



Blockhouse Bay

Primary School

We Seek - We Strive - We Soar

9th March 2023

Dear Parents and Whānau,

It was great to see the children celebrating Holi yesterday. Learning about each other's cultures is one of the features of our multicultural school and this really helps to set children up for thinking in inclusive ways.

We are starting to get more and more adults attending our Team Assembly's which is great. Please remember to come through the BHB Library gate when you come to these and to shut the gate behind you to make things safe for the children.

Every three years, the Board of Trustees surveys the parent community to gauge how well the school is doing across a range of areas. We also ask for suggestions for ways in which the school can improve its service to our whānau. All ideas are considered and this feedback has led to a number of changes to things that we do. Next week, we will be asking for questions that you think should be asked as part of the survey so put your thinking caps on!

Lastly, good luck to the Year 5/6 Cricket teams that are taking part in the Inter-school event next week.

Have a great week everyone!

Neil Robison
Principal

TERM ONE 2023 CALENDAR OF EVENTS	
Fri 10th March	<i>Manu Matauranga Trip to Maunga Mangere</i>
Mon 13th March	<i>Kōwhai Assembly - 2.00pm</i>
Tues 14th March	<i>Y5/6 Cricket – 9.00am</i>
Tues 14th March	<i>Kauri Assembly – 9.00am</i>
Tues 14th March	<i>Pōhutukawa Assembly - 2.30pm</i>
Wed 15th March	<i>Tōtara Assembly-9.00am</i>
Thurs 16th March	<i>Y5/6 Cricket Postponement Day</i>
Tues 21st March	<i>Rimu Assembly - 2.15pm</i>
Mon 27th March	<i>Y6 Camp Parent Helper Meeting -6.00pm</i>
Wed 29th March	<i>Tōtara Assembly – 9.00am</i>
Friday 31st March	<i>Disco - Year 0-3 Children 5.00-6.00pm - Year 3-6 Children 6.30-8.00pm More details to be provided next week</i>
Tues 4th April	<i>Kauri Assembly – 9.00am</i>
Tues 4th April	<i>Pōhutukawa Assembly - 2.30pm</i>
Thurs 6th April	<i>End of Term One – 3.00pm finish</i>



Yesterday the children celebrated the Hindu Festival Holi (The festival of colours) by coming to school in their cultural or bright coloured clothes.

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ARE OUR TEACHERS ON STRIKE ON THURSDAY 16th MARCH?

At the time of writing this newsletter, we are unsure whether Primary teachers will be on strike next Thursday. When we know, we will let you know immediately.

We are very sorry for the short notice, but if the teachers are on strike, we will need to close the school for the day. Once again, we will let you know as soon as we are notified about this.

ICT UPGRADE

In the week starting 20th March, the school is carrying out an upgrade to our internet infrastructure. This will mean replacing a number of our switches, wireless and other items and because of this, the school will be offline for some of this week. We are hoping that parents won't be affected by this too much and people will still be able to phone the school on 6279940, but our ability to access emails will be limited. The teachers are planning a more 'unplugged' learning week as we do not know when we can and cannot use the internet.

NETBALL STARTS SOON

Soon, we will be having trials for any Year 3-6 children (boys and girls) who wish to play Netball for a school team. These games take place after school in terms 2 and 3 so parents need to be committed to transporting their child to and from Te Pai Netball courts in Henderson if they want them to play. Training sessions take place either after school or in a school break time. Each team must have parents to be coaches and managers if they are to take part.

We will be sending home more information to interested children next week about after-school Netball.



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NEXT BLOOD DRIVE



War Memorial Hall
15 May Road
Mt Roskill



Monday 20 March
1:00pm – 6:00pm

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Te Rotonga Tota O Aotearoa



PLAY, DREAM, LIVE

AUCKLAND UNITED FC GIRLS FUN DAY

Saturday 11th March 9.30 – 11.30am
Keith Hay Park

Have a go! FREE fun football for girls of all abilities.
Bring a friend and join in some fun football activities.

9.30 First kicks and fun football (5-8 yrs)
10.30 Junior and youth football (9-13 yrs)



CREATING CONNECTIONS AND EMPOWERING ACTIONS FOR TE WHAU

Sunday 19 March, 11am-3pm

EcoHub, EcoMatters Environment Trust, 1 Olympic Place, New Lynn

Join us at this free event to connect with the Whau awa. Meet the people and organisations helping restore the local catchment. Learn more about the latest research and cultural significance of the Whau, and take part in hands-on environmental activities.

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