



Blockhouse Bay

Primary School

We Seek - We Strive - We Soar

31st August 2023

Mālō e lelei (Tongan greeting),

Next week is Tongan Language Week and the senior Pasifika students have planned some fun events at school to recognise this.

Over the last couple of days, our Hindi community have been recognising a time known as Raksha Bandhan. This is a special event celebrating the strong bond between brothers and sisters and is a favourite Hindu festival, also called Rakhi. It is celebrated in different parts of the country with unique names and ways.

This special day is about the strong bond between siblings, where sisters tie rakhi threads on their brothers' wrists, symbolizing love and protection. It's a time for joy and family connection.

Congratulations to all of the children who took part in yesterday's winter field day. It was great to see you all out in the sunshine and enjoying the experience. As always, the sportsmanship and skills were a credit to you, your teachers and your families.

In two weeks' time, our Kapa Haka group will be performing at the Lynfield Kahui Ako Konohete which is being held at Blockhouse Bay Intermediate School on the evening of Thursday 14th September.

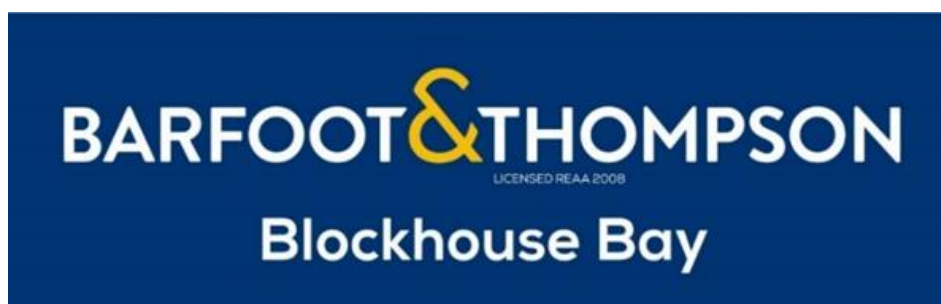
This is always a brilliant event and everyone is very welcome to attend.

Have a great week everyone.

Neil Robinson
Principal



CALENDAR OF EVENTS	
Mon 4 th September	2.00pm Kōwhai Assembly
Mon 4 th September	Mathathon sponsorship closes 12 midday.
Monday 4 th September	Kapa Haka group to BBI for Konohete rehearsal
Wed 6 th September	Winter Field Day (Postponement Day)
Wed 6 th September	FAB - Mai Sushi Lunch fundraiser
Thurs 7 th September	Champion of Champions Gymnastics (qualified students) - Tristar
Tues 12 th September	9.00am Kauri Assembly
Tues 12 th September	2:30pm Pōhutukawa Assembly
Wed 13 th September	9.00am Wig Wednesday Parade
Wed 13 th September	9.45am Tōtara Assembly
Wed 13 th September	FAB - Xi'an Food Bar Lunch fundraiser
Thursday 14 th September (evening)	Lynfield Kahui Ako Konohete – Kapa Haka performances from local schools
Fri 15 th September	FAB - Disco
Tues 19 th September	2.15pm Rimu Assembly
Wed 20 th September	FAB - Pita Pit Lunch fundraiser
Wed 20 th / Thurs 21 st September	Photolife photos – Individual, Siblings and Classes
Thurs 21 st September	Year 6 tour of BBI 11.15am – 12.45pm
Friday 22 nd September	3.00pm - End of Term Three



COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

Thank you to the many parents who have taken part in our Community Consultation process. We appreciate you taking time to tell us what you think about our school and what you think is important for us to know. We will be using your feedback to inform our Strategic Planning for the next few years.

If you have not contributed yet you can give us feedback in the following ways:

1. [Community Consultation- Google Form](#)
2. Email us: suggestions@blockhousebay.school.nz
3. Place your suggestion in our Suggestion Boxes around the school.

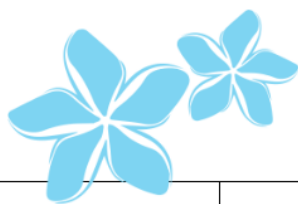
Watch out for a chance to contribute to our Community Consultation Focus Groups coming up in the next few weeks!



TONGAN LANGUAGE WEEK: 4th- 8th September

Our Pasifika Leaders have planned a wonderful Tongan Language week for us! On Monday come along wearing a lava lava and lei and remember to say Malo e lelei to everyone!

Here is the plan for the rest of the week:



Tongan Language Week

Week 8, T3 2023
Monday 4th September - Friday 8th September 2023



Monday 4th September	Tuesday 5th September	Wednesday 6th September	Thursday 7th September	Friday 8th September
Hero posts - language	Hero posts - language	Hero posts - language	Hero posts - language	Hero posts - language
Lava Lava Lei Day	Tapa cloth designs	O'tai	Talo	Rippa Rugby
Whole school - Everyone wears a lei to school	Pōhutukawa & Kauri In the Makerspace	Kōwhai	Staff/Teachers	Tōtara & Rimu - Come to the turf 1st break

WIG WEDNESDAY IS COMING!!! Wednesday 13th September

Wig Wednesday is a fun day where we can show our support for children who are struggling through the effects of Cancer. We encourage everyone to wear a wig or funky hairdo and bring a **gold coin** that we will donate to the Child Cancer Foundation. Every dollar we raise will go directly to supporting Kiwi kids and their families through what is likely to be the toughest time of their lives.



MATH-A-THON FUNDRAISER

Our fundraiser is nearing a close! The ākongā are having their 'Maths Test' this week, so keep an eye out for their results certificate.

Sponsorship closes on Monday 4th September, at 12 midday.

We would like to commend Cathy R8 and her friend April from Rm12 for 'Taking Action'.

They went to the New Lynn Library last week to sell Manuka Honey and Jelly to help raise funds for the school pool.

They raised \$97.40

They were so excited and we are very proud of them!

Ka rawe!



TERM FOUR DATES

More information about term four will be out soon but here are a couple of dates that people might want to be aware of:

Monday 9th October - First day of term four

Friday 17th November - Teacher Only Day - school closed this day so that staff can continue their work on implementing the Revised NZ Curriculum

Friday 15th December - Year 6 Graduation (in the afternoon)

Wednesday 20th December - last day of the 2023 School Year at Blockhouse Bay School

PROPERTY UPDATE

The landscaping and restoration of the area around the new classrooms is going along nicely and is on track to be completed in time for term four. Weather permitting, the new turf by Te Whau will be laid next week and the flying fox will be installed shortly after this. It will be great to have these areas back usable again soon, including the pathways in and out of the school.

We have had tradespeople here this week looking at what needs to be done to upgrade our fire alarm security system. This work will be completed next term and will mean that we will have a much more modern and future proofed system.

Other work being worked on recently include:

- Fixing of the fence in the Glade that was damaged by a falling tree earlier on in the year
- Fixing of the sunshades above the pirate playground (in front of Rooms 6-9) that were also damaged by weather events (this will be done next month)
- Replacement of some guttering in a few places in the school
- Upgrading of our speakers, phone systems, bell and wifi systems

CANCER SOCIETY DAFFODIL DAY

Thank you to all those who supported the Cancer Society Daffodil Day last Friday.

The total raised was \$307.00 and this has been banked into the Cancer Society account.

Thank you for supporting this worthy cause.





Calling all BBQ Warriors... We need you!!

Unfortunately, the FAB team behind the traditional end-of-term sausage sizzles is not able to continue so we need a new team!

A core team of at least 4 people is required from around 8.15 am - 12.00 pm on the last Fridays of term 3 and term 4.

Could you help with:

- collating orders?
- counting money?
- cooking sausages?
- overseeing the halal sausages?
- cleaning up?

We will ask for additional helpers but a core team must be put together first. Please email fab@blockhousebay.school.nz if you can help!

Supporters Club JULY RECIPIENT

Blockhouse Bay Primary School
584 Blockhouse Bay Road, Blockhouse Bay
<https://www.blockhousebay.school.nz/>

"The school pool is in need of an upgrade and the Ministry of Education does not help with funding for this. The pool is used by all our students during school time to build water confidence and learn to swim. Families also use the pool after hours and in the holidays for their enjoyment."

If you can help with a donation, please get in touch with the school.

Bricklane has donated \$500 to the fund

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