



Blockhouse Bay

Primary School

We Seek - We Strive - We Soar

22nd September 2022

Dear Parents and Whānau,

The new Board of Trustees had their first meeting this week and are looking forward to representing the school community in this way.

Newly elected members Rosie Williams, Simon Mahoney and Tarawhati Williams will join parents from the previous Board Annuncia Gallaher, Nick Dempsey and Sally Kilpatrick. Congratulations to these parents and to Nick Dempsey who was voted back in to the Chairpersons position.

Outgoing members Anton Leyland and Tao Qin have completed three years on the Board and we thank them for the great job they have done in helping us to govern the school.

Sheereen Ali also finished in this role after serving on the Board for over 9 years, including three as Chairperson. Sheereen was also a hardworking member of the FAB (PTA) for over 14 years which showed a tremendous commitment to helping the Blockhouse Bay School community.

Lastly, thank you to everyone who has contributed to our record-breaking knowledge a thon fundraising total.

Have a great week everyone

Neil Robinson
Principal

We are super proud of the Year 4 girls that competed in the Champion of Champion gymnastics competition held at Tri-star this week.



Term Three 2022 - Calendar of Events

Please check regularly as dates and times may change

Fri 23rd Sept 9.00am - Tōtara Assembly

Tue 27th Sept 2.20pm - Kōwhai Assembly

Thurs 29th Sept 9.00am - Year Six Students visit to BBI

Fri 30th Sept Term Three Ends - 3.00pm

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2023 TERM DATES

A reminder that these are our dates for next year

Term	Start Dates and Public Holidays	End of Term Dates
One	<i>Monday 6th February – Waitangi Day</i> Tuesday 7 th February – Meet the Whānau meetings Wednesday 8th February – Day 1 with all children <i>Friday 7th April – Good Friday</i>	Thursday 6th April
Two	Monday 24th April <i>Tuesday 25th April – Anzac Day</i> <i>Monday 6th June – Queens Birthday</i>	Friday 30th June
Three	Monday 17th July	Friday 22nd September
Four	Monday 9th October <i>Monday 23rd October – Labour Day</i>	Wednesday 20th December

There is a chance that more teacher only days will be needed during the year as the Ministry will be asking teachers to implement new curriculum documents, but we will update you if and when this will happen.

Blockhouse Bay Primary Knowledge a thon

Thank you to all those families who have supported the Blockhouse Bay Primary Knowledge a thon. The total raised to date is over \$21,000 which is an outstanding effort.

Fundraising closes on the 27th September so if you wish to sponsor a child please go to the [Knowledge-a-thon fundraising site](#) to 'set up a student fundraising page'. Use your child's name, but your email.

Spot prizes have been awarded daily and the main prize winners will be announced on Wednesday the 28th September.

FLOWER FOR SCHOOL'S MEMORIAL TO QUEEN ELIZABETH.

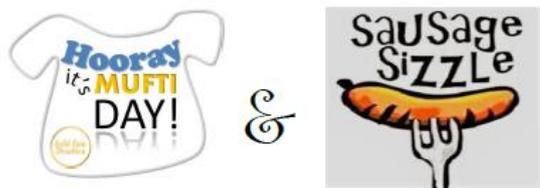
Tomorrow we are holding a memorial for Queen Elizabeth.

Please could each child bring one flower to school tomorrow if possible.

Classes are making a bouquet to place under our flagpole as part of our memorial to Queen Elizabeth II.



Friday 30th September



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 meat and vegetarian sausages available for \$2 each.

Coins & sausage orders will be collected in class. Support the FAB's efforts to raise money for new playground markings.



SAUSAGE SIZZLE AND MUFTI DAY – Friday 30th September (next week) For the first time in a long time, we are able to combine a sausage sizzle and mufti day on the last day of term. These have traditionally been regular events that have helped the FAB collect money to help them achieve our fundraising goals.

On the 30th September, we would like children who come to school in non-uniform clothes to bring a gold coin and hand it in to the their on arrival at school. This is then collected and deposited into the FAB bank account.

If you would like your child to have a sausage, this money is also handed to the child's teacher who will record it and send it to the office as well. The child will need to be able to tell the teacher whether or not they would like to have a vegetarian, halal or 'mixed meat' which is pork and beef.

NZ NEEDS MORE TEACHERS! - From the Ministry of Education

On Wednesday 14 September the Government announced a multi-million dollar teacher supply funding package that they hope will deliver more teachers to New Zealand schools.

Attracting domestic teachers into the profession - Career changer scholarships

To encourage people to change career and become a teacher, the MOE offers two different types of career changer scholarships. Both pay course fees plus \$30k per year of study and are open from **15 September to 13 October**. These scholarships are very popular and we know career changers go on to enjoy fulfilling teaching careers.

- The number of Te Huawhiti career changer scholarships available for all sectors and subjects is increasing by 100 additional places to 185 places.
- In addition, 115 Te Waka Whakareia career changer scholarships are available for Māori-medium and te reo Māori teachers.

[Take your place alongside our young people - TeachNZ](#)

[Te Waka Whakareia Career Changer Scholarship - TeachNZ](#)

Contact us if you have any questions at teacher.supply@education.govt.nz.

Teacher Education Refresh programme

As well as supporting schools to recruit teachers, the MOE is focused on attracting people into the teaching profession. To incentivise people to return to teaching roles, they will continue to fully fund the Teacher Education Refresh programme to be fees-free until **June 2023**. Go to TeachNZ website for more information:

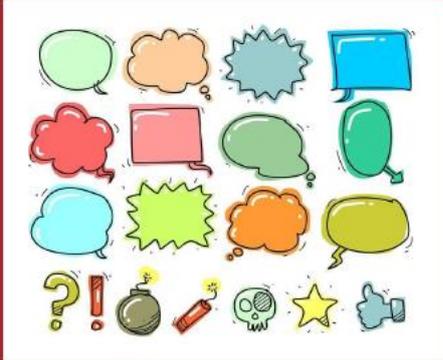
[Teacher education refresh - TeachNZ](#)

This programme allows teachers who have been out of the profession for five years or more to return to the field. This includes:

- Extending the Teach First NZ contract for the employment-based trainee teacher programme that will deliver 75 new teachers each year
- Launching next month a 'Become a Teacher' recruitment campaign, targeted at graduates and school leavers. The campaign has been developed in consultation with sector peak bodies and has been tested with audience focus groups.



Kids Comic Book Drawing Club



Blockhouse Bay Library
Sunday, 25 September
2:00pm – 3:00pm

Do you like making comic books? Come along to our new kids' club and have some fun making comic books together.

This club will run on the **last Sunday** of every month.

For kids aged 8-11 years.

A parent or guardian must stay with children aged under 14 years

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Happy Diwali शुभ दिवाली 2022

Blockhouse Bay Library

Join us to enjoy some music, dance, a story time and get creative with our craft workshops to celebrate Diwali this October.

Diwali card and bookmark making workshop
Join us to make a Diwali card or a bookmark using rainbow scratch card. All materials supplied.
Saturday 1 October 2022, 1.30 pm - 3.00 pm.
For all ages, Booking essential.

Mandala dot art workshop
Create mandala dot art for Diwali using recycled CDs and paints. All materials supplied.
Wednesday 12 October 2022, 10.30 am - 12 noon.
For all ages, Booking essential.

Diwali Story Time
Come join us for a special Diwali story time and celebrate the festival of lights.
Thursday 13 October 2022, 10.30 am

Grand Annual Diwali Celebration
We invite you to join us and enjoy some instrumental music, popular Bollywood songs and dances to celebrate Diwali.
Saturday 15 October 2022, 10.30 am to 12 noon.

Come along to browse and enjoy our displays. Take away a free lantern-making kit for children, a recipe brochure with some delicious recipes and a booklet full of information and activities.

For all events, a parent or guardian must stay with children aged under 14 years.
For more information: visit our library or phone 09 377 0209 or email blockhousebaylibrary@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz



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Blockhouse Bay School of Music

2022 Term 3 Holiday Program
3 Oct – 14 Oct

INTRO TO MUSIC

5-12 years old
8:30am - 5:00pm

Our Intro to Music program is perfect for children who has no music background, or keen to learn music but not really sure what to play. Through this program, students will be experiencing to learn 4-6 instruments include singings as well some basic music knowledge .

Monday	Session 1	Early drop off 8:30am - 9:30pm	\$10
Tuesday	Session 2	Intro to Music 9:30pm - 3:00pm	\$89/day
Wednesday	Session 3	Late pick up 3:00pm - 5:00pm	\$10
Thursday		Or \$420 / week + (Early/Late pick up)	
Friday		Or \$800 / 2weeks + (Early/Late pick up)	

PIANO MANIA PROGRAM 8-18 years old 8:30am - 12:30pm



Requires 2 year+ of previous piano tuition
An in-depth clinic of piano performance with our senior tutor which will cover:

Piano Performance Technique

Fundamentals of Musical Expression

Stagecraft

Monday	Session 1	Early drop off 8:30am - 9:30pm	\$10
Tuesday	Session 2	Piano Mania 9:30pm - 12:30pm	\$87/day
Wednesday		Or \$240 / week + (Early pick up)	
		Or \$460 / 2weeks + (Early pick up)	

ENSEMBLE PROGRAM

6-18 years old



Requires 1 year+ of instrumental tuition
Max 3 piano students, the other instruments is not limited
Play and create new sound along with your peers, collaboration ensembles programs include:

Individual coaching session

Group rehearsal

End of Program Showcase

Wednesday	Session 1	Early drop off 8:30am - 9:30pm	\$10
Thursday	Session 2	Ensemble Program 9:30pm - 3:00pm	\$89/day
Friday	Session 3	Late pick up 3:00pm - 5:00pm	\$10

Or \$250 / week + (Early/Late pick up)
Or \$480 / 2weeks + (Early/Late pick up)



Sign up here

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