



## Term Two Calendar of Events 2025

### Week 4

23rd May Friday- School Cross Country TOMORROW

### Week 5

26th May Monday- **Postponement day for the School Cross Country**  
30th May Friday - Teacher Only Day (School Closed for the day)

### Week 6

2nd June Monday - Kings Birthday (School Closed for the day)  
3rd June Tuesday-  
Stepping out: Kereru A , Pukeko (Tangaroa), Kōtare A&B Year 2s  
4th June Wednesday - Inter School Cross Country for selected students  
5th June Thursday- Stepping Out: Pukeko B (Tane Mahuta), Kakariki A, Kereru B

### Week 7

9th June Monday- Rimu Assembly 2:15pm -2:45pm  
12th June Thursday- Stepping Out (Kakariki A, Kotare A&B (Year 2s), Weka)  
13th June Friday- Stepping Out (Kākāriki A+B, Weka)  
13th June Friday- Kauri Assembly 2:15pm -2:45pm

### Week 8

18th June Wednesday -Winter Field Day- Year 5/6 selected students  
19th June Thursday- Matariki Celebrations at School 9:15-10:15am  
20th June Friday- Matariki Day (School Closed for the day)

### Week 9

23rd June Monday - Rimu Assembly- 2:15pm -3pm  
23rd June Monday - Stepping Out ( Pūkeko, Kākāriki B, Weka)  
24th June Tuesday - Stepping Out ( Kereru B, Pukeko B)  
27th June Friday - Stepping Out (Pukeko B)  
27th June Friday- Kauri Assembly 2:15pm -2:45pm

**Friday 27th June - Term 2 ends at 3.00pm**

## A Word from our Principal



Tēnā koutou e te whānau,

It was great to see the children dressed up in pink or colourful clothing last Friday as we took some time to reinforce the importance of being kind and respectful to others. As part of this focus, we encourage the children to be an 'Everyday Upstander' where they learn to support others to learn to be respectful to each other.

A reminder to everyone that the School Cross Country happens tomorrow, so please make sure you have read the Hero post about this, which talks about what colour t-shirt we would like your child to wear and what time their race is. Next Thursday is the much anticipated, first disco of the year. Please look out for more information on Hero about these exciting events and how you might be able to help.

A reminder too that school will be closed on Friday 30th May (next week) for teacher only day and Monday 2nd June for Kings Birthday Weekend. We choose this Friday for the staff only day to give families the opportunity to take a longer than usual break together if they can.

Ngā mihi maioha, (Thank you with appreciation)

Neil Robinson

Principal

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# Evacuation and Lockdown Drills

Each term we practise our Evacuation and Lockdown procedures to make sure that everyone knows what to do if we have an emergency.

If we ever had a real reason to have an evacuation or lockdown, we would communicate with you through Hero and via school's Facebook page about what was happening and how you could support us with the steps we would need to take. When this happens we ask parents not to contact the school over the phone as staff members will be busy dealing with the situation and keeping everyone safe.

You might want to discuss what we do at school with your child and could expand this to talking about what you might do in an emergency at your house if you think it is appropriate for their age



## Attendance Matters

We want to help every child come to school every day. Our goal is for children to be at school at least **90%** of the time. This means they can only be away 5 days or less each term.

**Good news: 75% of our students are reaching this goal!**

If you are planning an overseas trip, please try to go during school holidays



We also want to help children come to school on time. Last term, **42%** of students were late at least once which is disruptive to the learning of everyone.

**Please help your child come to school by 8:30am.** This gives them time to get ready for their day.



## Teacher Only Day - Friday 30th May 2025

On Friday 30th May Blockhouse Bay Primary School is closed for all children as this is a Teacher Only Day. Our staff will be taking part in Professional Learning and Development on the new Mathematics Curriculum on this day, so we ask you please make other arrangements for your children. Feel free to contact Bizzy Bodz if you are considering having your child be looked after by their staff on this day.



## King's Birthday Holiday - Monday 2nd June

Monday 2nd of June is a public holiday and school will be closed to recognise King's Birthday Weekend.



## Food Orders

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:

### **Mai Sushi - ordering closes 12pm the day before**

Wed 28th May (next week)

Thurs 19th June



### **Pita Pit - ordering closes 9am on the day**

Thurs 12th June



### **Xi'an Food Bar - ordering closes 12pm the day before**

Thurs 5th June

Thurs 26th June



# COMMUNITY Update

**BHB Countdown** - I think we were all sorry to hear that the BHB Countdown is scheduled to close in September. We do hope that all of the staff are able to secure employment elsewhere.

This organisation has always been very supportive of the school and has been very willing to help with our fundraising efforts. On everyone's mind too will be what will happen if our whānau cannot use the car park before, after and during the school day. There are several possibilities for who might take over when Countdown leaves and we can only hope that whoever it is, they will continue to allow us to use this access and parking space. We will keep you updated if we learn anything else about the future of this carparking area.

**Blockhouse Bay Library** - The latest information we have is that they will open towards the end of June and I know many people will be looking forward to that.

**BHB Mercy Hospice**- anyone who has had contact with this organisation will know about the superb job they do to support Aucklanders with life-limiting illnesses and providing essential support for their whānau. We know that some people like to donate their Blockhouse Bay School uniforms to the shop when they are no longer needed so feel free to stop in and browse if you wish to purchase these or any other items.





## Whole School Cross Country 2025 Information

### Cross Country Tomorrow

As part of the School Cross Country Event, your child/children will be walking to and from Blockhouse Bay Recreational Reserve which is off of Exminster Street.

We would like to invite you to come to encourage and support our tamariki during their races.

Thank you to everyone who has volunteered to walk with the children to and from the venue. Please meet outside your child's class at:

8-11 Year olds - 9.00am

5-7 Year Olds - 10.15am (please enter the school through the Gill Crescent Gate)

Please note that all races are approximate and may start earlier or later. Each race will take around 10 minutes.

### What do the children need?

- Children come to school wearing their age group coloured t-shirt (see below for schedule and colour)
- Appropriate running shorts (any colour)
- Appropriate running shoes - NO BARE FEET
- School jumper
- Raincoat
- HAT - because it looks like it will be sunny
- Normal packed lunch and water bottle (water only). Please only send food that they are allowed to bring to school e.g. no lollies, chocolate or anything with nuts in

The weather is looking great for this event and we look forward to seeing you tomorrow if you are able to attend.

## RACE SCHEDULE AND AGE GROUP T-SHIRT COLOURS

Order of Races	Age Group	Gender	Laps to Run	Colour Shirt
Race 1 START 9.45 AM	10-Year-Olds &11- Year-Olds	Girls	3 Laps	10 Year-olds White 11-Year-olds BLACK
Race 2	10-Year-Olds &11- Year-Olds	Boys	3 Laps	10 Year-olds White 11- Year-olds BLACK
Race 3	9-Year-Olds	Girls	2 Laps	Red
Race 4	9-Year-Olds	Boys	2 Laps	Red
Race 5	8-Year-Olds	Girls	2 Laps	Green
Race 6	8-Year-Olds	Boys	2 Laps	Green
Race 7	7-Year-Olds	Girls	2 Laps	Blue
Race 8	7-Year-Olds	Boys	2 Laps	Blue
Race 9	6-Year-Olds	Girls	1 Lap	Green
Race 10	6-Year-Olds	Boys	1 Lap	Green
Race 11	5-Year-Olds	Girls	1 Lap	White
Race 12	5-Year-Olds	Boys	1 Lap	White

## Jammies for June

Join Dame Valerie Adam's  
Jammie Army!



We are teaming up with Middlemore Foundation to warm up winter for 20,000 kids. Too many children are being admitted to Kidz First Hospital with respiratory illnesses because they live in cold damp houses. Let's put an end to this.

Jammies will be given to children at Kidz First and the 76 primary schools the Foundation support through the Mana Kidz School Health programme. The Hospital and School Nurses are bracing for a tough, busy winter and knowing we can give a child in their care warm pyjamas will make such a difference.

If you would like to donate a pair of new pyjamas, please put them in the box in the office. Thanks for your support.

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# DISCO



**THURSDAY 29TH**  
**\$5 AT THE DOOR**  
YEAR 0-3 5-6PM  
YEAR 4-6 6:30-8PM

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