



**Blockhouse Bay**

Primary School

*We Seek - We Strive - We Soar*

**School Closed Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March**

**学校在3月16日星期四将不开放**

**The Board of Trustees have decided to close the school for the whole day tomorrow as we do not have enough teachers to safely staff the school.**

15<sup>th</sup> March 2023

Dear Parents and Whānau,

There is certainly a lot going on at school at the moment with trips, visits, strike days and property developments adding to the learning experiences the children are having in the classroom. Next week's ICT upgrade will set us up nicely for future internet use and we are hoping that the work on preparing the school grounds for moving the relocatable classrooms will begin in a few weeks' time. All of this will create some short-term disruptions but will definitely lead to long term gains.

It was great to see the senior cricket teams out enjoying their games in the sun yesterday.

Our next major sporting occasions will be the school and then inter-school cross country events that will both take place in May.

Once again, we apologise to everyone for the inconvenience of tomorrow's school closure caused by strike action. I am sure that we are all hoping for a speedy resolution to the issues that are impacting on a satisfactory result for all parties.

Thanks everyone, see you Friday.

Neil Robinson  
Principal

*The Cricket teams had a great day in the sun yesterday!*



TERM ONE 2023 CALENDAR OF EVENTS	
Thurs 16th March	Teachers Strike – No School today
Tues 21st March	Rimu Assembly - 2.15pm
Mon 27th March	Y6 Camp Parent Helper Meeting -6.00pm
Wed 29th March	Tōtara Assembly – 9.00am
Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> March	Disco - Year 0-3 Children 5.00-6.00pm - Year 3-6 Children 6.30-8.00pm More details to be provided next week
Tues 4th April	Kauri Assembly – 9.00am
Tues 4th April	Pōhutukawa Assembly - 2.30pm
Thurs 6th April	End of Term One – 3.00pm finish



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## ICT UPGRADE

A reminder that next week, the school is carrying out an upgrade to our internet infrastructure and because of this, the school will be offline for some occasions. We are hoping that parents won't be affected by this too much and people will still be able to phone the school on 6279940, but our ability to access emails will be limited. The teachers are planning a more 'unplugged' learning week as we do not know when we can and cannot use the internet.

## CARE 4 KIDZ - Holiday Programme.

In the upcoming term break, Tuesday 11th April - Friday 21st April, CARE 4 KIDZ is running a Holiday Programme: "Stick" it out and create".

For information you can ring Els: 027 3628494.

Programmes and enrolment forms are now available. Please see our supervisor in Te Whau, daily between 2:45 and 6:00PM.

Enrolments close 31 March 2023".

## ENROLMENT - BLOCKHOUSE BAY PRIMARY

### Do you have a child starting school this year?

To help with our planning of our classrooms for 2023, we would love to know if you have any children who will be starting school with us this year.

If you have any neighbors who live within our enrolment zone and will be starting, can you please ask them to contact us.

Please email the school office [office@blockhousebay.school.nz](mailto:office@blockhousebay.school.nz) with your child's name, date of birth and your contact details so we can add them to our list of expected students.



## CREATING CONNECTIONS AND EMPOWERING ACTIONS FOR TE WHAU

Sunday 19 March, 11am-3pm  
EcoHub, EcoMatters Environment Trust, 1 Olympic Place, New Lynn

Join us at this free event to connect with the Whau awa. Meet the people and organisations helping restore the local catchment. Learn more about the latest research and cultural significance of the Whau, and take part in hands-on environmental activities.

Find out more: [bit.ly/connectwhau](https://bit.ly/connectwhau)



## NEXT BLOOD DRIVE



War Memorial Hall  
15 May Road  
Mt Roskill



Monday 20 March  
1:00pm – 6:00pm

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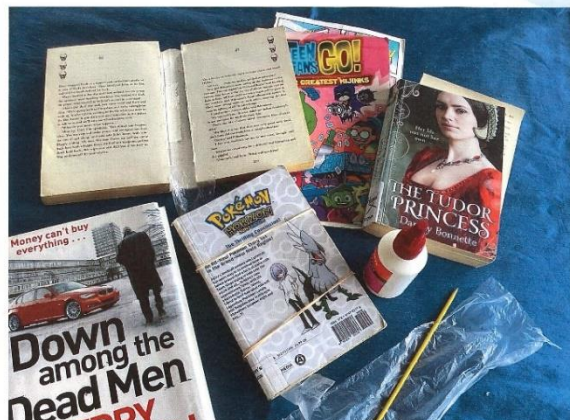
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**Basic book mending  
workshop**



Saturday 18 March 11am-12noon  
Learn how to do basic mending on books,  
focusing on broken spines and torn loose  
pages.  
All welcome. 12+ ages recommended.  
An Ecofest West event

