



**Blockhouse Bay**

Primary School

*We Seek - We Strive - We Soar*

23rd February 2023

Dear Parents and Whānau,

As you would have seen in this morning's Hero post, we have needed to close the pool for the summer due to the extent of the leaks in the pool floor. We are very sad to have had to make this call but will work hard to try and remedy this situation as soon as we can.

Pool key holders, please follow the instructions on the Hero post to get your bond back.

Everyone, please remember to send your child with a Gold Coin tomorrow for our disaster relief fundraiser.

Have a great week everyone.

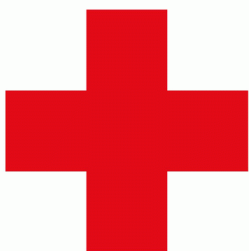
Neil Robinson - Principal



| TERM ONE 2023 CALENDAR OF EVENTS                |  |
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| Mon 27th Feb                                    | Kōwhai Assembly - 2.00pm   |
| Tues 28th Feb                                   | Y5/6 T Ball  |
| Wed 1st March                                   | Tōtara Assembly- 9am   |
| Thurs 2nd March                                 | Y5/6 T Ball Savings Day  |
| Mon 6 <sup>th</sup> -Fri 10 <sup>th</sup> March | Mini Expo in Te Manawa. Before and After School (more details to follow) |
| Tues 7th March                                  | Rimu Assembly - 2.15pm   |
| Tues 7th March                                  | Y6 Camp Parent Helper Meeting - 6pm                                      |
| Fri 10th March                                  | Manu Matauranga Trip to Maunga Mangere                                   |
| Mon 13th March                                  | Kōwhai Assembly - 2.00pm   |
| Tues 14th March                                 | Y5/6 Cricket - 9am   |
| Tues 14th March                                 | Kauri Assembly - 9am   |
| Tues 14th March                                 | Pōhutukawa Assembly - 2.30pm   |
| Wed 15th March                                  | Tōtara Assembly-9am  |
| Thurs 16th March                                | Y5/6 Cricket Postponement Day  |
| Tues 21st March                                 | Rimu Assembly - 2.15pm   |
| Mon 27th March                                  | Y6 Camp Parent Helper Meeting -6pm                                       |
| Wed 29th March                                  | Tōtara Assembly - 9am  |
| Tues 4th April                                  | Kauri Assembly - 9am   |
| Tues 4th April                                  | Pōhutukawa Assembly - 2.30pm   |
| Thurs 6th April                                 | End of Term One  |

**PLEASE BRING A GOLD COIN TO SCHOOL TOMORROW AND HELP SUPPORT THE RED CROSS IN SUPPORTING FAMILIES WHO HAVE BEEN IMPACTED BY THE CYCLONE.**

**ALL FUNDS RAISED WILL BE GIVEN TO THE RED CROSS.**



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### **BRING A GOLD COIN FOR CYCLONE RELIEF - TOMORROW**

We have all been shocked by the effects of Cyclone Gabrielle and how much damage and heartache is has caused across a large part of the country.

I am pleased to say that some students have asked me if we can do something to help with the disaster relief and the staff agree that this would be a great idea.

On Friday 24<sup>th</sup> February, we would like to have a 'Bring a Gold Coin for Cyclone Relief' so that our community can support those who have been impacted. This is **not a mufti day**, it is just an opportunity for the children especially, to feel that they are helping others that are less fortunate than themselves.

We are aware that there are some members of our own community who have been hit badly by this event and we are more than ok that these people do not feel that they need to contribute. This of course goes for anyone who cannot afford to take part in this optional fundraising event.

We would like the children who are bringing money to school to hand this straight to the teacher when they arrive on Friday morning. Alternatively, families can contribute through an internet transfer using the bank account number 123049 0024963 00 and Cyclone Relief Day as a reference. We will donate all money collected to the Red Cross New Zealand Disaster Fund. Thank you in advance.

### **SAFE SPEEDS AROUND SCHOOLS PROGRAMME – Message from Auckland Transport**

Some of our community is included in this initiative which will result in some streets around our school becoming 30km/h from 2 March 2023. Here's a [link to the map](#) where you can zoom into our area and find out which streets have been included

The school community asks that you respect this speed limit to ensure the safety of children walking and biking to school.

The purpose of a safe speed limit:

- Setting safe and appropriate speed limits outside and surrounding schools improves children's safety. If parents believe their children are safe on the way to school, they will allow them to walk and cycle to school more often.
- The internationally accepted speed to greatly reduce the chances of a person being killed or seriously injured is 30km/h.
- Slow and safe speeds deliver many benefits to Auckland communities including: healthier environments, thriving town centres, safe streets for walking and biking, improved air quality, and lower carbon emissions.
- If you have any questions, you can email us at: [ATSpeedProgramme@at.govt.nz](mailto:ATSpeedProgramme@at.govt.nz).

### **STATIONERY FOR SCHOOL - Last days to purchase at special prices.**

As we are now in Week Two students should have their stationery at school. If you have not purchased your child's stationery for school you can still purchase it online by going to [www.myschool.co.nz/blockhousebayprimary](http://www.myschool.co.nz/blockhousebayprimary) enter your child's name and choose the pack that you require. They will deliver this to your home.

### **A SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM ASB BANK**

The ASB is here to provide support for your School community and hope they are safe following the devastation of Cyclone Gabrielle.

ASB is supporting our personal customers in the hope it will reduce the stress involved with the clean-up of damage to personal homes and their small business's. We are offering personal customers whose homes have been red or yellow stickered following the recent extreme weather events a one-off

### **FAREWELL GLORIA**

Tomorrow is Gloria Sudden's last day at Blockhouse Bay School after 10 years of excellent service to the children and community. Gloria has been a very valuable member of staff over this time and has done a great job of supporting our learners to make the best possible progress and to be the best that they can be. Her kind manner and knowledgeable teaching practice has been a real asset for the school and she will definitely be missed. Gloria has chosen to spend more time with her family and we wish her all the best with this in the future.

## PAID UNION MEETINGS FOR TEACHERS

Teachers all over the country are currently in negotiations with the Government regarding their Collective Agreements. The Secondary teachers are talking about at least one strike day in March and the Primary teachers are meeting next week to discuss their next move.

Primary teachers and Principals have rejected offers from the government which offered very little in the way of improved conditions and the indications are that this situation too could well escalate to further action. They are very aware of what has happened in the country recently but with a number of their claims centering around improved learning conditions for children, they feel that it would be irresponsible not to continue with their campaign as we all want the *best for our kids*.

Our teachers love what they do, but not enough funding for schools means that they don't have the time they would like to support our learners to thrive.

We can fix this though. Primary teachers and principals are making the case to Government for the best investment in tamariki. Smaller class sizes, more time for individual students and more specialist learning support staffing would make a huge difference to learning outcomes for children which have suffered tremendously over the last three years. Keeping and retaining teachers is top of mind right now, and our goal is to make sure that teaching and principalship are valued and attractive professions. We are motivated to improve the current and future situation for NZ children!

Last year, we needed to close the school to hold our paid union meetings as there was not enough teachers in the system to keep the school open. With it being the start of the year, next week, we will be able to stay open and will **not** be asking parents to have their children at home.

We are all hoping that an agreement can be reached so that industrial action will not need to be taken in NZ primary schools. Teachers and principals are canvassing Government MP's in an effort to convince them to provide more resourcing for schools.

When we support our children to learn and succeed, we are supporting whānau and communities to thrive. We look forward to another great year in 2023 - and together with your support building the case for better investment in our tamariki.

## CHILDREN UNWELL AT SCHOOL

We are sure you are all aware that Covid is still in the community, however we are seeing a number of children come to school with sore throats, cough and cold and flu like symptoms. In the interest of keeping everyone safe at school please keep children who have been unwell during the night or feeling unwell before school at home.

Please test your child before they return to school if they have any of the symptoms listed below that could be Covid.

- sneezing and runny nose
- sore throat
- body aches
- fever
- cough
- feeling tired
- headache
- nausea and vomiting
- diarrhoea

**Kids Comic Book Drawing Club**

**Blockhouse Bay Library**  
Sunday, 26 February  
2:00pm – 3:00pm

Do you like making comic books? Come along to our new kids' club and have some fun making comic books together.  
This club will run on the last Sunday of every month.  
For kids aged 8-11 years.

A parent or guardian must stay with children aged under 14 years

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