



Blockhouse Bay

Primary School

We Seek - We Strive - We Soar

9th June 2022

Dear Parents and Whānau,

Thank you everyone for having your children at home with you on Friday. The staff were able to have professional development together on this day in a number of curriculum areas which is really helpful. We have heard from a member of the community that we had the extra day because of Covid but given that we planned this training day much earlier in the year, this was clearly not the case. In fact, last week, we had only 1 child away with Covid and no staff members which is our lowest for quite some time!

A reminder that **Friday 24th June is also a holiday** (for Matariki) and school will be closed on this day.

Congratulations to our very successful Cross-Country team that represented us at the Inter-school event on Tuesday. As always, the behaviour of our children was excellent and they all gave everything they could in their race, well done to you all! We had a large number of athletes who placed highly in their races too, which was a great effort. Thank you to our team coaches Hayley Davies and Sally Kilpatrick, for preparing the team for the event which was actually planned and run by Mrs Kilpatrick as well!

Have a great week everyone

Neil Robinson
Principal



*Cross-Country
Interschool on Tuesday
was an outstanding
success!*



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INQUIRY SHOWCASE - Thursday 23rd June

Over the past few weeks, our tamariki have been inquiring into "How do people know we are a school in Aotearoa?". They are working towards an action to share with you all. We would like to invite all our whānau to a Showcase to find out what your children have been working towards. Some classes are learning waiata to perform for you, some are making manu tukutuku (kites) and one class will be performing a play.

Matariki

In conjunction with this, we will be celebrating Matariki (the Māori New Year) by planting native trees. Please note that all events will be following the Orange setting Guidelines and will need to be outside, so these will be weather dependent.

Times

Soon your child's teacher will use Hero to let you know details and times for each class.

SCHOOL CROSSING DUTY (THURSDAY MORNING)

A huge thanks to all the wonderful parents who do school crossing duty each morning. We are looking for a family member who can offer their help on a Thursday morning for several weeks. The dates are: **June 30th, July 7th & 28th, August 4th, 11th & 18th**

If you are available to help on all or some of these dates, could you please contact mandyb@blockhousebay.school.nz or phone the office on 096279940 to leave a message.

Ngā mihi nui
Mandy Barrett

SCHOOL UNIFORM

The children look great in the school uniform and we think that it is a great blend of smart, warm and hardwearing. Because we need to ensure all the rooms continue to be well ventilated to help prevent the spread of Covid, there is an increased need for everyone to wear warm clothing. The polar fleece is warm but just a couple of reminders to everyone as we head into the colder months:

- A school beanie will help children stay warm - go to www.argyleonline.co.nz to order
 - Children can wear clothing underneath their uniform but please make sure that items are **black only**
 - Remember to put your children's name on all clothing so that we can return it to them if they take things off
 - Include any kind of raincoat in your children's bag so that they can keep dry as well as warm
- Please contact the school office if you have any questions about school uniform.

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.

INTER-SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY 2022

What an awesome day our inter-school cross country group had on Tuesday! Once again a large group of over 80 children from Year 3 to Year 6 represented Blockhouse Bay at the Blockhouse Bay Reserve. Running a longer distance at quite a fast pace is always challenging and our children ran exceptionally well across the age groups. Many of our runners finished in the top ten which is a great achievement out of groups of 30-40 runners. We were lucky enough to have special activities run by the Weetbix Tryathlon group, which made the day extra fun for the children.

A big thank you to the parents that helped with walking the groups to and from the park, also helping with marshalling, and of course, supporting and cheering on our teams! Congratulations to all of the runners that competed, you should feel very proud of yourselves!

7 YEAR OLD GIRLS

3rd Place Zoe Mediratta

6th Place Naomi Tanabe

10th Place Rashi Kedia

7 YEAR OLD BOYS

7th Place Ruwwad Rushdi

8th Place Zachary Li

8 YEAR OLD GIRLS

2nd Place Danya Capps

4th Place Charlotte Kilpatrick

5th Place Caelan Capps

6th Place Natalie Huang

9th Place Hannah Mahoney

8 YEAR OLD BOYS

1st Place Callum Horsford

6th Place Otto Hart-Tyson

9 YEAR OLD GIRLS

10th = Place Arden Horsford

9 YEAR OLD BOYS

10th Place Taylor Reardon

10 YEAR OLD GIRLS

4th = Place Angeline Cheung

4th = Place Mei Mei Keith

8th Place Chloe Li

10 YEAR OLD BOYS

9th Place Leo Xu

11 YEAR OLD GIRLS

1st Place Ashira Alburo

2nd Place Bevwan Ayyash

11 YEAR OLD BOYS

1st Place Joseph Logie
(3rd Place 10 Year Boys)

5th Place Timothy Hydes

6th Place Nathaniel Mahoney



ARE YOU READY FOR THE FLU SEASON? From the Ministry of Health

As we head into the winter months, we're looking ahead to what might come next – not just from COVID-19 but the upcoming winter season and illnesses that may come with it.

With New Zealanders mostly sheltered from exposure to flu in the last two years, health experts are concerned about our lower immunity to flu. This winter there is the very real possibility of getting the flu and COVID-19 within a short space of time. This can lead to very serious illness and high mortality rates.

If you are normally someone who doesn't bother with the flu vaccine, we strongly encourage you to get your flu vaccination this year and get your whānau up to date with any other vaccinations (for example, measles, whooping cough).

[Flu \(influenza\) vaccines – Ministry of Health](#)

In 2022, flu vaccinations are free for:

- pregnant people
- people aged 65 years and over
- Māori and Pacific people aged 55 years and over
- people who have a long-term medical condition like diabetes, asthma, or a heart condition (ages 6 months+)
- children under the age of four who have been in hospital with respiratory illness such as asthma.

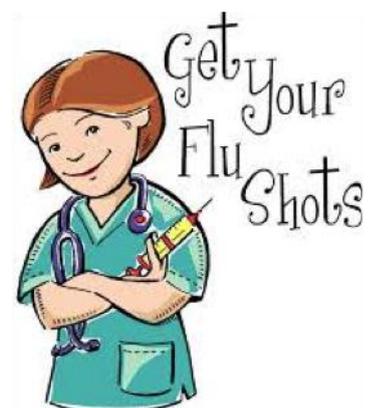
If you're not eligible for a free flu jab, and not covered by an employer-funded programme, it costs between \$25 and \$45 depending on the vaccine and provider.

There is further information about the symptoms and danger signs for flu on the Ministry of Health website.

[Flu symptoms – Ministry of Health](#)

As always, we want to keep our ākonga and kaiako as safe as possible from the harms from illness and to have as many ākonga learning on site as we can. All those good actions we already have in place to reduce the risk of harm from COVID-19 will also help to prevent seasonal illnesses including:

- staying away if unwell and seeking advice about getting tested
- regularly washing hands
- using well-ventilated spaces
- wearing masks when indoors
- cleaning and disinfecting high-touch surfaces regularly
- covering coughs and sneezes
- having a highly vaccinated community (and not just for COVID-19).





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