



Blockhouse Bay

Primary School

We Seek - We Strive - We Soar

30th March 2023

Dear Parents and Whānau,

I am sure that the children are looking forward to tomorrow's Swimming Pool themed disco. If they are bringing a drink bottle, please make sure that they have their name on it.

Because of the need to set up for the discos, After School Care will be in the Hub at the front of the school for tomorrow afternoon only.

A reminder that the Ministry of Education decreed that Primary schools had a teacher only day in the first two weeks of term two and so we have chosen to have ours on Monday 24th April. We did this as other schools in the area were also going with this day and also, ANZAC Day is on Tuesday 25th April so we felt that this would suit parents better.

I am on leave next week but will be back ready to start on the **first day of term two, Wednesday 26th April.**

Have a great week everyone and I hope that you all have an enjoyable term one holiday break.

Neil Robinson
Principal

| TERM ONE 2023 CALENDAR OF EVENTS | |
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| Friday 31 st March | Disco - Year 0-3 Children 5.00-6.00pm - Year 3-6 Children 6.30-8.00pm See information below |
| Tues 4th April | Kauri Assembly – 9.00am |
| Tues 4th April | Pōhutukawa Assembly - 2.30pm |
| Thurs 6 th April | Mufti Day and Sausage Sizzle |
| Thurs 6th April | End of Term One – 3.00pm finish |



Yesterday the Fireman came from Avondale Fire Station to teach our Pōhutukawa and Kōwhai Tamariki about Fire Safety. They certainly enjoyed this experience!

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NEW CLASSROOM UPDATE

We have just had an update from the Ministry of Education that work could well begin on preparing the site for the new rooms in the holidays. This work will include foundations and trenches for water and septic services. We are very disappointed that this has taken so long but despite our best efforts, were not able to speed this process up at all. This will mean that weather permitting, the new rooms will hopefully be available for use from around August onwards.

NEGOTIATIONS REGARDING TEACHERS AND PRINCIPALS' COLLECTIVE AGREEMENTS

Sadly, these have stalled with the latest offer coming from the government being **no movement** to what was offered previously. This too is extremely frustrating and could well lead to further industrial action in term two or possibly beyond. We note that secondary teachers are also involved in industrial action for their collective and in reality, their conditions are already better than those of their primary colleagues!

We can only hope that more reasonable and forward-looking offers are made so that further disruption is not necessary.

ONLINE READING AT HOME

Over the past few years we have used the **PM readers** online school subscription to support reading at home. This was because school had many interruptions due to Covid. Now that we are back at school, tamariki have access to a large number of books that they can read at school.

If you would like some extra support at home, here are some free websites that we recommend you use. Both sites promote bilingualism and some of the readers can be read in your first language and English. The books cover a wide range of topics and are fun to read, particularly for the children who are new English learners.

[Unite for Literacy](#)
[Global Storybooks](#)



SCHOOL CROSSING DUTY

Thank you so much to the parents who support us with the before school crossing duty.

Ravneel, Sheenal, Emma, Merv, Erin, Atsuko and Craig

We appreciate your commitment to this job as it keeps our tamariki safe at this busy intersection.



We are once again looking for a parent who would like to help on the school crossing; once a week before school. At the moment this is on a **Tuesday** but another day may also be an option.

The duty is from 8.10 -8.50. It involves monitoring the student patrols as they ensure the safety of our tamariki and whānau as they cross the road and come into school. Full training is provided.

Please contact Mandy Barrett mandyb@blockhousebay.school.nz or phone the office 096279940 and leave a message if you are able to help.

CARE 4 KIDZ - Holiday Programme.

In the upcoming term break, Tuesday 11th April - Friday 21st April, CARE 4 KIDZ is running a Holiday Programme: "Stick it Out and Create".

For information you can ring Els: 027 3628494.

Programmes and enrolment forms are now available. Please see our supervisor in Te Whau, daily between 2:45 and 6:00pm.

Enrolments close 31 March 2023.

RETURNED SERVICES ASSOCIATION - POPPY DAY

On Wednesday 5th April we are asking children to bring a gold coin to school to support the New Zealand Returned Services Association.

Children will receive a poppy to remember those who have given service to the country. All money raised will go to the Returned Services Association. Anzac Day, the 25th April is the day we commemorate our fallen soldiers.



Save our Swimming Pool Disco Tomorrow

Tickets \$5 per child. Cash at the door.

- * Junior Disco (Years 0-3) 5.00 – 6.00 pm
- * Pizza sales 6.00 - 6.30 pm
- * Senior Disco (Years 3-6) 6.30 – 8.00pm

Year 3 students can attend either the Junior or Senior Disco.

Please be aware of and respect these 'in house' rules:

- * This event is for Blockhouse Bay Primary Students only
- * Children are to be brought to Te Whau foyer and collected from inside the foyer at the end of the by a parent/guardian
- Junior Disco (6.00pm) or
- Senior Disco (8.00pm)
- * Children will not be allowed to leave Te Whau at any time without their parent
- * No photos or videos to be taken in the Disco area
- * No 'outside' food and drinks (except water bottles) – please support our fundraising by buying our food and drinks on the night (cash sales only)
- * No alcohol or vaping/smoking permitted on school grounds

Help your community vote.



Register to work at the 2023 General Election.

Want to work within your community to help people vote? We're keen to hear from you. We're now taking registrations of interest from people who want to work at the 2023 General Election.

We need people with different skills and backgrounds all across Aotearoa New Zealand. There are roles for people with no experience, right through to leadership opportunities. Whether you want casual, part-time or full-time work, there may be a job at the election for you! For more information about the roles, and to register your interest in contributing to this important event, visit work.elections.nz today.




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**Save our
Swimming Pool
Disco**

Friday 31st March

Years 1 - 3 5.00 - 6.00 pm
Years 3* - 6 6.30 - 8.00 pm
**Year 3's can choose either time slot*

Tickets \$5 at the door

Glow products, drinks & snacks available
Pizza for sale 6.00 - 6.30 pm
(Cash Only)

**Come along in swimming themed
dress up!**

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