



Blockhouse Bay

Primary School

We Seek - We Strive - We Soar

Thursday 11th May 2023

Tēnā koutou katoa,

Well, it's still only spring and I think we've had about 2 years worth of rain! School was relatively unaffected, but we know that some families were impacted significantly, and our thoughts are with you as once again, people are having to deal with sometimes heart-breaking levels of damage.

Please note that it is exceptionally rare for schools to close as everyone wants the children's education to be as uninterrupted as possible. For this reason, please send your child to school even when the weather is not great. The government is very clear that it expects all healthy children to be at school every day that it is open and we encourage everyone to follow this advice.

One of the implications from the property changes at school is that we no longer have a suitable course to use for our cross county. We are therefore going to hold this event at the Bay Roskill Sports Club on Whitney Street and weather permitting, this will take place next week on Wednesday 17th May. The weather is looking good for the day so please **make sure that your child brings a hat**. Watch out for more information about this event that will be coming to you on Hero.

Watching the new classrooms being moved into place was certainly interesting and they have even managed to pour concrete footings this week, which is remarkable. Next steps will be building of decks between the classrooms and putting up a shade roof as well as painting and putting up of Autex on the inside walls. The opening of the new rooms is so far on track for early in term three.

The weather looks set to improve over the next few days and I think we deserve it!

Have a great week everyone.

Neil Robinson
Principal

TERM TWO CALENDAR OF EVENTS	
Monday 15 th May	2.00pm Kōwhai Assembly
Tuesday 16 th May	2.15pm Rimu Assembly
Wednesday 17 th May	School Cross Country
Tuesday 23 rd May	School Cross Country Postponement Day
Monday 29 th May	2.00pm Kōwhai Assembly
Tuesday 30 th May	Interschool Cross Country Y3-6
Tuesday 30 th May	2.30pm Pōhutukawa Assembly
Wednesday 31 st May	9.00am – Tōtara Assembly
Monday 5 th June	King's Birthday Weekend
Tuesday 6 th June	9.00am - Kauri Assembly
Tuesday 6 th June	2.15pm - Rimu Assembly
Wednesday 7 th June	Interschool Cross Country Postponement Day
Monday 12 th June	2.00pm Kōwhai Assembly
Wednesday 14 th June	Year 5 & 6 Football
Tuesday 20 th June	Year 5 & 6 Football Postponement Day
Tuesday 20 th June	2.30pm- Pōhutukawa Assembly
Wednesday 21 st June	9.00am Tōtara Assembly
Wednesday 21 st June	Student/ Parent/Teacher Conferences
Thursday 22 nd June	Cultural Festival Day Y5 & Y6
Thursday 22 nd June	Student/Parent/Teacher Conferences
Tuesday 27 th June	9.00am Kauri Assembly
Tuesday 27 th June	2:15pm- Rimu Assembly
Wednesday 28 th June	Cultural Festival Save Day Y5 & Y6
Friday 30 th June	3.00pm - End of Term Two

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Year 6 Camp - Lakewood Lodge

The Year 6s had a blast on camp! Activity highlights included the Zip Lining across the lake, Kayaking in the river and Rock Climbing. The students shared many laughs, challenged themselves to take risks and generally had a good time making life-long memories. We did well with the weather, with just a bit of rain on the Wednesday and the sun coming out on the Thursday and Friday. It certainly makes for a better time. HUGE thanks to our wonderful team of parent helpers. Your support in caring for our tamariki and taking the time out of your schedules is much appreciated. We couldn't do it without you. Special shout out to Shane who went the extra mile and starred as Spiderman for the waterslide!!! Other highlights included the Burma Trail and Camp Concert.



PINK SHIRT DAY - Friday 19th May

This event provides an opportunity for us all to focus on encouraging Manaakitanga - being respectful, kind and honest.

On Friday 19th May, we encourage the children to wear a pink or brightly coloured shirt to school instead of their school shirt. We will have a parade at 9.00am and parents and whānau are welcome to help us line the parade route as the children move around the school.

There is no need for the children to bring money on this day.

5月19日星期五那一天，我们鼓励孩子们穿粉色或者其他亮色上衣来学校。我们将在上午九点举行游行，欢迎家长们在孩子们游行来的时候来帮忙。星期五那天孩子们不需要带钱到校。

Parents may wish to discuss what it means to be an Upstander with their children. An upstander is someone who sees bullying and uses their words or actions to help the person being bullied. Upstanders are an important part of the solution to stop bullying – we all have a choice as to whether we can tautoko/support the person being bullied or stand by and watch.

If you see someone being bullied, be an upstander, not a bystander. Call it out. Stand with them. Get Help. [Learn more about being an upstander here.](#)



Speak UP
STAND TOGETHER
STOP BULLYING
KŌRERO MAI, KŌRERO ATU, MAURI TŪ, MAURI ORA

FRIDAY 19 MAY 2023



CONTACT DETAILS

If you have changed any of your contact details recently, could you please email office@blockhousebay.school.nz and update your information. This includes email address and phone numbers of all parents, caregivers and emergency contacts.

This helps us be able to contact people immediately should a child get sick or injured at school or if there is another emergency at any time.

Thank you.

SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY - WEDNESDAY 17th MAY

9.45 am - approximately 12.00 pm (save day -Tuesday 23rd May)

VENUE: BLOCKHOUSE BAY RESERVE - Rugby League fields. The entrance is on Exminster Street or Whitney Street.

Come along with your whānau to encourage and support our tamariki during their races. We would love to see you! You might like to bring a deck chair or waterproof mat to sit on if you would like to sit down.

We will be taking the children to and from the venue in two groups. If you are available, we would appreciate you helping us to walk the children there and back.

- 1) Leaving at 9.05am – Kauri, Totara and 8 year olds from Rimu. Returning around 10.45am**
- 2) Leaving at 10.15am – Pohutukawa, Kowhai and 7 year olds from Rimu. Returning around 12.00pm**

The first race will start at 9.45 am. Races will continue through age groups and genders until we finish the last race at approximately 12.00pm. Each race will take around 10 minutes but could be longer or it could be interrupted by rain, so please be aware that the start times are approximate.

We ask that children please try to wear the colour shirt for their age group. This helps differentiate age groups and also adds atmosphere to the event.

Children's ages are worked out from how old they were on 1st May 2023. If they have had a birthday since then, they will run in the younger age group.

Please see the schedule below for race order and age group t-shirt colours (see below).

See you there!

ORDER OF EVENTS AND AGE GROUP COLOURS

Order of Races and Approximate start time	Age Group	Gender	Laps to Run	Colour Shirt
Race 1 START 9.45 AM	10-Year-Olds & 11- Year-Olds	Girls	3 Laps	10 Year-olds White 11-Year-olds BLACK
Race 2	10-Year-Olds & 11- Year-Olds	Boys	3 Laps	10 Year-olds White 11- Year- olds BLACK
Race 3	9-Year-Olds	Girls	2 Laps	Red
Race 4	9-Year-Olds	Boys	2 Laps	Red
Race 5	8-Year-Olds	Girls	2 Laps	Green
Race 6	8-Year-Olds	Boys	2 Laps	Green
Race 7	7-Year-Olds	Girls	2 Laps	Blue
Race 8	7-Year-Olds	Boys	2 Laps	Blue
Race 9	6-Year-Olds	Girls	1 Lap	Green
Race 10	6-Year-Olds	Boys	1 Lap	Green
Race 11	5-Year-Olds	Girls	1 Lap	White
Race 12	5-Year-Olds	Boys	1 Lap	White

BLOCKHOUSE BAY COMMUNITY CENTRE

Vintage Market

Admission fee \$2

Sunday - 8.30 AM to 12.30 PM

2023 dates / 15 Jan / 19 March / 21 May / 18 July / 17 Sept / 19 Nov

Collectables, Antiques, Handcrafts, Books, Interesting one of a kind things!

Free tea or coffee!





New stall holders welcome, contact Sue on 09 445 1227 or email hyattfam@xtra.co.nz

All proceeds from admission go to support the upkeep of Blockhouse Bay's historical building - Armanesco House blockhousebayhistoricalsociety.com

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HOSTING A



PINK RIBBON DAY



A fun day of snacking, chatting & games! Gift vouchers, raffle tickets, fresh baking, tea & coffee will be available to purchase. All profits of this event will go to the BREAST CANCER FOUNDATION. We will also provide a platter and drinks to enjoy for all who wish to come down. \$5 entry fee (also donated). All goods/services payable via cash or bank transfer.

MAY 25th, 2023 • 12.30PM - 3.30PM
BLOCKHOUSE BAYCOMMUNITY
CENTRE
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Please RSVP for catering purposes 😊



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