Thursday 26th February 2026

Blockhouse Bay Primary School
We Seek We Strive - We Soar

Term Highlights

Week 3
21 Day Challenge: pick up plastic (more information below)
Saturday 28th February - School pool open 12-5pm (final day of community swiming)

Week 4
Tuesday 3rd March : Tōtara Assembly 2:15pm

Week 5
Monday 9th March: Kōwhai Assembly 2:15pm

Week 6
Tuesday 17th March : Tōtara Assembly 2:15pm
Friday 20th March: Kauri Assembly 2:15pm

Week 7
Monday 23rd March: Kōwhai Assembly 2:15pm
Monday 23rd March:FAB Ice block sale 3pm - 3.20pm
Tuesday 24th March: Board of Trustees Meeting 6.15pm
Friday 27th March : FAB School disco (more details out soon)

Week 8
Thursday 2nd April - Tōtara Beach clean up and picnic

Term 1 ends on
Thursday 2nd April at 3:00pm

A Word from our Principal

Dear Parents and Whānau,

I hope you have enjoyed the start of the new school year as much as the staff and children. It has been great to see the positive way that the children have settled into their learning and play and we certainly do appreciate parents supporting us by having their children at school, on time, well rested and ready to learn.

In the term highlights, you can see the dates of the team assemblies that will happen this term and we invite all whānau members to come and share these occasions with the children. Pre-schoolers are very welcome to attend these occasions, but we do ask that parents take them out of the auditorium if they become restless, so that we can all hear what the children are saying. Please note that we will stick to the start times so it is helpful if family members can arrive in time for the beginning of the assemblies. Please come to the assemblies through the Library gate (Blockhouse Bay Public Library Carpark).

Good luck to our Year 5 & 6 Cricket teams who will represent us in our first inter school event next week.

It has been awesome to see the Year 3-6 children in the pool over the last three weeks and they are making so much progress. Please help your child to take part by having their togs and towel at school on their swimming days.

Lastly, thank you to our newsletter sponsors who support us by contributing to the school's expenses in this way. We ask that you please consider having these people quote for their services as a thank you for their support of the school.

Have a great week everyone.
Ngā mihi maioha, (thank you with appreciation)
Neil Robinson
Principal

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UPDATE INFORMATION

Updated information for every family

1. All Parents: Click here to fill out this form.
Last week, we asked parents to fill in this form which allows their children to be part of some learning activities that happen outside of school and are an extension of the usual classroom experiences.
We also asked parents of Year 5 and 6 students to provide permission in advance in case their child was chosen to represent the school in Interschool sports.
All parents: Please Click above to fill out the form. Year 5 and 6 Parents complete Section 2 of the above form for Interschool sport permission.

2. Updating your child's contact information
Last week too, we sent home a paper copy of every family's contact information. We would like parents to check that we have this correct and send it back to school, even if no changes have been made.
Please contact the school office if you have any questions about this.

SPEAKING AND LISTENING

We are a Speaking and Listening Kura
For several reasons, we have decided to enhance Oral Language across the school and have adopted the phrase 'We are a speaking and listening kura/school'. As part of this, we are teaching and supporting students to be active listeners and to reply in full sentences when people speak to them. Recently, we have been learning about how to greet people respectfully. You might like to encourage this at home to help your child develop their confidence when greeted by others. This learning will benefit all children, particularly those who have English as a second language which includes many of our students.

SCHOOL SUNHATS

It is great to see almost all of our students are wearing their school sunhat. There are just a few students who still need one. Hats are available from w**ww.argyleonline.co.nz** and must be worn in Terms One and Four. Please make sure that your child's hat has their name on it. Thank you.

New Classroom Numbering

Parent feedback has told us that it can be difficult for some people to navigate their way around the school and so we have added a class numbering system. We have retained the names of each block (e.g. Manukau, Te Timatanga, Te Taiao) but now class numbers will hopefully provide more guidance for everyone. Please click on this School Map to find the number of your child's class.

Ramadan has started

Ramadan is a special month for Muslims all around the world. It is a time for inner reflection, contemplation, discipline, giving charity and doing good deeds as a means of getting closer to God. Youth and adults who are healthy, will not eat or drink anything from dawn to dusk for 30 days as a means of attaining closeness to Allah. Fasting in the month of Ramadan is also a way of experiencing hunger and developing sympathy for those who are less fortunate and a means of showing gratefulness for all of God's bounties. If your child is fasting, please let their teacher know so that they are aware of this.
We would like to share the spirit of Ramadan with all of you and hope that this Ramadan brings happiness and blessings into your lives.

Ramadan Mubarak
koutou!

Attendance

There are strong links with a student's performance at school and their attendance. Our aim is for children to come to school 90% of the time. That is no more than 4 absences in term one.

Our school goal is to have at least 75% of our students attending regularly (90% or more).

The Ministry of Education have asked us to let everyone know that holidays during time time are classified as unjustified absences.

If your child is away for any reason, please let us know via the Hero app or call the office.

Waitamata Table Tennis

We at Waitemata table tennis are wanting more girls of all ages to come and try table tennis
We are holding an event on the 8th of March 2026 from 9.30am to 12.30pm. There will be plenty of prizes , gifts and free coaching
Waitemata Table Tennis is located at 72A Seymour Road Sunnyvale (Inside Parrs Park)
Girls are encouraged to come along and have a go at this popular sport by just turning up on the day. This link provides more information for this nation-wide event:
https://tabletennis.org.nz/tournaments/national-tournament-calendar/women-and-girls-have-go

21 Day Plastic Challenge – Making a Difference Together

What a fantastic start to our 21 Day Plastic Challenge! Our goal is simple but powerful – to stop plastic from reaching our oceans and harming our precious marine life. By taking small daily actions, we are showing what it truly means to be kaitiaki of our environment.
We are incredibly proud to share that, together, our school community has already collected over 498 pieces of plastic. That's 498 pieces that won't end up in our waterways or the moana. Ka rawe!
This challenge is a wonderful reminder that when we work together, even small actions create big impact. Thank you to our tamariki and whānau for your enthusiasm and commitment to caring for our planet.

2026 Term Dates

Term One - Monday 9th February to Thursday 2nd April
Term Two - Monday 20th April to Friday 3rd July
Term Three - Monday 20th July to Friday 25th September
Term Four- Monday 12th October to Friday 18th December

Holi is the most significant and spirited milestones in the Hindu year. With the festivities set to commence next week, the air is already filling with a sense of joyous anticipation for this ancient tradition that has unified communities for centuries. Holi is a popular ancient Hindu festival, also known as the Festival of Love, the Festival of Colours, or the Festival of Spring and celebrates the triumph of good over evil.It is a season to celebrate the light that overcomes darkness and the resilience of the human spirit. Wishing a wonderfully bright, safe, and Happy Holi to everyone!

Food Orders at School

These are organised by the Fundraisers at Blockhouse Bay (FAB) Team and are a great way to keep the income for this group coming in as they receive a small amount of money for each order.
Ordering can be completed through Kindo so please ask the office if you are unsure of how to do this.

The following dates outline what can be ordered and when:

- Wednesday 4th March - Xi'an Food Bar - orders close Tues 3rd March 12pm
- Wednesday 11th March - Mai Sushi - orders close Tues 10th March 12pm
- Wednesday 18th March - Pita Pit - orders close Wed 18th March 9am
- Wednesday 25th March - Xi'an Food Bar - orders close Tues 24th 12pm
- Wednedsday April 1st - Mai Sushi- orders close Tues 31st March 12pm
- We will send out a reminder each Monday. If you have Kindo these are all availble to pre order now for the term.
- Don't have the Kindo app, download now - Apple or Android

Team Up to Clean Up Event in Blockhouse Bay

The Earth Action Trust, warmly invites you to our Team Up to Clean Up event on Sunday, March 8th, from 1 PM to 3 PM starting from Blockhouse Bay Library.

This event isn't just about cleaning our streets – it's an opportunity for us to unite, build connections, and make a lasting difference. It's a family-friendly activity, welcoming individuals of all ages and backgrounds to join in.

Earth Action Trust has successfully run the Team Up to Clean Up program for four years, and it continues to grow thanks to community support. Thank you for considering this opportunity to make a meaningful impact.

Best Regards,
Dilini Yapa | Programme Coordinator | EARTH ACTION TRUST
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Musichub

This company has been taking top quality music lessons for children at our school for a long time and we are very lucky to have them as part of our school. I know that many of the children who received these lessons are still playing years later and in a range of different ways.

Musichub teacher Gus runs afternoon sessions in the afternoons at school and parents pay Musichub for these.

Today, Gus ran a have a go session and children might be coming home with contact information for families who want to find out more about these classes. Please contact Musichub if you would like more information.

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