



**Blockhouse Bay**

Primary School

*We Seek - We Strive - We Soar*

1<sup>st</sup> September 2022

Dear Parents and Whānau,

The school has been buzzing with science this week while the children have been running all sorts of experiments as part of their inquiries. Having visits from Nanogirl and MOTAT staff certainly added to this excitement and encouraged everyone to 'think like a scientist'.

We were lucky to sneak our soccer players into another tournament yesterday and weather permitting next week, around 80 senior children will be representing us at the winter field day in rippa rugby, netball, hocky and soccer. Good luck to you all.

It has been great viewing for the children while they watched the removal of the Kōwhai classrooms. With this part of the process nearly complete, we are meeting with the Ministry of Education to make decisions on what this space will look like. An important part of this process is the Geotech staff deciding whether the removal of the classrooms will help stabilise the bank. We will keep you updated about these discussions.

Have a great week everyone.

Neil Robinson

Principal



**Term Three 2022 - Calendar of Events**

**Please check regularly as dates and times may change**

<i>Fri 2nd Sept</i>	9.00am - Tōtara Assembly
<i>Tue 6th Sept</i>	9.00am - Kauri Assembly
<i>Tue 6th Sept</i>	<b>2.20pm</b> - Kōwhai Assembly ( <i>note earlier start time</i> )
<i>Wed 7th Sept</i>	Winter Field Day for selected senior students
<i>Wed 7th Sept</i>	2.20pm Rimu Assembly
<i>Tue 13th Sept</i>	6.00pm - Konohete- Kapa Haka at BBI
<i>Wed 14th Sept</i>	Winter Field Day - Postponement Day
<i>Thurs 15th Sept</i>	9.00am - Champ of Champs Gymnastic Comp Y4-6
<i>Tues 20th Sept</i>	9.00am - Kauri Assembly
<i>Tue 20th Sept</i>	2.30pm - Pōhutukawa Assembly
<i>Wed 21st Sept</i>	2.20pm - Rimu Assembly
<i>Fri 23rd Sept</i>	9.00am - Tōtara Assembly
<i>Tue 27th Sept</i>	2.20pm - Kōwhai Assembly
<i>Thurs 29th Sept</i>	9.00am - Year Six Students visit to BBI
<i>Fri 30th Sept</i>	Term Three Ends - 3.00pm

**BOARD OF TRUSTEE ELECTIONS - voting closes next Wednesday**

Parents have less than one week to get their votes in for this year's Board elections. We have nine excellent candidates to choose from and we encourage you all to fill in your forms and either send or post them to school as soon as possible. If you have not received your voting form, please email the school office.

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## **KNOWLEDGE-A-THON**

On Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September we will be launching our Knowledge-a-thon Fundraiser! All of the money collected for this fundraiser goes to our Fundraising @ Blockhouse (FAB) team who will use it to rejuvenate the playground markings around the school. We would appreciate your help to support your child to raise money and help learn their facts, although they will also be working on them in class.

This year we have partnered with New Zealand online fundraising company 'Raise It'. 'Raise It' specialise in working with New Zealand schools to maximise their fundraising efforts. Collecting sponsorship online makes it super easy for everyone - no more door knocking, your child can collect more donations from further afield (friends and family living overseas, work colleagues etc) and no need to worry about handling all that cash and bringing it into school! Look out for more information about this on Hero with all the details on how to sign up and get fundraising!

We have some great prizes up for grabs - including spot prizes for just signing up! Pop it in your diary for Monday 5<sup>th</sup> and watch out for the Hero posts that will provide more information!

## **HERO TIP - How do I find previous posts?**

Some parents asked us why the previous post disappears when a new one comes in. If parents do get a new post, please look up to the top left of your screen and click on the back arrow and it will take you to all of the previous posts.

## **Kōwhai Demo**

Today we went to watch the Demolition in Kōwhai. It was securely fenced everywhere to keep us safe and to keep little kids out. Some kids were screaming, and some kids were crying because their classes were being destroyed. I felt a bit of sadness as the place where some of my memories were formed were gone and destroyed.

The excavator jaws were like wolverine claws that forcefully ripped apart the building. While we were watching the excavator pulled up the deck and smashed it on the ground. The spiders were scurrying away to find a new home as their webs were being destroyed in all this commotion.

I could hear the excavator hiss and roar as it smashed the roof of room twenty. You could see wires hanging from the broken down roof. My loving memories from Room 20 still stand strong. It's like a bulldozer has cracked my heart.

But soon this sad ground will return back to beautiful wildlife with birds tweeting in every direction. There will be trees that grow strong and healthy everywhere.

By Danya age 9

## **Care 4 Kidz – Holiday Programme.**

In the upcoming term break, Monday 3rd October till Friday 14th October, CARE 4 KIDZ is running a Holiday Programme: "Get Creative".

For information you can ring Els: 027 3628494.

Programmes and enrolment forms are available from Thursday 1 September 2022.

Please see our supervisor in Te Whau, daily between 2:45pm and 6:00PM.

Enrolments close 23 September 2022



Thank you for supporting our Jesters Pies fundraiser yesterday. We will run another food event in two weeks time.

## CAN YOU HELP?

Fundraisers at Blockhouse Bay need your help, After the last two years of Covid 19 stopping any Fundraising events, we are trying to get fundraising up and going again. We are looking for sponsors or donations or discounted prices for the supply of the following items to assist with our efforts.

- 400 precooked Sausages
- 60 Vegetarian Sausages
- 80 Halal Sausages
- 700 Popsicle Ice Blocks
- 60 Litre, Plastic Storage Containers

Sadly, a lot of product that we had previously needed to be thrown away after two years of no use as it was out of date, so if you can help in any way we would love to hear from you.

All profits will be going towards Playground Markings for the children to use.

If you can help, please email [fab@blockhousebay.school.nz](mailto:fab@blockhousebay.school.nz).



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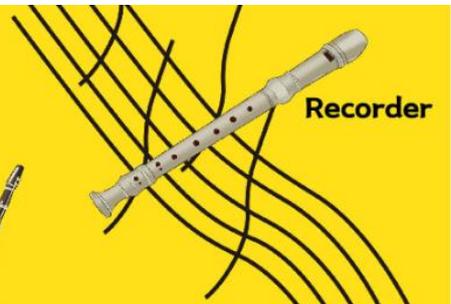
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