



**Blockhouse Bay**

Primary School

*We Seek - We Strive - We Soar*

**Matariki -School closed on Friday 24th June (Tomorrow)**

A reminder to everyone that school will be closed tomorrow as it is a public holiday for Matariki.

**六月24日星期五学校不开放**

谨提醒各位家长，因为六月24日星期五为毛利新年公共假期，学校不开放

23<sup>rd</sup> June 2022

Dear Parents and Whānau,

Covid continues to have an influence over the school and sadly, we have seen some of our people who have had the virus twice now this year. Parents may have seen media reports of some schools using all the year's teacher budget paying for relief teachers and we are still only in June! While ours is not as bad as some, we are definitely beginning to feel the pinch of staff absences. We encourage everyone to keep taking precautions to stop the spread of Covid 19, including of course, the wearing of masks.

On a lighter note, for those that were able to join us at school today for the Matariki Showcase and planting, we hope you enjoyed seeing what the children have been doing to recognise this event. Having these occasions brings a smile to everyone's face and provides a great focus for their learning. Well done to everyone who helped prepare the children for this sharing time. Watch out for photos and videos being sent out on Hero.

At the end of next week, some of our Tōtara and Kauri children will be taking part in this year's World Vision 40 Hour Famine which raises money to bring clean drinking water to children all over the world. If you would like your child to participate in this event, please ask them to go and talk to Room 5 teacher Simran Joseph so that they can get a sponsorship booklet. For more information, please click on this [link](#).

Have a great long weekend everyone

Neil Robinson

Principal



*Congratulations to those who competed in the Gymnastics Fun Festival yesterday*

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## STAFFING UPDATE

Last week, we welcomed two new learning assistants to the staff.

Simon Mahoney has worked with young people in a range of different environments and is known across the community for helping others to be the best they can be.

Rachel Van Den Burg has extensive experience as a learning assistant and will bring that wealth of knowledge to our learning support team.

Welcome to you both.

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES ELECTIONS

Nominations open soon for people who wish to stand in the elections for the Blockhouse Bay School Board of Trustees. Board members are simply members of the school community who wish to help oversee the work of the school. They come from all walks of life and being eligible to stand is the only criteria. The average time commitment is around 6 hours per month which is made up of a meeting (usually on Tuesdays from 5.30-8.30pm) and typically 3 hours of reading to prepare for the meeting. In addition to this, all training is provided.

### What do trustees do? (from the NZ School Trustees Association)

Trustees on a school board of trustees work together to make sure every child/ tamariki reaches their highest possible standard in educational achievement. As part of that key responsibility, here are some of the things boards do:

- Work with the principal and consult with staff, students and the community
- Set the educational goals and strategic direction of the school
- Monitor progress and oversee how the school is progressing against its annual targets and how well students are achieving
- Help decide how the school's funding will be spent
- Support the school's principal and support the development of all staff
- Oversee the management of staff, property, finances, curriculum and administration.

Look out for more information about this over the next couple of weeks.



## 40 Hour Famine Challenge

Kia ora Blockhouse Bay School Whānau. We had great effort and participation from our students for the 40 hour famine last year. It's that time of the year again. This year, several of our Tōtara and Kauri students are taking part in it and are wanting to make a positive impact in the world.

They will each be completing a challenge for 40 hours over the weekend (1st - 3rd July). Leading up to the weekend, they will be asking people to sponsor them. We ask that you kindly support them in this challenge, whether it is by sponsoring them or supporting them to complete it. The money collected goes to World Vision to help provide clean water in struggling communities.

A special thanks in advance to everyone in our School Community who helps this team of students make a difference. *"Together we can change the world, just one random act of kindness at a time". - Ron Hall.*

## CARE 4 KIDZ – HOLIDAY SCHOOL PROGRAMME

During the upcoming July school holidays in 4 weeks time, CARE 4 KIDZ is running its Holiday Programme.

Enrolment forms are available from our Supervisor in the Technology Room, daily between 2:45 and 6:00 PM.

For further information, please ring EIs on 027 3628494.  
Sorry, enrolments will be **NOT** accepted after 1 July 2022.

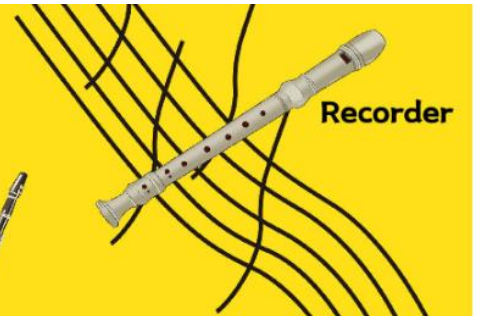


*Ngā mihi o Matariki, te tau hou Māori*  
*Happy Matariki*





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