Calendar of Events

Thursday 18th December Non- Uniform Day

Term 4 ends tomorrow at 1.30pm

2026 Term Dates

Term One

Monday 9th Feb: Meet the Family Conferences-(Bookings now open)

Tuesday 10th February to Thursday 2nd April
Good Friday 3rd April

Term Two - Monday 20th April to Friday 3rd July
ANZAC Day 27th April
Teacher Only Day - Friday 29th May
King's Birthday - Monday 1st June

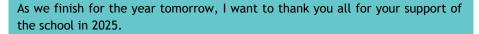
Term Three- Monday 20th July to Friday 25th Sept

Term Four - Mon 12th Oct to Fri 18th December Labour Day Monday 26th October



A Word from our Principal

Tēnā koutou katoa,



Congratulations to the Year 6 children who took part in our Blockhouse Bay School Graduation ceremony yesterday. This is always a very important and much looked forward to event and a large number of parents and whānau members were there to share this occasion. Extra congratulations to our award and trophy winners who can be very proud of these achievements.

To those of you who are leaving us for the last time tomorrow, good luck to you all. We are very much aware that for some parents, this brings to a close your connection with the school and for quite a few, this has lasted for many years. We would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for the work you have done over the years to support us to help your child and the school.

A big thank you to the FAB team for all of your work this year and to the previous and current Board of Trustees for your ongoing commitment to the children and the school.

School closes for the year at 1.30pm tomorrow, so this is the final newsletter for 2025. The school office will reopen at 9.00am on Monday 2nd February 2026.

Thank you for helping us to 'keep an eye on our place' over the holiday break. People who might cause the school harm are less likely to do so if adults are paying an interest in what they are doing. Many of you will be here in the afternoons at the school pool and we are very excited about this new opportunity.

Home Learning for whānau - please book your child's appointment time for 9th February as soon as possible if they are returning to or starting at the school next year. Bookings are open from 4.00pm today.

On behalf of the Board and Staff, I would like to wish you all Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Have a great summer break everyone!

Ngā mihi maioha, Neil Robinson - Principal



Blockhouse Bay

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR TROPHY WINNERS for 2025

Well done to all of the year 6 children who received their Graduation Certificates yesterday. The following children were also recognised for their hard work and talent at this special occasion:

- 1. John Davies (Excellence in the Arts) Maaisha Pandya
- 2. Jack Cooper (Service to the School) Vivian Han and Saina Garg
- 3. Walbran-Oakley First Class (All Rounder) Aehham Sarao
- 4. Sportsperson of the Year- Naomi Tanabe
- 5. Leadership Award -Benson McNamara and Sophia Ren
- 6. Cultural Leadership- Eve Fifita
- 7. Dux (Academic excellence) Joy Chen



Maaisha Pandya



Vivian Han



Saina Garg



Aehham Sarao



Naomi Tanabe



Benson McNamara



Sophia Ren



Eve Fifita



Joy Chen



MEET THE WHĀNAU CONFERENCES 2025

These meetings will be held on Monday 9th February 2026. This is an opportunity for you, your child and whānau to come and meet your child's teachers, get to know the classroom and share important information together before school starts. Where possible, you will also be able to meet the Manu class teacher who will be working alongside and with your child's classroom.

Although the class teacher will be the person you connect with mostly about your child's learning, the Manu class teacher next door will also be responsible for the learning of the children.

The meetings will be held from 8.30am until 7.00pm on this day. Information on how to book these meetings were posted on HERO yesterday and bookings are now open. Our advice is to make your booking for this event as soon as possible to get your preferred time.



Pōwhiri - Tuesday 10th February 2026 - 9.00am

We want to welcome all of our new whānau to the school and we invite everyone to join us for a Pōwhiri (a welcome ceremony). Parents are invited to settle their children into class and then assemble on the driveway next to the red fence.

New children will be able to join their parents. Please note that this occasion is open to everyone so that we can all welcome people who are new to the school.



MEDICATION HELD AT SCHOOL OFFICE

If you have any medications held at the school office, could you please come and collect it tomorrow, Thursday 18th December. If your child is returning in 2026 we would like to update all medical information for your child with a new form and have new unexpired medication held at school. If an action plan from the doctor is required for Asthma, please have this updated and bring to school with new medication. Any expired medications still held at school after 1:40pm on the 18th December will be thrown away.

Summer Swims at Blockhouse Bay Primary Pool: Free



Come along and swim in our school pool!

Monday to Saturday 12:00 pm to 5:00pm

Supervised by Dean Greenwood Swim School Lifeguards and sponsored by Auckland Council, the school pool will be a great place to cool off during January and the first two weekends of 22nd of February.

Pool Opening Dates

5 January - 24 January Monday to Saturday: 12 noon - 5pm 1 February - 22 February Saturday only: 12 noon - 5pm

Rules around adult to child ratios may be found here:

Swimming with children aged 5 years and under

- An adult or caregiver aged 17 years or older MUST be in the water and within arms reach of all children aged 5 years and under, at all times.
- One adult can supervise up to two children 5 years and under (must be in the water).
- One adult can supervise one child aged 5 years and under and up to three children aged between 6 and 10 years (must be in the water).

Swimming with children aged between 6 and 10 years old

- An adult or caregiver aged 17 years or older MUST be actively supervising. You must be watching the children and be ready to help them, and be near your children so you can hear them and they can hear you.
- One adult can supervise up to four children aged between 6 and 10 years.
- One adult can supervise up to three children aged between 6 and 10 years and one child aged 5 years and under (must be in the water).
- We do not consider you to be actively supervising if you are using a mobile phone.

If you aren't able to meet the minimum adult to child supervision ratio you will be denied entry to the facility.







MON-SAT 1PM - 5PM

POOL OPEN 5 - 24 JANUARY MON TO SAT 1PM - 5PM

1 - 22 FEB SAT ONLY 1PM - 5PM THE SCHOOL POOL
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DURING JANUARY AND
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Blockhouse Bay School

Holiday Programme for 5-13 year olds

19th December 2025 & 12th January - 5th February 2026

8.00am - 5.30pm

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Enquiries

Payment/WINZ

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

Location

Based in the Auditorium 8.00am - 5.30pm

8.00am - 3.00pm see over 3.00pm - 4.30pm \$10.00 3.00pm - 5.30pm \$14.00

How to book

EIGH TO DOOK
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

Bookings

- attendance however, pr spaces available Drop off and pick up outside of booked hours will

December 2025 - Blockhouse Bay Programme

Please bring a hat, drink bottle and lunch with you every day! We wish you a safe and Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year!

Crazy Carnival

Friday 30th Jan Summer Splash

January 2026

2026!

Ready to Ride

ONSITE \$40.00

Messy Monday

Pasta & Potting

Bubble Soccer Water Wipcout

Mad Hatter's

Tuesday 3rd Feb Picnic in the Park

Master Chef

Waitangi Day

No programme available

Book online now!

enrolmy.com/bizzy-bodz or call us on: 09 530 9020 or 021 835 627



