



Term Four Calendar of Events

Week 6

13th Nov Thursday - Pō Whakanui (Performance Kapa Haka performing at Rosebank Primary)

14th Nov Friday - Kauri assembly 2:15pm - 2:45pm

14th Nov Friday - End of Year Disco

Year 0-3 5.00-6.00pm

Year 4-6 6.30-8.00pm

Week 7

17th Nov Monday - Rimu Assembly 2:15pm - 2:45pm

19th Nov Wednesday - Whānau Hui (for Māori whānau)

21st Nov Friday - Teacher only day - **School Closed for the day**

Week 9

1st Dec Monday - Rimu Assembly 2:15pm - 2:45pm

5th Dec Friday - Kauri Assembly 2:15pm - 2:45pm

Week 10

9th Dec Tuesday - Board of Trustees meeting -
6.00pm in the staffroom (all welcome)

Week 11

16th Dec Tuesday - Year 6 Graduation 12:45 pm

**18th December Thursday - Term 4
ends at 1.30pm**

A Word from our Principal

Tēnā koutou e te whānau,



What a wonderful event the Year 3-6 Athletics was. We were very lucky with the weather and the children really enjoyed taking part in a large stadium. Thank you to event organisers Hayley Davies and Sally Kilpatrick and to all of the staff and parents who helped to ensure that the day ran smoothly and the children could have this experience.

At the end of next week, our wonderful FAB group will be running two discos on the evening of Friday 14th November.. The theme of the disco is celebrating Christmas so children are invited to dress up with this theme in mind if they wish. The Junior Year 0-3 Disco will run from 5.00- 6.00pm and the Senior Disco (year 4-6) Disco will run from 6.30-8.00pm. Note that older and younger siblings are not able to attend the discos. Parents are welcome to attend the junior disco but the senior disco is just for the children.

A reminder that **school will be closed for Teacher Only Day on Friday 21st November**. All of the teachers will be involved in professional development and we will not be able to look after children on this day. Bizzy Bodz will be open for the whole day so please feel free to contact them if you need to have your children looked after.

Parents may have heard about some cases of Measles in NZ and how seriously our health professionals are taking this matter. I urge you all to read the information provided in this newsletter and give consideration to immunising yourselves and your children if you have not already done so.

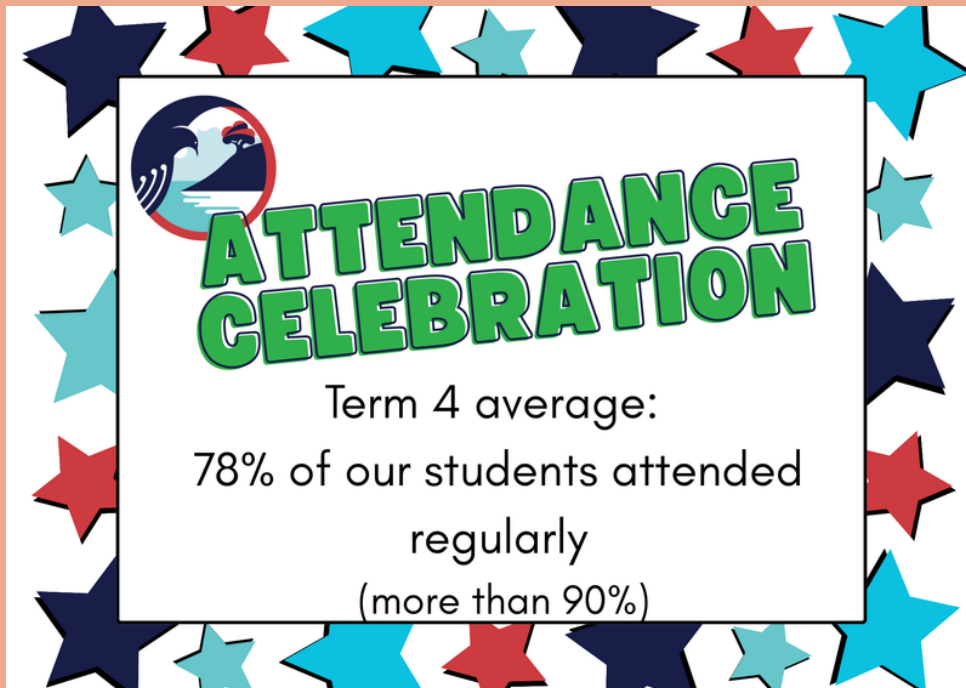
Lastly, good luck to our performance Kapa Haka group who are performing at a special event next Thursday at Rosebank Primary. This is a real highlight for the year and we look forward to seeing you all shine!

Ngā mihi maioha, (thank you with appreciation)

Neil Robinson

Principal

ATTENDANCE



Food Orders Dates- Term 4

These are organised by the Fundraisers at Blockhouse Bay (FAB) Team and are a great way to keep the income for this group coming in as they receive a small amount of money for each order. Ordering can be completed through Kindo so please ask the office if you are unsure of how to do this. The following dates outline what can be ordered and when:

Pita Pit Ordering Closes 9am on the day:

Wednesday November 12th

Wednesday December 3rd

Xi'an Food Bar Ordering Closes 12pm day before:

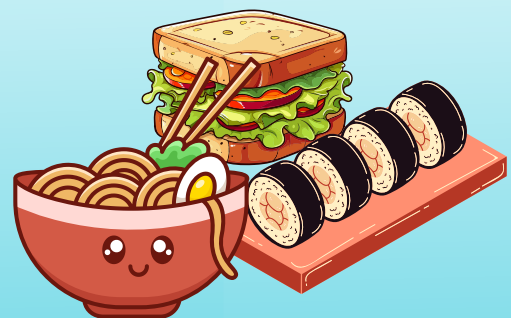
Wednesday November 19th

Wednesday December 10th

Mai Sushi Ordering Closes 12pm day before:

Wednesday November 26th

Wednesday December 17th



Payment Information You can pay through the Kindo app. If you don't have Kindo, it's easy to set up by registering at mykindo.co.nz/Register or by downloading the app, available on [Apple](#) and [Android](#). If you need assistance, feel free to ask our friendly office staff!

Blockhouse Bay School Board of Trustees

Our new Board had their first meeting a couple of weeks ago and are off to a great start. They have attended two induction evenings to help prepare them for their role of governing the school over the next few years. The new Board consists of Sijia Perry, Rosie Williams, Greg Cain, Keyur Patel, Nick Dempsey, Jane Warne (Staff Rep) and Neil Robinson (Principal). Congratulations to Nick Dempsey, who was voted back into the position of Chairperson.

If parents ever wish to talk to a Board member, please contact the school office and we will set this up for you.

Parents are always welcome to attend Board meetings which take place twice a term in the staffroom. Please see the calendar on the front page of the newsletter for meeting dates.



Parent Information about Curriculum and Learning

The Ministry of Education has provided information for parents at a dedicated portal on their website. The information provides guidance about what children are expected to know at each level and suggestions about how parents can help their children with their learning. Please [click here](#) for access to this site.

In our previous communication, we let you know that our teachers have been teaching the new Mathematics and English curriculum in 2025. As well, our team have updated our Mathematics - Number and English pathways. These new pathways have been uploaded to our [website](#), so please feel free to go on and have a look. Teachers are currently updating these new pathways with your child's achievement levels and next learning steps. These will be ready to share with you in mid-December as part of the end-of-year reports.

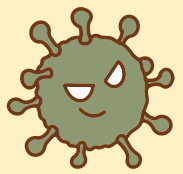
To the surprise of every New Zealand School, a week ago, the Ministry of Education announced further significant changes to both the Mathematics and English curriculum documents. Our new pathways, along with our planning, and reporting information, will now require significant changes and this will take place next year. In the meantime, teachers are working hard to provide you with up to date information on the new curriculum that has been taught in 2025.

Please note that the changes in these curriculum documents mean that the levels are significantly harder than those that were taught previously. Because of this, your child may not be achieving at the same levels as those that were reported to you before now. It is important to know that because of this, it is not possible to compare previous achievement levels with your child's end of 2025 achievement.

We do understand how complex this situation is, and we are sorry that these changes have been made in such a hurried and confusing manner. We believe that more consultation with the profession in New Zealand could have made this transition easier for everyone, but this matter was not within our control.

If you have any questions or concerns that you would like clarification on, please email Elizabeth Crisp at elizabethc@blockhousebay.school.nz

New Zealand is at high risk of a measles outbreak



Measles cases are rising globally, with outbreaks in many other parts of the world. This means the risk of measles being brought back into Aotearoa by travellers is very high. Almost all of our previous measles outbreaks have resulted from non-immune travellers bringing the disease back from overseas.

Immunisation is the best protection and will help to prevent the spread of measles in our local communities. If you are travelling and are not fully protected, you are at risk of catching the disease and bringing it back to Aotearoa. You might also pass the infection on to others and make them unwell.

If you are not immune to measles, or you are not sure, ask your healthcare provider about getting immunised.

[Preventing the spread of measles](#)

[Measles, mumps and rubella \(MMR\) vaccine](#)



How measles spreads

Measles is one of the most contagious viruses. It spreads very easily from person to person by breathing in air after a person with measles has sneezed, coughed, talked or even just breathed. Measles can also be spread after touching tissues, toys or other surfaces contaminated with an infected person's nose and throat secretions (snot and saliva).

The measles virus can stay in the air even after the person with measles has left the room or area. If you are not immune and have had face-to-face contact with someone with measles, or have been in the same room as them, you are very likely to catch it.

Symptoms of measles

The first symptoms of measles are similar to other respiratory illnesses, such as a cold, COVID-19 or flu (influenza) which means it can be hard to know you have measles.

- Symptoms of measles are:
- fever (a temperature of at least 38°C)
- cough
- runny nose
- sore, red eyes
- rash.



The rash develops 3 to 5 days after the other symptoms. The rash appears as pink or red spots or bumps which start on the face before moving down the rest of the body. The rash may be more difficult to see on darker skin. The rash is not usually itchy. It can last for a week or more.

[Measles images – DermNet](#)
[external link](#)

A key feature of measles is that a fever is still present when the rash develops.

Measles symptoms usually start within 10 to 14 days after you are first exposed to the virus. They can start anytime between 7 to 21 days.

People who are at risk of measles

Anyone who is not immune to measles can get infected if they are exposed to someone who has measles.

You are considered immune to measles if either or these apply:

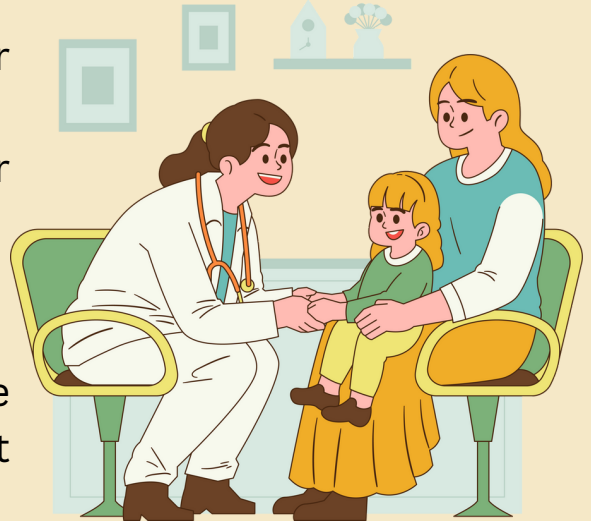
- you had 2 doses of a measles vaccine after 12 months of age
- you have had measles before.

Most people born in Aotearoa before 1969 are immune to measles. This is because before that time almost everyone had measles as a child.

Checking if you are immune to measles

If you are not immune to measles and you travel overseas, you could be at risk of getting measles.

Preventing measles



Principals Soapbox

Parent Meeting Regarding Assessment of the New Curriculum - Cancelled

We had previously advertised this meeting to take place on Tuesday 11th November. Our goal was to explain what the new Mathematics and English Curriculum documents would mean for parents and children.

With the government's new significant rewrite of both of these documents, we do not feel that we can have this meeting and so it has been cancelled. As I mentioned in the last newsletter, a lot of work that schools have done over the last year has been changed by this unexpected rewrite and so we are not in a position to advise what the implications will be for us all.

Soon, I will provide more information to our community about what this will mean for us in the future, including, our end of year reports that we will share with you before the end of the year.

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Blockhouse Bay Primary School

Sunday 23 November 2025

9.30am for 10.00am start

Sausage sizzle, drinks, raffles

Register before 21 Nov. for Certificate on Entry

www.bhbl-lions.org

or Text: LTM25 + yr.names to 022 3721908

Teacher's Day!

A reminder to everyone that School will be **closed on Friday 21st November** so that the teachers can engage in professional development. We will work one extra day at the end of 2025 to make up for this lost learning time.

Please look at the advertisement in this newsletter and contact Bizzy Bodz if you would like to have your children looked after by them.



Bizzy Bodz
BLOCKHOUSE BAY
SCHOOL

TEACHER ONLY DAY
21ST NOVEMBER

Full Day Programme!

Time: 7:00 AM – 6:00 PM

● Main Programme: 8:30 AM – 3:00 PM
Cost: \$40

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