



Term Three Calendar of Events

Week 6

25th August Monday - Math-a-thon Launch!
22nd Aug Friday - Kauri Assembly

Week 7

25th August Monday - Rimu Assembly

Week 9

8th September Monday- Rimu Assembly
10th September Wednesday - Voting closes for Board of Trustees Elections
12th September Friday - Kauri Assembly

Week 10

16th September Tuesday - Board Elections results confirmed
17th September Wednesday - Inquiry Community Event 2-3pm (more details to be provided closer to the time but parents might want to pencil this time in to make sure they are available)

19th September Friday - Term 3 ends at 3.00pm

Board of Trustee Elections

Thank you to the nine parents who have been nominated to stand for the 5 available spots on the Blockhouse Bay School Board of Trustees. We are very pleased to have so many excellent candidates to choose from. Next week, all parents will be emailed information about each of the candidates and voting forms. Just like an election outside of the school, each parent gets to vote separately. If you have not received your voting information by Friday 15th August, please contact either the Returning Officer directly on 0800 VOTENZ (0800 868 369), election@electionpilot.nz or Raewyn in the office who will sort this out for you, either call in, ring or contact on raewyn@blockhousebay.school.nz.

A Word from our Principal

Kia Orana everyone and welcome to Cook Island Maori Language Week,



With nearly 4 weeks of term 3 almost over, it is great to see the children happy and learning at school.

Nominations are now closed for the School's Board of Trustees elections that will take place soon. We are very grateful to have had 9, very well qualified parents put their names forward for the Board and we will be sending information to you all soon about each of these candidates and how you can register your vote.

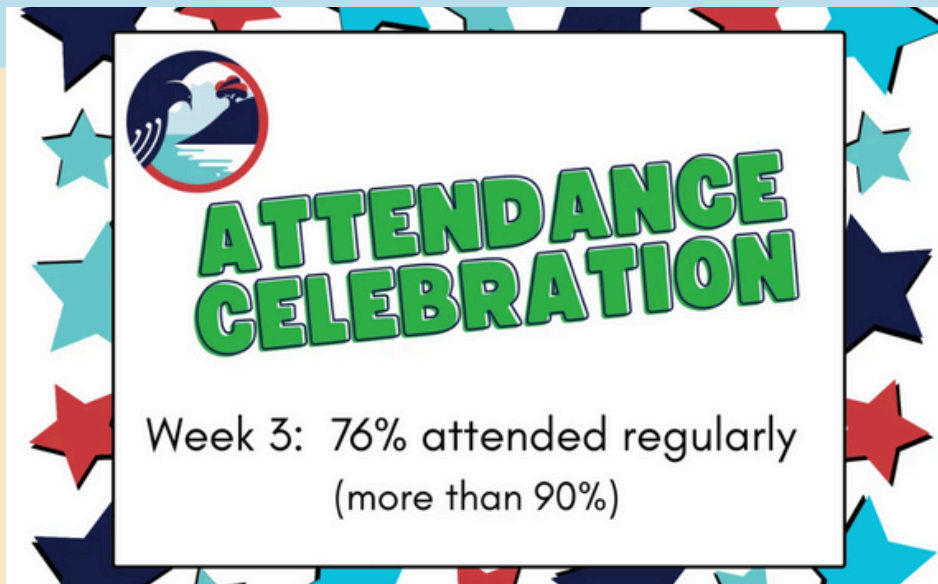
The Ministry of Education has informed us that they are on track to start the construction of the retaining wall behind the field and where the removed classrooms were and there is a chance that this work could begin in late September. Once started, this project will take 6-8 months and will provide us with some organisational challenges but we will keep you informed about these as more information comes to hand.

When this work has been completed, we will be left with a new space that can be redeveloped into something that the children will enjoy using. We are not yet sure what this will look like, but when we do, we will make some plans for improving this area. The Fundraisers at Blockhouse Bay (FAB) team have committed themselves to help fund this development and will be targeting their efforts towards this. Their next fundraising venture will be the Mathathon and more information will be provided about this soon.

Our netball season is nearly at an end and we would like to congratulate all of the children, coaches and managers who have worked together to have such a great season. Good luck to our Year 5/6 football teams who are representing the school at a tournament next week.

Lastly, watch out for information about our next event which will be taking place on the evening of Friday 5th September. More details, including how to buy tickets, will be out soon.

Ngā mihi maioha,
Neil Robinson
Principal



🗣️ Kia ora whānau,

Last week our school attendance was 76%, a little lower than usual as many of our tamariki have been unwell 🤒. Thank you for helping keep our school community safe by keeping children at home when they are sick.

If you're unsure whether your child is well enough to come to school, please check this helpful guidance ✅:

👉 [Knowing if a child is well enough to be at school](#)

Together we can support our tamariki to be healthy, happy, and ready for learning.

Ngā mihi nui ❤️



Food Orders

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:

Mai Sushi - ordering closes 12pm the day before

Wednesday 13th August

Wednesday 3rd September

Xi'an Food Bar - ordering closes 12pm the day before

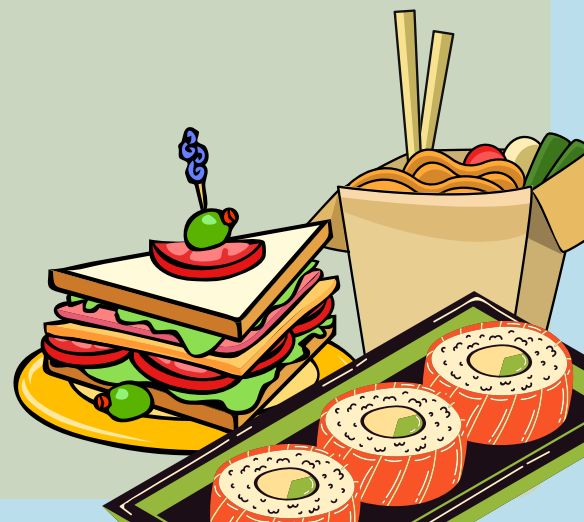
Wednesday 20th August

Wednesday 10th September

Pita Pit - ordering closes 9am on the day

Wednesday 27th August

Wednesday 17th September



English Curriculum Update Term 3 Week 4

Since the refreshed English Curriculum was released at the end of last year, we have established a team of teachers to lead our staff professional development and curriculum changes.

So far we have:

- Planned and delivered learning for children using the new curriculum in Oral Language, Reading and Writing
- Completed whole school teacher professional development to understand the new English curriculum expectations and how to teach them.
- Started updating our Reading and Writing Learning Pathways and goals to reflect the new curriculum expectations. We will keep you up to date through Hero about any changes that will happen with learning goals when they are ready.
- Started using the newly developed Phonics Checks to assess your child's letter sound knowledge. These are mandatory for all schools from 2026 and will be carried out when your child has been at school for 20 weeks and 40 weeks.
- Strengthened our teaching of handwriting and spelling across the school to align with the new curriculum expectations.

If you would like to find out more, the [Ministry of Education Parent Portal](#) (click) has information about the refreshed curriculum at all year levels.



Government Decision to Replace NCEA (Secondary School Qualifications)

The government has decided to change this qualification as they do not feel that it is meeting the needs of students or employers. The changes will be phased in over the next 5 years and will directly impact on children who are currently in Year 8 or younger. Parents can find out more about these changes and can take part in the consultation process by clicking on this link:

education.govt.nz/have-your-say/consultation-proposal-replace-ncea/details

Raksha Bandhan, also known as Rakhi, is a significant Hindu festival that celebrates the bond of love between brothers and sisters. It is a celebration of the bonds between a brother and sister, a symbol of brother-sister affection is observed in most Indian communities around the world.

On this day, sisters tie a protection thread 'Rakhi' on their brother's wrist as a mark of affection and pray for his long life. The brothers, in return, offer gifts and promise to protect their sisters all their lives. On Raksha Bandhan prayers are also said as the entire family joins the celebration.

We wish you a joyful celebration!



Blockhouse Bay Woolworths/Countdown

I recently met with the Manager and she let me know that:

- Nothing has been communicated to her regarding who may or may not be occupying the store in the future
- Therefore no plans can be made or communicated to our community regarding access to the carparking in this area
- They are still on track to close the store on or before the 21st September
- As we move closer to this date, there is likely to be some stock on special so families might want to factor this into their thinking.



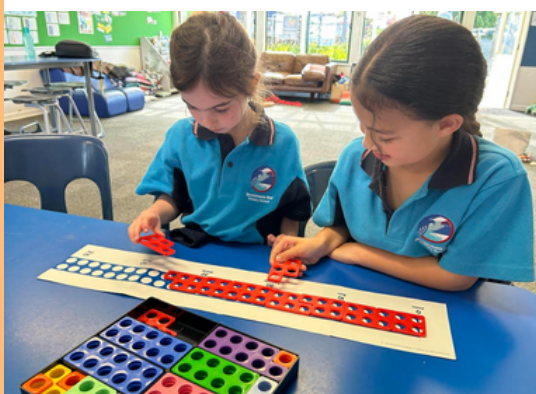
**TIME TO
UPDATE!**

Mt Roskill Art Showcase – Celebrating Our Talented Tamariki

We are incredibly proud of our students who had their artwork featured at the Mt Roskill Art Showcase recently. Their pieces were vibrant, expressive, and beautifully aesthetic – a true celebration of creativity and colour.

A special moment came when Kirat's stunning artwork caught the eye of Dr Carlos Cheung, MP for Mt Roskill, who was so impressed that he requested to keep it. Kirat graciously gifted her artwork to him – a wonderful example of our learners sharing their talents with the wider community.

Ka rawe, tamariki mā! Your mahi toi is inspiring.



Math-a-thon 2025 Launching Soon!

We're excited to announce that our Math-a-thon kicks off in Week 6, on Monday 18 August! This year, our fundraising goal is to support the redevelopment of the old Kōwhai space into something new and exciting for our tamariki — once the area has been stabilised.

Our children will be practising and mastering their basic facts, times tables and division facts while gathering sponsorship from friends and whānau. We're once again using the Go Raise It website to make online sponsorship simple and secure. Information will be posted on Hero.

There will be lots of cool prizes up for grabs, including Star Wars Lego, 4 tickets to Rainbow's End and a \$150 Whitcoulls voucher. So get ready to learn, earn, and have fun!




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Lots of people will tell you that having a Will is important for everyone and especially parents. We never know when things might happen and so we are encouraging our families to take action to make sure that the people are well looked after should something awful happen.

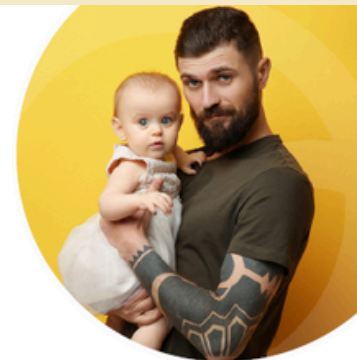
One company that helps families prepare Wills online is called **Footprint** and you can access their website to find out more by [clicking here](#).

Footprint has told us that if supporters of our school community register for a Footprint online Will, they will receive a 15% discount off retail product rates and then make a one-off \$10 payment to our school.

Families are encouraged to look closely at what Footprint has to offer and make a Will if they do not have one.



**Blockhouse Bay
Primary School**
We Seek - We Strive - We Succeed



Protect Your Family's future With a Footprint Online Will!

Thanks to Blockhouse Bay School you can get a **15% discount** on a legally valid Will, **PLUS** Footprint will donate **\$10** to the school for each Will purchased!

1. Create

Create your Will with easy to follow questions.

2. Review & sign

Our professionals review your Will before you sign & witness.

3. Store

Store it with us for free in a flood and earthquake proof location.

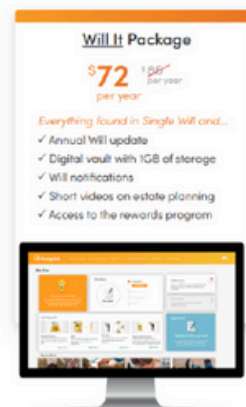
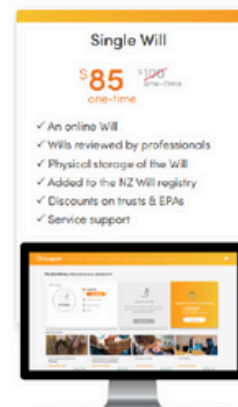
4 Reasons to get your Will in place

- ☒ Protect your loved ones from financial stress
- ☒ Decide who looks after your kids
- ☒ Reduce the time and costs for your loved ones to settle your estate
- ☒ Have your say in who gets your 'stuff'



Scan or click
here to get
started

<https://partners.myfootprint.co.nz/edu/blockhouse-bay-primary>



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Bizzy Bodz to care for your
children. We look forward
to providing a happy and
positive experience for you
and your child.**

Blockhouse Bay Primary School **Holiday Programme for 5-13 year olds**

Monday 22nd September- Friday 3rd October
8.00am - 5.30pm

bizzybodz.co.nz
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Enquiries
09 530 9020
admin@bizzybodz.co.nz
021 835 627 (Programme direct dial)

Welcome to Bizzy Bodz!

**Providing fun,
organised, quality
Out of School Care in
a safe, child-focused
environment**

Our Bizzy Bodz School Holiday Programme aims to provide a fun, organised, safe and above all quality holiday care for children 5-13 years of age. Our Holiday Programme operates between the hours of 8.00am - 5.30pm, Monday to Friday.



It is Bizzy Bodz's intention to provide a professional service, which will give your child a safe, secure environment and an enjoyable quality care experience.

School Holiday Programme

Main Programme - Blockhouse Bay

Monday 22nd September Make and Create Calling all makers and creators. Spend your time at the Free Play Creator Zone with plenty of resources to choose from. Learn to make bouncy balls and create a stunning artwork. ONSITE \$42.00	Tuesday 23rd September Cybernix Cybernix are coming for an onsite Digital Discovery Day. Explore the world of old school electronics, gaming and devices! ONSITE TRIP \$48.00	Wednesday 24th September Planetarium Today we will be catching a bus to Auckland's Stardome for a guided tour of the night sky! We will be stopping at One Tree Hill Domain Playground for lunch. TRIP \$50.00	Thursday 25th September Steampunk Sculptures Step into a world of imagination and invention. Start collecting old and broken toys so we can turn them into amazing steampunk inspired sculptures! ONSITE \$40.00	Friday 26th September Medieval Day Dress up as a princess, knight, king or peasant and come to our Medieval Day. There will be catapults, marshmallow castles, a treasure hunt, and much more! ONSITE \$40.00
Monday 29th September Team Challenge Break into teams and go head-to-head in a range of challenges. From sports, art, quizzes, food challenges and construction, there is something for everyone! ONSITE \$40.00	Tuesday 30th September Movies Roll out the red carpet, we are going to St Luke's Event Cinema to see Kangaroo. A small popcorn and lolly bag will be provided. Children won't be allowed to buy anything from the candy bar. TRIP \$50.00	Wednesday 1st October Mr Magic Want to see a rabbit get pulled out of a hat? Or a colourful never-ending hanky appear out of thin air? Mr Magic will be visiting today and he has all the tricks up his sleeve. ONSITE TRIP \$48.00	Thursday 2nd October Funky Town Won't you take me to Funky Town? Come with your wackiest hair do and we'll pair it with some cool nail art, face-paint, a paper bag fashion show, and a dance party. ONSITE \$40.00	Friday 3rd October Zoo Ventures The zoo is coming to us today! Get up, close and personal with some reptiles, cute creatures, and maybe even a snake! ONSITE TRIP \$50.00

Location

Based in the Auditorium
8.00am - 5.30pm

Prices

8.00am - 3.00pm	see above
3.00pm - 4.30pm	\$10.00
3.00pm - 5.30pm	\$12.00

Please bring daily

- Morning Tea, Lunch, drink bottle and hat

Book online now!

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or call us on:
09 530 9020 or 021 835 627

How to book

Booking with Enrolmy
We're excited to announce that our new Bizzy Bodz site is now live on Enrolmy: enrolmy.com/bizzy-bodz. Please visit the site to register your account and get started.

With our new booking system, you will need to:

- Add your child(ren)
- Complete a safety form (enrolment form) for each child
- Finalise your bookings

The process is quick, easy to follow, and designed to make managing your bookings more convenient than ever.

For additional support, the Enrolmy site features a Parent Portal and a comprehensive Parent FAQ section to guide you through each step of the process.

We look forward to welcoming you soon!

Bookings

- Bookings can be made on or before the day of attendance however please note there are **limited spaces available**
- Drop off and pick up outside of booked hours will incur an extra fee
- Refunds are not available once the holiday period has begun, however day swaps can be made in advance by contacting the Head Office (subject to availability)

Trip Days

- Please ensure you drop off your child by 9.00am on trip days as the buses are booked to leave at 9.15am

Payment/WINZ

- Payment is required at time of booking to be confirmed
- WINZ forms need to be submitted when making your booking
- If applying for WINZ, a 25% deposit is required to secure your booking

