#### **Term Four Calendar of Events**

Week 11

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

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December Term 4 ends at 1.30pm

2026 Term Dates

Term One

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> 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 29<sup>th</sup> May

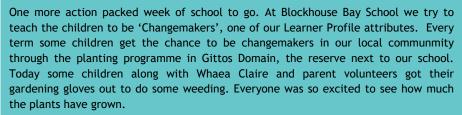
King's Birthday - Monday 1st June

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,



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 Whanau Bookings
- 2025 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.  |  |  |  |
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| What is<br>happening<br>for End of<br>Year<br>Reports? | <ul> <li>Children will receive reports based on the new New Zealand English and Maths curriculum released in 2024.</li> <li>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.</li> <li>The new Curriculum have some higher expectations for achievement as well as a larger amount of content at each Year level.</li> <li>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</li> </ul>  |  |  |  |
| What will<br>End of Year<br>Reports<br>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 with support  |  |  |  |
| What is<br>different on<br>Hero?                       | <ul> <li>Teachers have identified goals children have achieved on the new pathways (highlighted green on Hero)</li> <li>Teachers have allocated goals for children to focus on learning next (highlighted light yellow on Hero)</li> <li>When you look at your child's new goals, you may notice gaps where newer content has not been taught yet</li> <li>Due to more changes in the curriculum released this term, your child's achievement may be adjusted again next year</li> <li>Your child's old pathways and graphs (NZ 2007 Curriculum) may now be viewed on the "Historic goals and graphs" page.</li> <li>Old Reading, Writing, Number and Mathematical Behaviour pathways have not been updated this term</li> <li>Old graphs which match the old curriculum will not be updated this term or in the future</li> </ul> |  |  |  |
| Why are<br>these<br>changes<br>happening?              | We have been teaching this throughout 2025     In October 2025, we were given an updated version of the curriculum (that was quite different)  |  |  |  |
| What will<br>happen in                                 | <ul> <li>Our school pathways will be updated to include the new content for Reading, Writing and Mathematics</li> <li>New assessment and reporting to parent requirements will be released by the Ministry of Education</li> <li>The format for reports is likely to change</li> </ul>   |  |  |  |

- 2026?
- 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 <u>elizabethc@blockhousebay.school.nz</u> or <u>annetteb@blockhousebay.school.nz</u> 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<br>Kauri Team Leader         |   |                   | Support Office       | Emma Best   |  |  |
| Lead Teacher: Specialist Teachers<br>Attendance   Technology |   |                   | Tötara Office        | Claire Schultz  |  |  |
| Lead Teacher: ESOL   |   |                   | <u>Te</u> Whare Ako  | Jane Warne  |  |  |
| Team Manu Group (class)                                      |   | Learning<br>Space | Teacher/s            |   |  |  |
| Kauri<br>Year 5 - 6  | 8   | Toroa A           | Je limatanga.2       | Hayley Davies   |  |  |
|  |   | Toroa B           |                      | Amanda Whittome 8 Bronwyn Woodward (Fri fortnightly)                            |  |  |
|  |   | Ruru A            | Je Jimalanga 1       | Deanne Ellis  |  |  |
|  |   | Ruru B            |                      | Melissa Murray  |  |  |
|  |   | Kārearea A        | Manukau 1            | Nicky Swan <u>8 Bronwyn</u> Woodward (Thurs)                                    |  |  |
|  |   | Kårearea B        |                      | Simran Joseph   |  |  |
| Totara<br>Year 3 - 4   | 10  | Takahē A          | Te Jumi 2 14 8 5     | Angie Cannon (Team Leader) & Krystal Arnold (Wed 6 Fri)                         |  |  |
|  |   | Takahê B          |                      | Nida <u>Irfani</u>  |  |  |
|  |   | Kötare A          | Je June 3 h. 84      | Breanne Mackinnon   |  |  |
|  |   | Kötare B          |                      | Sarah <u>Te Wheoro</u> 8 Gemma Humphreys (Wed)                                  |  |  |
|  | T   | Huia A            | In Illiam 3 We 6     | Sonika Sharma   |  |  |
|  |   | Huia B            |                      | Shelly Brown  |  |  |
| Köwhai<br>Year 0 - 2   |   | Kākāriki A        | Te Haposi 2          | Melinda Narayan (Team <u>Leader)</u> <u>&amp; Megan</u> Le <u>Gallais Wed</u> ) |  |  |
|  |   | Kākāriki B        |                      | Sally Kilpatrick & Megan Le <u>Gallais</u> (Thurs)                              |  |  |
|  |   | Weka A            | Te Lucina, 1 8 1/4 2 | Suzy Lee  |  |  |
|  |   | Weka B            |                      | Kelcey Roberts  |  |  |
| ***  | *   | Pükeko            | In Taico 3           | Rachel Ravoori  |  |  |
|  |   | Kererū            |                      | Mina Lala   |  |  |
|  |   |                   | Te Hopori 1          | Hena Farooq & Denise Lawson (Thurs/Fri  |  |  |
|  |   |                   |                      |   |  |  |
| Other<br>Teachers  |   |                   |                      |   |  |  |
|  |   |                   |                      |   |  |  |
|  | Denise <u>Lawson</u> Release Teacher          |                   |                      |   |  |  |
|  | Tracey Waller Specialist Teacher in Manukau 2 |                   |                      |   |  |  |
|  |   |                   |                      |   |  |  |

# 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

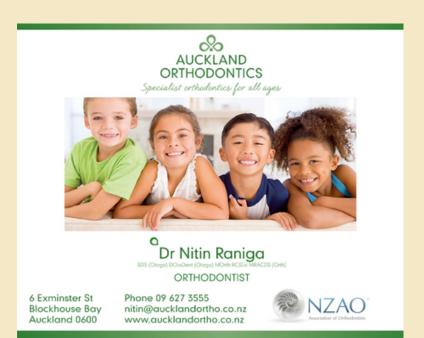
- An adult or caregiver aged 17 years or older MUST be actively supervising. You must be watching the children and be ready to help them, and be near your children so you can hear them and they can hear you.
- One adult can supervise up to four children aged between 6 and 10 years.
- One adult can supervise 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.







## **Bookings**

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

# Please bring a hat, drink bottle and lunch with you every day! We wish you a safe and Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year! January 2026 Ready to Ride Friday 23rd Jan Crazy Carnival Friday 30th Jan Summer Splash Mad Hatter's Master Chef **ONSITE \$45.00** Tuesday 3rd Feb Picnic in the Perk Pasta & Pottina Waitangi Day

December 2025 - Blockhouse Bay Programme

#### **Book online now!**

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

