



Term Four Calendar of Events

Week 11

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

Thursday 18th December
Term 4 ends at 1.30pm

2026 Term Dates

Term One

Monday 9th Feb: Meet the Family Conferences-
(Bookings out soon)

Tues 10th February to Thurs 2nd April

Good Friday 3rd April

Term Two - Mon 20th April to Fri 3rd July

ANZAC Day 27th April

Teacher Only Day - Friday 29th May

King's Birthday - Monday 1st June

Term Three- Mon 20th July to Fri 25th Sept

Term Four - Mon 12th Oct to Fri 18th December

Labour Day Monday 26th October

A Word from our Principal



Tēnā koutou e te whānau,

One more action packed week of school to go. At Blockhouse Bay School we try to teach the children to be 'Changemakers', one of our Learner Profile attributes. Every term some children get the chance to be changemakers in our local community through the planting programme in Gittos Domain, the reserve next to our school. Today some children along with Whaea Claire and parent volunteers got their gardening gloves out to do some weeding. Everyone was so excited to see how much the plants have grown.

Lots of celebrations are taking place in Manu groups at the moment as the children prepare to finish the year. Next week we farewell our Year 6 children at Graduation. This is always a very moving time as we celebrate every child and send them off ready to soar at the next stage of learning. For some whānau it will be the last event at Blockhouse Bay. We want to thank you for the contributions you have made to our school and wish you well.

Finally next week some important information is shared, including:

- 2026 Stationery requirements
- Meet the Whānau Bookings
- 2026 Class Placements
- 2025 Reports

Ngā mihi maioha,

Neil Robinson,

Principal

Deputy Principal-SENCo Role in 2026

Last week we announced that Annette Bradley, our Deputy Principal- SENCo will be leaving Blockhouse Bay School at the end of this year to take up a position at Oaklynn School. Annette will be at Blockhouse Bay for the first week of school as she will be supporting students at our Year 6 camp. In her place, we are pleased to let you know that Emma Best will be Acting Deputy Principal- SENCo for Terms 1 and 2 of 2026.

Emma is currently a Year 5/6 teacher, and member of our Senior Leadership Team. Emma is an experienced leader, having previously held leadership positions including SENCo and Deputy Principal at other schools. She acted as Associate Principal here at Blockhouse Bay in Term 2, 2025 when Neil Robinson was away on sabbatical. Emma is looking forward to meeting more of our school community and we know she will do a great job.



School Reports – Live on Hero from Monday afternoon

You will be able to view, download, and share your child’s latest school report directly through Hero. More information will be shared on Monday when the reports go live.

What is happening for End of Year Reports?	- Children will receive reports based on the new New Zealand English and Maths curriculum released in 2024. - New pathways in Reading, Writing and Number have been written to match the 2024 New Zealand curriculum. You can see these here on our website and on Hero. - The new Curriculum have some higher expectations for achievement as well as a larger amount of content at each Year level. - This means your child’s achievement against the new curriculum is likely to be lower compared to their previous curriculum achievement as the curriculum is harder
What will End of Year Reports look like?	At the end of this term on Hero you will see: - New achievement and goals for the new curriculum pathways in Reading, Writing and Maths- Number - A Progress Summary statement for your - child from their class teacher - A summary of your child’s attendance - No graphs - A statement about your child’s progress against the 2025 Reading, Writing and Mathematics curriculum - Statements will say if your child is working: - Beyond the curriculum expectations - Within the curriculum expectations - Working towards curriculum expectations - Working towards curriculum expectations with support
What is different on Hero?	- Teachers have identified goals children have achieved on the new pathways (highlighted green on Hero) - Teachers have allocated goals for children to focus on learning next (highlighted light yellow on Hero) - When you look at your child’s new goals, you may notice gaps where newer content has not been taught yet - Due to more changes in the curriculum released this term, your child’s achievement may be adjusted again next year - Your child’s old pathways and graphs (NZ 2007 Curriculum) may now be viewed on the “Historic goals and graphs” page. - Old Reading, Writing, Number and Mathematical Behaviour pathways have not been updated this term - Old graphs which match the old curriculum will not be updated this term or in the future
Why are these changes happening?	- Until this year our school has taught the 2007 New Zealand National Curriculum - At the end of 2024, New Zealand schools were given a new English and Maths NZ curriculum to start teaching in 2025 - We have been teaching this throughout 2025 - In October 2025, we were given an updated version of the curriculum (that was quite different) This updated version is similar to the 2024 curriculum but also has many changes to the one we have been teaching this year - We will use the updated version from the start of 2026
What will happen in 2026?	- Our school pathways will be updated to include the new content for Reading, Writing and Mathematics - New assessment and reporting to parent requirements will be released by the Ministry of Education - The format for reports is likely to change - Teachers will learn about the Science, Social Science and Health & PE curriculum which are to be implemented in 2027
What can you do if you still have questions?	- Speak to your child’s teacher if you have questions about the end of year report - Email elizabethc@blockhousebay.school.nz or annetteb@blockhousebay.school.nz if you have more questions - The Ministry of Education has developed a Parent Portal to help answer questions about the curriculum changes- click here to visit the Parent Portal

2026 School Organisation

Next year our school will be organised into three teams of classes: Kauri: Year 5 and 6, Tōtara: Year 3 and 4 and Kōwhai Year 1 and 2. Some staff are moving levels and/or classrooms but we are delighted that nearly all of our talented and very experienced staff will be returning to teach in 2026. As we are expecting construction to start on the slip area below the field in the new year we will not be using Te Taiao 1 or 2 in Terms 1 & 2. Here are the details:

Principal			Main Office	Neil Robinson
Associate Principal				Elizabeth Crisp
Acting Deputy Principal SENCo Kauri Team Leader			Support Office	Emma Best
Lead Teacher: Specialist Teachers Attendance Technology			Tōtara Office	Claire Schultz
Lead Teacher: ESOL			Te Whare Ako	Jane Warne
Team	Manu Group (class)		Learning Space	Teacher/s
Kauri Year 5 - 6 		Toroa A	 Te Tūmatanua 2	Hayley Davies
		Toroa B		Amanda Whittome & Bronwyn Woodward (Fri fortnightly)
		Ruru A	 Te Tūmatanua 1	Deanne Ellis
		Ruru B		Melissa Murray
		Kārearea A	 Manukau 1	Nicky Swan & Bronwyn Woodward (Thurs)
		Kārearea B		Simran Joseph
Tōtara Year 3 - 4 		Takahē A	 Te Tuwai 2 ½ & 5	Angie Cannon (Team Leader) & Krystal Arnold (Wed & Fri)
		Takahē B		Nida Irfani
		Kōtare A	 Te Tuwai 3 ½ & 4	Breanne Mackinnon
		Kōtare B		Sarah Te Whearo & Gemma Humphreys (Wed)
		Huia A	 Te Tuwai 3 ½ & 6	Sonika Sharma
		Huia B		Shelly Brown
Kōwhai Year 0 - 2 		Kākāriki A	 Te Hapori 2	Melinda Narayan (Team Leader) & Megan Le Gallais (Wed)
		Kākāriki B		Sally Kilpatrick & Megan Le Gallais (Thurs)
		Weka A	 Te Tuwai 1 & 2	Suzy Lee
		Weka B		Kelcey Roberts
		Pūkeko	 Te Taiao 3	Rachel Ravoori
		Kererū	 Te Hapori 1	Mina Lala
				Hena Farooq & Denise Lawson (Thurs/Fri)
Other Teachers	Claire Schultz Specialist Lead Teacher			
	Vivienne Aherne Te Manawa Lead Teacher, Release Teacher			
	Gemma Humphreys Release Teacher			
	Denise Lawson Release Teacher			
	Tracey Waller Specialist Teacher in Manukau 2			

Class Placement

On Monday you will be able to see your child's 2026 class placement on Hero and children will bring home a notice as well. The children will also meet their new classmates, teachers and visit the new Learning spaces.

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.



Swimming consent notice

Some families need to return this.
[Click on the link](#) to fill out the form.

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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

bizzybod.co.nz

WINZ | MSD Accredited

Enquiries

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

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

Prices

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

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

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)

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!

Friday 19th Dec Xmas Party

Get into the festive spirit with a jolly day of Christmas fun! Wear your favourite Christmas garb and join us for a day full of music, laughter, creativity, and holiday cheer!

ONSITE \$42.00

January 2026

Monday 12th Jan 2026!

Have fun, new ideas and non-stop holiday fun! We're celebrating the start of 2026 with exciting games, creative crafts, and plenty of laughs.

ONSITE \$40.00

Tuesday 13th Jan Ready to Ride

Bring your bike, scooter or skateboard, and ride on into our games and challenges. NO HELMET = NO WHEELS! Safety first so we can enjoy the ride all day long!

ONSITE \$40.00

Wednesday 14th Jan Circability

Roll up, roll up... today we welcome the juggling, hula hooping, juggling, hula hooping, juggling, hula hooping... test your circus skills or learn some new ones. It's sure to be great fun!

ONSITE TRIP \$48.00

Thursday 15th Jan Marvelous Mosaics

Let's get crafty! Today we will make a mosaic picture frame using eggshells and a colorful mosaic you get to take home.

ONSITE \$42.00

Friday 16th Jan Water Wars

Bring your toys, towel and water gun! Can you win the water war? Enjoy an ice block to cool off afterwards.

ONSITE \$40.00

Monday 19th Jan Messy Monday

Come along for some messy fun with slime, paint and hilarious games. Make sure you wear clothes that can handle a little chaos.

ONSITE \$42.00

Tuesday 20th Jan Bubble Soccer

Kick Bubble Soccer are coming for an epic on-site trip. One and a half hours of bubble soccer fun! Get ready to be knocked around and laugh a lot!

ONSITE TRIP \$48.00

Wednesday 21st Jan Water Wipeout

Today is a total water wipeout with plenty of water games and activities to keep you cool! Bring your toys, a towel and water socks if you have them.

ONSITE \$40.00

Thursday 22nd Jan Butterfly Creek

You are invited to take a trip to Butterfly Creek! A one-of-a-kind, butterfly sanctuary, a bunch of cool games and playgrounds. Please arrive by 9:00am.

TRIP \$55.00

Friday 23rd Jan Crazy Carnival

Step right up for a day packed with classic games and challenges. Don't miss the music, laughter, and fun. It's going to be a blast!

ONSITE \$48.00

Monday 26th Jan Auckland Anniversary Day

No programme available

Tuesday 27th Jan Mad Hatter's

Tumble down the rabbit hole for a day of bunny-funny fun. Wear your silliest hat and join us for creative crafts, mad games, and a not so ordinary tea party.

ONSITE \$40.00

Wednesday 28th Jan Movies

Get ready for a fun-filled trip to Event Cinemas in St Lukes St back, relax and enjoy The Grand Prix of Europe. A small popcorn and fully long will be provided.

TRIP \$50.00

Thursday 29th Jan Master Chef

Today we will be getting into teams and following a provided recipe to create a delicious dish. Who will come out as Bizzy Bodz Master Chef?

ONSITE \$45.00

Friday 30th Jan Summer Splash

Bring your toys, towel and a big smile. It's time for some serious fun. From water balloons to games, this day is packed with activities you won't want to miss.

ONSITE \$40.00

Monday 2nd Feb Pasta & Potting

Bon Appetit! Learn how to make and pot pasta from scratch. Enjoy it with a pasta sauce. Plant some herbs that you get to take home!

ONSITE \$42.00

Tuesday 3rd Feb Picnic in the Park

We are walking down to Blackhouse Bay Reserve today. We will have a picnic and a sandcastle competition. Don't forget your hat!

TRIP \$48.00

Wednesday 4th Feb Market Day

Work as a team to create a fun new product to sell at our Bizzy Bodz Market later in the afternoon. Get ready to barter with your customers!

ONSITE \$40.00

Thursday 5th Feb Summer Party

It's summer and we're having a party! Glow sticks, just dance, party games and an ice block to finish off the day.

ONSITE \$40.00

Friday 6th Feb Waitangi Day

No programme available

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

