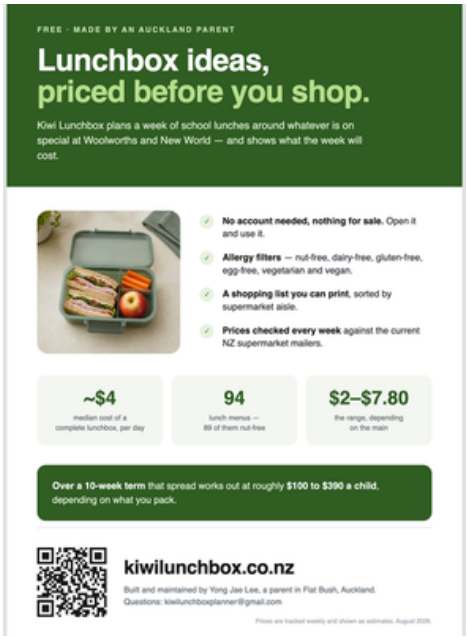

Titirangi Community House
EVENTS FOR FAMILIES
September
Saturday, 19st • 10:00am - 2:00pm
Whānau Arts Day
A fun-filled day of free creative activities! Drop in to upcycle fabrics, ribbons, and accessories into a one-of-a-kind award ribbon for a friend, sibling, or yourself.
No booking needed.
September
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 suncatchers.
At Titirangi Library
admin@titirangihouse.co.nz
09 817 7448
titirangihouse.co.nz


AFTER SCHOOL
TABLE TENNIS
FOR KIDS
6 years and over
At WTTA 72a Seymour Road Sunnyvale.
Learn the basics while having fun!
Cost
$10 per session or prepay for the term
$80 Mondays and $80 Saturdays.
Mondays
3.45 - 4.45
12th October - 14th December
AND/OR
Saturdays
1 - 2pm
17th October - 12th December
(Kids can borrow bats for the first couple of weeks)
Spaces are limited, so register now at wtta.nz/after-school


ICONIC GAMES
What is Iconic Games?
Iconic Games is a Māori-founded educational gaming business based in Taumarunui, Aotearoa New Zealand.
We create original games, stories and interactive learning resources for tamariki, rangatahi and whānau.
Our vision is to make learning more engaging and accessible through play.



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


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 wdhcjuniorsummerhockey@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
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Our Values

WHANAUNGATANGA

MANAAKITANGA

WAIRUATANGA

RANGATIRATANGA

Our Values Guide Everything We Do

At BHBI 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