



Blockhouse Bay

Primary School

We Seek - We Strive - We Soar

23rd November 2023

Tēnā koutou katoa,

It's great to see some warmer weather and hopefully, this bodes well for a better run of sunshine that we have been experiencing this year!

Visitors to the school will have noticed the green grass seed on the field and the warmth and occasional rain is helping with its growth already.

The warmer weather is coming at the right time too for the opening of the school pool. Swimming starts next week and the teachers will be in touch with you about when your children need to bring togs and towels to school. **I believe that one of the most important things that we teach the children is water confidence** as at some stage, this just might save their life! We ask all parents to support us with ensuring that the children get to swim this year before they go off to their summer break.

TERM FOUR CALENDAR OF EVENTS	
Mon 27 th November	<i>Kowhai Assembly—2pm Postponed</i>
Tues 28 th –Thurs 30 Nov	<i>Science Fair</i>
Tues 28 th November	<i>Arataki Trip - Kōwhai, Rms 12,13</i>
Wed 29 th November	<i>Arataki Trip - Kōwhai, Rms 14,15</i>
Thurs 30 th November	<i>Arataki Trip - Pōhutukawa, Rms 16,18,17</i>
Mon 4 th December	<i>Arataki Trip - Pōhutukawa, Rms 19,20,17</i>
Tues 5 th December	<i>Pōhutukawa Assembly 2.30pm</i>
Wed 6 th December	<i>Tōtara Assembly – 9.00am</i>
Mon 11 th December	<i>Kowhai Assembly – 10.00am</i>
Tues 12 th December	<i>Pōhutukawa Camp Day Rimu Assembly 2.15pm</i>
Fri 15 th December	<i>Year Six Graduation</i>
Wed 20 th December	<i>End of School Year - 1.30pm finish</i>

Congratulations to our athletics team that represented us at the inter-school event last week. The behaviour and effort from our children was outstanding and they can be very proud of what each of them achieved. In our next newsletter, we will publish the names of the children who were placed in their events.

School starts next year on Wednesday 7th February, which is the day after Waitangi Day. On this day, the teachers will be having 15-minute meetings with our families so that everyone either gets to know each other or gets reacquainted with each other after the summer break. Before the end of this year, we will let you know how you can book your child's meeting. Then all the children are asked to be back at school the following day - Thursday 8th February.

The children have been working very hard with their latest learning and so we have decided to share this with people who can come along to scheduled times next week. We have called this a 'Science Fair' and whānau will be able to view the exhibits at certain times of the day next week. Please see the information later in this newsletter for more details. Teachers will also be posting information on Hero about this exciting event.

For some people in our community, this was an extra special day and so for them, Happy Thanksgiving!

Have a great week everyone!

Neil Robinson
Principal



BREAKING NEWS!

Earlier in the year the FAB team and Lyndal worked together to put together an application to The Trusts Community Foundation for funding for the school pool. I am very pleased to announce that they were successful with this application and will be receiving \$25 000!!! This is a tremendous achievement and our sincere thanks to this group for taking the time to put this application forward.

With the help of this grant, this means that the Blockhouse Bay School community has now raised over \$100 00 in a little over 12 months which is staggering. This additional money will be used to purchased new pool covers and rollers as the old ones were damaged in the storms earlier in the year.

SWIMMING POOL OPENING CEREMONY

Today, we celebrated the fact that the community raised so much money for school pool (and covers) by having a special opening ceremony. We also had some spot prizes for children and these were given out at the time. Our thanks goes to Roma Kaur and to Jasmine Leaning's business Bubbaloos (www.bubbaloos.co.nz) for donating the prizes at the opening.



SWIMMING POOL KEYS

As you are no doubt aware, we are about to open the pool on Monday 27th November for the 2023/24 Summer season. As in previous years families of the school will be able to purchase a key so you can use the pool out of school hours and in the school holidays.

Keys are available for purchase (Eftpos or Cash only) at the school office.

Costs are as follows:

December 2023	\$180.00	(\$130 hire, \$50 Bond)
February/March 2024	\$130.00	(\$80 hire, \$50 Bond)

You will need to complete the form and sign acceptance of the pool rules along with payment.

Note that we will not be able to have the pool open to the school community unless we have enough people who volunteer to be on the committee.

CAN YOU HELP LOOK AFTER THE POOL OVER THE SUMMER PERIOD

We have had five families offer to help with the running of the pool after school and in the holidays, but we need more volunteers. We can not open the pool without enough volunteers.

If you can help, please email office@blockhousebay.school.nz - Volunteers will receive a key at no charge for their use over the summer period.

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SCIENCE FAIR

Tues 28th & Wed 29th November
8.15am- 9.30am and 2pm - 3.30pm
& Wednesday 5pm-6:30pm

Te Whau - Te Manawa - The Hub

Entry through the library gate
 or school office

BLOCKHOUSE BAY COMMUNITY CENTRE PRESENTS
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SATURDAY 9TH DECEMBER - 10AM - 4PM - IVAN BURGESS ROOM

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