



Blockhouse Bay

Primary School

We Seek - We Strive - We Soar

25th May 2023

Tēnā koutou katoa,

What a wonderful day the school Cross Country was! The weather certainly helped and the children really enjoyed taking part in front of a large crowd of enthusiastic spectators. Congratulations to all the participants and the children who were placed in their age groups.

Thank you to the whole staff who contributed to the success of the day. This was definitely a team effort but a huge well done to Sally Kilpatrick and Hayley Davies who had to start from scratch in planning the event at a new venue. Thank you to everyone who joined us for the day, and especially to the BBI students who were our course marshalls.

The Interschool team will be representing the school at the same venue next Tuesday (weather permitting).

This year's Learning Conferences will be held in 4 weeks' time on Wednesday 21st June 1.30-8.00pm and Thursday 22nd June 3.30-6.00pm. These meetings take place in the children's classes and are an opportunity for children, parents, and teachers to share information about learning and how the children are doing at school. Soon, we will be sharing the details about how parents can book the meeting with their child's teacher.

Lastly, a reminder that school will be closed on Monday 5th June to recognise Kings Birthday Weekend. (sure is hard to get used to saying that!)

Have a great week everyone.

Neil Robinson
Principal



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

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POSSIBLE INDUSTRIAL ACTION BY TEACHERS AND PRINCIPALS

Last week, members of the NZEI (the teachers and principal's union) voted to go on strike on Wednesday 31st May which is of course next Wednesday. Since then, the government has met with the union and have jointly announced that the strike **might not** go ahead as they may be close to a new offer. I think I speak for everyone when I say that I sincerely hope that an agreement can be reached.

Unfortunately, a decision might not be made until Monday and so I encourage everyone to **prepare to have the children at home on Wednesday 31st May**. We will update you in Hero as soon as we know anything further. Our apologies for any inconvenience that this will cause, but we will need to close the school if we are on strike.

Cross Country 2023

It was a beautiful day for our whole school country, held on Wednesday 17th May at Blockhouse Bay Recreational Reserve. It was wonderful to hold the event off-site and it all ran smoothly. The children were very excited about going on a trip and running around a park! A special congratulations to the following children who were our top-place getters. The top ten children for age groups 7 to 11 year olds will be competing in the interschool cross country on Tuesday 30th May at Blockhouse Bay Reserve.

5 Year Old Girls

1st Place Sadie Williams
2nd Place Martina Henriques
3rd Place Cyrine Brahim Djelloul

5 Year Old Boys

1st Place Blake Smith
2nd Place Wallace Chapman
3rd Place Matthew Chen

6 Year Old Girls

1st Place Kennedy Alt
2nd Place Ashley Huang
3rd Place Danica Williams

6 Year Old Boys

1st Place Quinnton Hung
2nd Place Noah Gleitsmann
3rd Place Cohen Zheng

7 Year Old Girls

1st Place Kyla Leyland
2nd Place Brianna Mossop
3rd Place Ruby Sinton

7 Year Old Boys

1st Place Nikoh McKinnon
2nd Place Kahn McNamara
3rd Place Jasson Ren

8 Year Old Girls

1st Place Naomi Tanabe
2nd Place Zoey Shelke
3rd Place Alyssa Jing

8 Year Old Boys

1st Place Zackary Li
2nd Place Ruwwad Rushdi
3rd Place Aariyan Patel

9 Year Old Girls

1st Place Danya Capps
2nd Place Natalie Huang
3rd Place Charlotte Kilpatrick

9 Year Old Boys

1st Place Callum Horsford
2nd Place Revanth Kishore
3rd Place Otto Hart-Tyson

10 Year Old Girls

1st Place Dejanae Peteru-Ulukita
2nd Place Arden Horsford
3rd Place Bella Zhang

10 Year Boys

1st Place Toby Lane
2nd Place Akbar Alizadah
3rd Place Taylor Reardon

11 Year Old Girls

1st Place Zara Crookenden
2nd Place Hollie Foster
3rd Place Sarrinah Hossine

11 Year Old Boys

1st Place Yosuf Shekoh
2nd Place Mohammad Shekoh
3rd Place Nadith Kathri Arachchige Don

COVID 19

As you are all aware Covid 19 is still circulating throughout New Zealand.

If your child has a fever, new cough, cold or flu like symptoms please keep them at home until they are well. Please do test for Covid 19 test and isolate if necessary so we can keep the spread of Covid 19 to a minimum.

We are ensuring we have good ventilation and are encouraging children to wash their hands frequently. Hand Sanitiser is available in all areas of the school.

Thank you.



KAITIAKI CLUB

Our Kaitiaki Club learned how to plant a lemon and an orange tree. We looked under the plastic to check our pasture picture that we are planting next week.

WORLD VISION JUNIOR YOUTH CONFERENCE



On Monday (Week 2), we went to Manukau for the World Vision Junior Youth Conference. We learnt about leadership and making a positive change in our community and the world. We talked about how not to be a bystander and times when we were. We learnt about stepping up and three things we should avoid if we want to do so. We did a leadership quiz to learn about the type of leaders we are. We also learnt how to start a movement and take action in four steps - Goal, Engage, Mobilise and Hype. It was an informative experience and we are looking forward to sharing our learning with others. We are also excited about the 40 Hour Challenge - our chance to make a positive impact.

NETBALL RESULTS

Please see the School Netball results from the 1st May to the 22nd May.

POD stands for "Player of the Day".

Well done to you all.

Team	Grading		Round 1 - Games 1 - 5	
	POD & Score 1st May	POD & Score 8th May	POD & Score 15th May	POD & Score 22nd May
E.G. Rubies	Eunsol 17-2	Bella 4-17	Renee 17-2	-
Emeralds	Fonuku 1-2 5-12	Mahliya 3-3 6-3	Tionly 16-2	Abira 11- 5
Sapphires	Catelyn 0-15 0-4	Alariya h 1-1 0-5	Zarah H 6-0	Camellia 1-16
Diamonds	Bella 0-12 3-3	Saanvi 6-5 5-0	Sophia 12-8	No Player of the day was given out 4-15



FUTURE LEADERS DAY

We had a fantastic Future Leaders Day run by Sport Waitakere. Anna Wilcox, who is a freestyle skier, talked to us about respect, friendship, and failure. Our group was engaged and asked thoughtful questions. We also played Turbo touch, undertook co-operative activities to learn about our leadership style (Labrador, eagle, elephant). We thought about ways to improve our school - my personal favourite was solar powered classrooms. We finished the day with the Halberg foundation which focussed on making activities inclusive for all.

Thank you to the Tania Dalton Foundation for the recent donation of sports balls for our Tamariki.

Notice from the Ministry of Education- Winter health and vaccination reminders

Te Whatu Ora encourages whānau to vaccinate their tamariki for pneumococcal disease, Meningococcal B, measles, and flu, alongside their three COVID-19 vaccines to provide the greatest level of protection heading into winter.

Tamariki aged six months to 12 years are eligible for free flu vaccinations. For more information, visit:

[Flu immunisation for tamariki – KidsHealth](#)

[Measles, mumps, and rubella \(MMR\) vaccine – Te Whatu Ora](#)

[COVID-19 boosters for over 30s and those at increased risk of severe illness – New Zealand Government](#)

You will still need to isolate for seven days if you have COVID-19 to reduce the risk of spread. For further information:

[If you have COVID-19 – New Zealand Government](#)



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