



Blockhouse Bay

Primary School

We Seek - We Strive - We Soar

18th August 2022

Dear Parents and Whānau,

Have you had a chance to look at the [new school website](#) yet? We've had some really good feedback about it and the photos of the children are great.

Voting papers for the Board elections have been posted out and should have arrived in your letterboxes by now. If they have not been delivered to you by tomorrow, please email office@blockhousebay.school.nz and let us know and we will contact you about this.

Once you have your forms, please take the time to review our wonderful Nominees and cast your vote. When you have completed your voting process, please bring your form to the school office.

Lastly, congratulations to the gymnastics team who represented us at the Auckland Champion of Champions interschool event held today. We have several sporting events for our senior students planned for the next few weeks and we are really pleased to be able to have these occasions for the children this year.

Have a great week everyone

Neil Robinson
Principal

*Today the children said
Goodbye to the Kowhai
classrooms that are
going to be demolished
the end of next week.*

Term Three 2022 - Calendar of Events	
Please check regularly as dates and times may change	
Tue 23rd Aug	2.30pm - Pōhutukawa Assembly
Mon 29 Aug	7.00pm FAB meeting in Te Manawa
Mon 29-Wed	31st Aug MOTAT at school (Pōhutukawa, Kōwhai, Rimu)
Fri 2nd Sept	9.00am - Tōtara Assembly
Tue 6th Sept	9.00am - Kauri Assembly
Tue 6th Sept	2.30pm - Kōwhai Assembly
Wed 7th Sept	Winter Field Day for selected senior students
Wed 7th Sept	2.20pm Rimu Assembly
Tue 13th Sept	6.00pm - Konohete- Kapa Haka
Wed 14th Sept	Winter Field Day - Save Day
Thurs 15th Sept	9.00am Champ of Champs Gymnastic Comp Y4-6
Tues 20th Sept	9.00am Kauri Assembly
Tue 20th Sept	2.30pm - Pōhutukawa Assembly
Wed 21st Sept	2.20pm - Rimu Assembly
Fri 23rd Sept	9.00am - Tōtara Assembly
Tue 27th Sept	2.30pm - 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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DEMOLITION OF ROOMS 19, 20, 21 22 AND 23

During the last holiday break, the ground subsidence behind these classrooms forced us to empty them out and relocate the classes of children elsewhere in the school. Since then, we have been emptying the rooms of anything that will be of use elsewhere in the school in the future and shutting down all of the services to the rooms such as water, power and electricity. We are now able to demolish these classes.

On the weekend, workers will be at the school to gut the inside of Rooms 19-23. Then from next Thursday onwards, the area will be closed so that the rooms can all be removed. We have met with Ministry of Education staff to ensure that this process can be completed safely.

We advise everyone to make sure that the children stay well away from this area during the removal process. More updates will be provided as we move through this process.

Knowledge-a-thon

On Monday 5th September we will be launching our Knowledge-a-thon Fundraiser! All of the money collected for this fundraiser goes to our Fundraising @ Blockhouse (FAB) team who will use it to rejuvenate the playground markings around the school. We would appreciate your help to support your child to raise money and help learn their facts, although they will also be working on them in class.

This year we have partnered with New Zealand online fundraising company 'Raise It'. 'Raise It' specialise in working with New Zealand schools to maximise their fundraising efforts. Collecting sponsorship online makes it super easy for everyone - no more door knocking, your child can collect more donations from further afield (friends and family living overseas, work colleagues etc) and no need to worry about handling all that cash and bringing it into school! Look out for more information about this on Hero with all the details on how to sign up and get fundraising!
We have some great prizes up for grabs - including spot prizes for just signing up!

We are looking for a company who might want to be a sponsor for our prizes. We usually spend around \$600 on these and in the past, this has come out of the money raised but it would be awesome if someone wishes to take this on. The prize sponsor would be recognised in the newsletter and on the 'Raise It' site so there would be some recognition for the company who takes this on. Please email office@blockhousebay.school.nz if you would like to be our 2022 Knowledge-a-thon Prize Sponsor.

WINTER SICKNESS

Increased levels of winter illnesses at the start of term are a common trend and when coupled with COVID-19, these can put significant pressure on schools and communities. The Ministry of Health modelling in July shows that numbers of severe respiratory illness cases, including both COVID-19 and flu, are well down. Your efforts will have certainly contributed to this outcome.

That said, we had over 70 children away sick on Tuesday and this is evidence that we are not out of the woods yet! Please keep children at home for 48 hours after they have either been vomiting or had diarrhea. Thank you for continuing to keep the children at home if they are unwell.

FAB News

Today the children had Milo and Cookies at school, and they really enjoyed it on a wet and windy day. The next Milo and Cookie Day is planned for next Thursday and we need more helpers to run this event.

If you can spare a couple of hours between 10-12pm next Thursday, please contact the school office.



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