



Blockhouse Bay

Primary School

We Seek - We Strive - We Soar

20th July 2023

Tēnā koutou katoa,

Welcome back to term 3. We hope that you all had a relaxing break and are looking forward to another great term learning. We have a busy term ahead of us with lots of highlights so please make a note of these when this information is provided.

The new Kōwhai classrooms look amazing and the children are very excited to be in their new (large) spaces! There is still some finishing off things to be done but we are very pleased to be able to be using these new rooms. We will officially 'open' the new block when they are completed.

Work on refurbishing Rooms 12-15 has begun and is expected to take most if not all of term three.

A big welcome to the staff to Sobana Raghavan, who opened her new class of 5 year olds this week in Room 18. Next week, we welcome back Amanda Whittome who has spent the last year teaching at an international school in Egypt. Amanda will be taking over from Suzy Lee as the Room 20 teacher.

Ngā mihi nui,

Neil Robinson
Principal

URGENT : PARENT HELP NEEDED - Can you help?



We are very grateful for our parents' help with many events and jobs across the school. One very important job is to support the safety of the children in the morning on the school crossing. We currently have a small team of incredible parents who have been doing this job for a number of years. We are

very grateful for their ongoing support.

We are now looking for someone to commit to doing this job on **Monday mornings** from 8.10-8.55am. If more than one person is able to do this, we can easily make this into a fortnightly job share.

Please contact Mandy Barrett if you have any questions or to offer your time to do this critical

role. mandyb@blockhousebay.school.nz.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday 24 th July	2.00pm Kōwhai Assembly
Wed 26 th July	FAB Mai Sushi Lunch fundraiser
Tuesday 1 st August	9.00am Kauri Assembly
Tuesday 1 st August	2:30pm Pōhutukawa Assembly
Wed 2 nd August	FAB - Xi'an Food Bar lunch fundraiser
Wed 2 nd August	9.00am Tōtara Assembly
Monday 7 th August	2.00pm Kōwhai Assembly
Tuesday 8 th August	2.15pm Rimu Assembly
Wed 9 th August	Epro8 event for selected students
Wed 9 th August	Football Tournament at BBI
Wed 9 th August	FAB -Mai Sushi Lunch fundraiser
Wed 16 th August	FAB - Pita Pit Lunch Fundraiser
Thursday 17 th August	Central West Gym Comp (Y4-6 qualified students) Tri Star
Thursday 17 th August	Epro8 Interschool Event at BBI
Monday 21 st August	2.00pm Kōwhai Assembly
Tuesday 22 nd August	9.00am Kauri Assembly
Tuesday 22 nd August	2:30pm Pōhutukawa Assembly
Wed 23 rd August	9.00am Tōtara Assembly
Wed 23 rd August	Whānau Hui 5.30-7.30pm
Wed 23 rd August	FAB Xi'an Food Bar Lunch fundraiser
Tuesday 29 th August	2.15pm Rimu Assembly
Wed 30 th August	Winter Field Day Y5/6
Wed 30 th August	FAB - Xi'an Food Bar Lunch fundraiser
Mon 4 th September	2.00pm Kōwhai Assembly
Wed 6 th September	Winter Field Day (Postponement Day)
Wed 6 th September	FAB - Mai Sushi Lunch fundraiser
Thurs 7 th September	Champion of Champions Gymnastics (qualified students) - Tristar
Tues 12 th September	9.00am Kauri Assembly
Tues 12 th September	2:30pm Pōhutukawa Assembly
Wed 13 th September	9.00am Wig Wednesday Parade
Wed 13 th September	9.45am Tōtara Assembly
Wed 13 th September	FAB - Xi'an Food Bar Lunch fundraiser
Tues 19 th September	2.15pm Rimu Assembly
Wed 20 th September	FAB - Pita Pit Lunch fundraiser
Wed 20 th / Thurs 21 st September	Photolife photos – Individual, Siblings and Classes
Thurs 21 st September	Year 6 tour of BBI 11.15am – 12.45pm
Friday 22 nd September	3.00pm - End of Term Three

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MATARIKI

Wow, what a wonderful occasion this morning was. Over 400 people were able to join us for this celebration and they thoroughly enjoyed watching our two Kapa Haka groups perform. This was the first time that we have been able to have such a large group in Te Whau since 2019 so we were very excited to be able to share this occasion together. Well done to our performers and thank you to everyone who contributed to the event.



GRACE JALE

We are very pleased to watch the progress of Grace Jale who plays for the NZ women’s football team, the Football Ferns. As a Blockhouse Bay Primary pupil Grace was the 2010 Sportsperson of the year and so we are extra proud to see her competing on the world stage.

Grace played for the NZ Under 17 World Cup team in 2017 and then for the Under 20’s in the same year. She made her full international debut for the NZ team as an 18 year old the following year.

It is great to see another of our ex-pupils doing so well and we wish her and the team all the best for the tournament.



NETBALL RESULTS

These are the results from the Netball games.
Well done to you all.

Team Y3/4	Player of the Day & Score 22 nd June	Player of the Day & Score 29 th June	Team Y5/6	Player of the Day & Score 26 th June	Player of the Day & Score 17 th July
Rubies	Rosie 0-2	Starci 7-4	Emeralds		
Amethysts	Team 7-6	Avickna 12-6	Sapphires	Zarah H 5-5	Zara C 2-21
Opals	Maaisha 1-11	Aiden 0-1	Diamonds	Saanvi 5-13	Zainab 8-3
			Crystals		

Blockhouse Bay Intermediate School

The board invites applications from parents who wish to enrol their sons and daughters at Blockhouse Bay Intermediate School for 2024.

Enrolment at the school is governed by an enrolment scheme, details of which are available from the school office. The deadline for receipt of applications for out of zone places is **30th August 2023**.

Parents of students who live within the home zone should also apply by this date to assist the school to plan appropriately for next year.

The exact number of places will depend on the number of applications received from students who live within the school's home zone. If the number of out of zone applications exceeds the number of places available, students will be selected by ballot.

If a ballot is required, it will be held on **6th September 2023**. Parents will be informed of the outcome of the ballot within three school days of the ballot being held. For all enrolment information please visit our school website. www.bhbint.school.nz

Term Three Lunch fundraisers 'updated' (mark them on your calendar)

July 26th - Mai Sushi (next week)
August 2nd - Xi'an Food Bar
August 9th - Mai Sushi
August 16th - Pita Pit

August 23rd - Xi'an Food Bar
September 6th - Mai Sushi
September 13th - Xi'an Food Bar
September 20th - Pita Pit



Give a Little fundraiser



Our school pool is in need of a very expensive upgrade and the Ministry of Education will not help us with this. The pool is used by all our students during school time to build water confidence and learn to swim. Families also use the pool after hours and in the holidays for their enjoyment. It is a wonderful resource for our community. We have already raised \$55,000 towards the repair and will continue to fundraise through discos, movie nights and a Math-a-thon later this year. Please [click here](#) to access the Save our School Pool page.

About Us

We are a group of parents raising funds to support the students, on behalf of the school.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Kia Ora,

As the cold, wet winter continues, Auckland City Mission - Te Tāpui Atawhai works hard to bring warmth and hope to people.

To ensure people have enough nourishing food to help keep them well and sustained in these colder months, the Mission food team connects donations with people needing food assistance. Bringing light to dark winter evenings, the community dining room, Haeata, opens for the weekly Wāhine Dinner.

Today marks the start of a very exciting week –

A wonderfully generous donor has agreed to MATCH all donations to the Mission's Winter Food Appeal this week - up to the total of \$100,000!

What does that mean?

From now until midnight Sunday 23 July, every dollar you give will be [DOUBLED](#).

[Donate this week and your donation will be DOUBLED!](#)



Stardome News | Matariki Update 2023

We've reopened!

Stardome is delighted to welcome you back to our renovated space place. There's all-new displays, hands-on exhibits, new planetarium seating, and best of all a leak-free roof! We've got Matariki running until the end of July.

Astronomy

Winter is the best time for clear stargazing. Will you spot Matariki in the northeast? Find out more about what you can see in the night sky this month.

All your astronomy resources are in the one handy location [here](#). Download this month's latest star charts and astronomy calendar and read about what you can see in the winter skies.

And if you want to see a rocket launch or find out what Mars sounds like, take a look at our [YouTube channel](#) where we bring you the latest in space research and discoveries.



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