



Blockhouse Bay

Primary School

We Seek - We Strive - We Soar

Wednesday 5th April

Tēnā koutou katoa,

What a beautiful week to finish off Term 1's learning. After a challenging start due to the Auckland floods and Cyclone Gabrielle, tamariki have settled into their new classes and learning is well underway. Please enjoy reading below about the learning which has taken place in each team this term.

We want to thank you for all your support particularly the many parents and whānau who have helped the FAB in fundraising to 'Save our Pool'. Last Friday night's Disco was great fun and tomorrow we invite the children to bring a gold coin and wear their own clothes instead of uniform. A sausage sizzle is also available \$2 a sausage, proceeds will go to the 'Save our Pool' fund.

Finally, this weekend a celebration takes place for many of our community. May those who celebrate Easter have a joyous time.

We hope that everyone enjoys a good holiday and we look forward to seeing everyone back at school on Wednesday 26th April.

We will be holding a Whakatau on Thursday 27th April- 9.00am for all students and whānau new to our school in Term One. We would love you to join us.

Ngā mihi nui,

Elizabeth Crisp
Associate Principal



Our Kaitiaki Club had a lovely time planting our new Lavender Hedge this morning at the back of Te Manawa. This will provide more food for our beehive. Thank you to Love your Neighbour for the generous donation.

TERM TWO CALENDAR OF EVENTS	
Monday 24th April	Teacher Only Day No School this day.
Tuesday 25th April	Anzac Day - No School this day
Wednesday 26th April	8.50am - Children commence School
Wed 26th - Fri 28th April	Year Six Camp
Thurs 27 th April	Whakatau (welcome) for students new to school.
Tuesday 9th May	9.00am Kauri Assembly
Tuesday 9th May	2.30pm Pōhutukawa Assembly
Wednesday 10th May	9.00am Tōtara Assembly
Monday 15th May	2.00pm Kōwhai Assembly
Tuesday 16th May	2.15pm Rimu Assembly
Monday 29th May	2.00pm Kōwhai Assembly
Tuesday 30th May	Interschool Cross Country Y3-6
Tuesday 30th May	2.30pm Pōhutukawa Assembly
Wednesday 31st May	9.00am – Tōtara Assembly
Monday 5th June	King's Birthday Weekend
Tuesday 6th June	9.00am - Kauri Assembly
Tuesday 6th June	2.15pm - Rimu Assembly
Wednesday 7th June	Interschool Cross Country Save Day
Monday 12th June	2.00pm Kōwhai Assembly
Wednesday 14th June	Year 5 & 6 Football
Tuesday 20th June	Year 5 & 6 Football Save Day
Tuesday 20th June	2.30pm- Pōhutukawa Assembly
Wednesday 21st June	9.00am Tōtara Assembly
Wednesday 21st June	Student/ Parent/Teacher Conferences
Thursday 22nd June	Cultural Festival Day Y5 & Y6
Thursday 22nd June	Student/Parent/Teacher Conferences
Tuesday 27th June	9.00am Kauri Assembly
Tuesday 27th June	2:15pm- Rimu Assembly
Wednesday 28th June	Cultural Festival Save Day Y5 & Y6
Friday 30th June	3.00pm - End of Term Two

TERM ONE HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE TEAMS



Pōhutukawa

Starting school is a very special time which the Pōhutukawa whānau cherish. This term in our Pōhutukawa classes, we have been learning what school is all about! We have built new friendships and worked together to learn lots of new things.

We have had so many highlights, almost too many to name! But if we had to, our walk to Blockhouse Bay Village really made us imagine what the past would have been like by appreciating the murals. A close second must have been when the firefighters came to school! Using the hose to water our Pōhutukawa trees was such fun! We are lucky to have the opportunity for people to come and kōrero with us and places to visit in our local area!



Kōwhai

As our overarching theme of Inquiry, and throughout this entire year, Kōwhai are learning about 'Our Place, Our People'. This term we focused on 'Our Whenua/Our Land'.

To start the 'I Wonder' process we decided to take the children on a waka voyage using our imagination. As we moved around our kura/school we talked about our school Pepeha and the places around our whenua that are important to us. These include our local maunga and moana. The children enjoyed this activity and continued to learn about our whenua at school, home and in our wider community. This included finding out about our own pepeha, the history of our buildings and how our local area has changed over time. We also looked at our Kowhai land and what we could put there. We are in the process of taking action on what we have found and learned.



Rimu has enjoyed learning about our theme of Inquiry 'Our Place, Our People with a focus on 'Our Whenua/Land'. We have discovered Māori place names across Our Whenua/land, how our land has changed over time and who has used it. Most of our tamariki have been interested in construction and how it has changed over time. We have used our learning to recreate historical buildings or design new ones.



Tōtara

We have learned about our land use in our school and surrounding suburb. Some of our team looked at the recent erosion and subsidence issues in the Kōwhai land area. We interviewed Mr Robinson and learnt about the stream that flows under it. We learnt about the future of the new classrooms and where they would be put. Some of us are making designs to present to Mr Robinson to show our ideas of what to put in the old Kōwhai area. Our designs relate to construction from the past and sustainability.

We looked at Māori tools and how they had to adapt these tools to their new environments. We also looked at the historical sequence of events that have shaped Aotearoa/NZ and how Captain Cook did not discover Aotearoa (it was already discovered!). To conclude our inquiry some of us are designing our own tools and creating a timeline of Aotearoa/NZ.





Kauri

In Term One, Kauri has enjoyed learning about our local area. We started by looking at the murals around Blockhouse Bay and discussing how land use has changed over time. The children were interested in how Blockhouse Bay got its name from the blockhouse that was here. This linked back to our school logo and why it was changed to be so much more inclusive.

We also looked at building techniques and materials used to build early Māori buildings such as whareniui and at building materials used now. Some of us built our own model whareniui. We considered what a technological outcome is and applied our learning to designing our own future-focused buildings, designed for specific purposes.



What is Easter?

Easter is a Christian celebration that celebrates the belief in the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Good Friday commemorates when Jesus died and Easter Sunday his resurrection. Some people attend church services and other people exchange Easter Eggs and eat Hot Cross buns to commemorate Easter. We wish those who celebrate this festival a Happy Easter.



To help families plan for holidays please see below the dates for Terms Two to Four 2023.

Term Two	Wednesday 26th April <i>Monday 24th April - Teacher Only Day</i> <i>ANZAC Day - Tuesday 25th April</i> <i>Monday 5th June - King's Birthday</i>	Friday 30th June	<i>47 days</i> <i>10 weeks</i>
Term Three	Monday 17th July	Friday 22nd September	<i>50 days</i> <i>10 weeks</i>
Term Four	Monday 9th October <i>Monday 23rd October - Labour Day</i> <i>Friday 17th November - Teacher Only Day</i>	Wednesday 20th December	<i>51 days</i> <i>11 weeks</i>



Thursday 6th April



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It's the end of term - Bring a gold coin donation and come along in mufti!! We'll also have a sausage sizzle with mixed meat, halal chicken (with beef casing) and vegetarian sausages available for \$2 each.

Coins & sausage orders will be collected in class.

Funds raised will go toward the school pool repair.



FAB THANK YOU

We would like to thank Roma Kaur from Barfoot and Thompson Blockhouse Bay for supporting our Disco last week by donating \$300 towards the costs.

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