



Term Three Calendar of Events

Week 6

25th August Monday - Math-a-thon Launch!
22nd Aug Friday -Kauri Assembly - 2.15pm

Week 7

25th August Monday - Rimu Assembly - 2.15pm

Week 9

8th September Monday- Rimu Assembly - 2.15pm
10th September Wednesday - Voting closes for Board of Trustees Elections
12th September Friday -Kauri Assembly - 2.15pm

Week 10

16th September Tuesday - Board Elections results confirmed
17th September Wednesday - Inquiry Community Event 2-3pm (more details to be provided closer to the time but parents might want to pencil this time in to make sure they are available)

19th September Friday - Term 3 ends at 3.00pm

2025 Term Dates

A reminder about the dates this year so that parents can organise holidays, during the term breaks.

- Term Four - Mon 6th October - Thurs 18th Dec
 - Monday 27th October - Labour Day (No school this day)
 - Friday 21st November - Teacher Only Day (No school this day)

A Word from our Principal



Mālō e lelei,

This week we celebrated Tongan Language Week and had some fun activities for the children to do as part of this focus.

Thank you to everyone who has registered their child for the Mathathon and are helping them to collect their sponsors. This process has proved to be a great motivator for the children to learn their facts as well as being a conversation starter for families in the home. If you need any help or have any questions about the Mathathon, please talk to your child’s teacher or the school office.

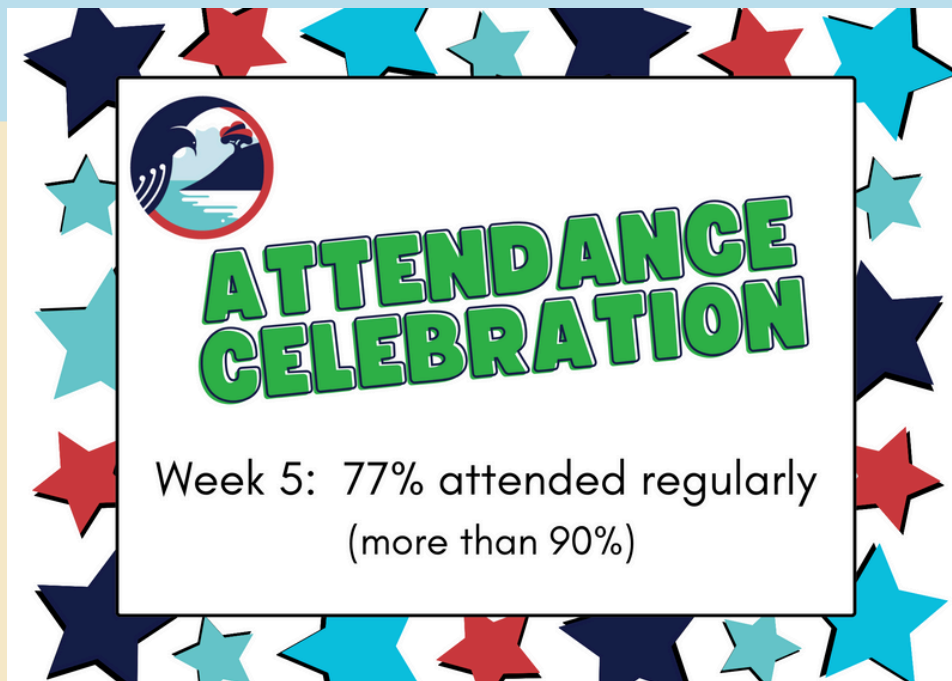
A reminder to everyone that we are a water-only school (no fizzy drinks, milk or juice) and the children are not allowed to bring chocolate, lollies, chewing gum or any foods with nuts in.

We have 9 wonderful candidates for our Board of Trustees elections and we thank them all for putting their names forward. We now ask our parents to read through the information about each candidate and to make sure they have voted before it closes on Wednesday 10th September.

Lastly, watch out for information about our Movie Night which will be taking place on the evening of Friday 5th September. This is always a popular event where whole families come to Te Whau to eat popcorn and enjoy a movie together. Unfortunately, due to the need to pay for a license to show this movie, we needed to increase the entry fee.

Places are limited so parents might want to think about getting in early to secure their seats.

Ngā mihi maioha,
Neil Robinson
Principal



At Blockhouse Bay Primary, we know that regular attendance makes a big difference to student success. Our school-wide goal is for 75% of our students to be attending school at least 90% of the time. This level of attendance gives tamariki the best chance to thrive in their learning.

In Week 4, our attendance dipped to 69%, largely due to illness. We appreciate that many whānau kept their children home when unwell, which is the right thing to do. By Week 5, we saw an encouraging rise to 77% of our students attending 90% or more of the time.

Thank you for your continued support in helping us keep attendance strong. Every day at school counts, and together we can ensure our tamariki have the best opportunities for success.



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:

Pita Pit - ordering closes 9am on the day

Wednesday 27th August

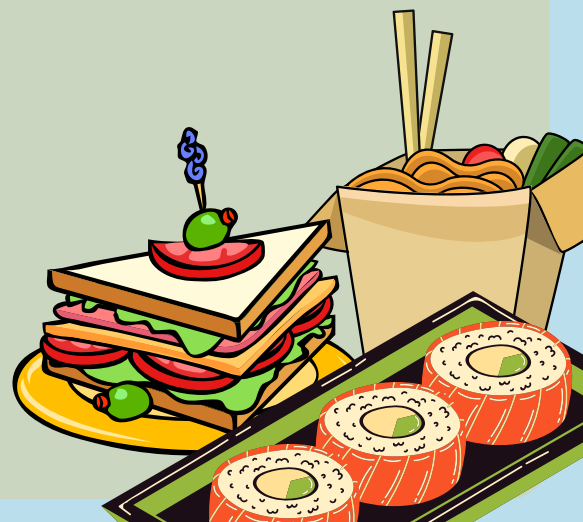
Wednesday 17th September

Mai Sushi - ordering closes 12pm the day before

Wednesday 3rd September

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

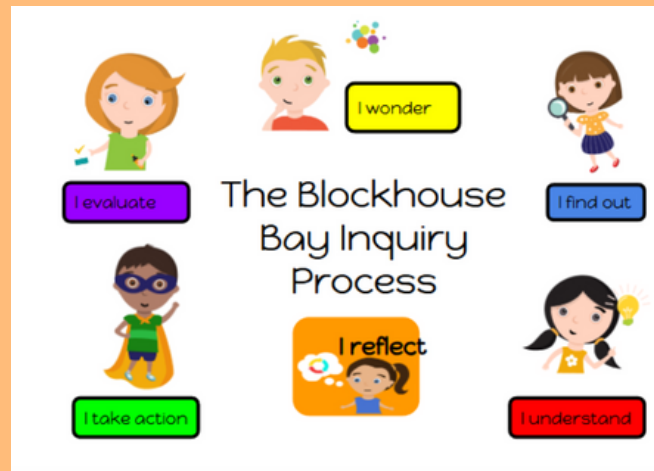
Wednesday 10th September



Inquiry Learning at Blockhouse Bay Primary

At Blockhouse Bay Primary, we are proud of our strong focus on Inquiry-based learning. Inquiry allows our tamariki to make meaningful connections across the curriculum, weaving together Science, the Social Sciences, Technology and the Arts in a way that is hands-on, creative, and engaging.

Our Inquiry Process – I wonder, I find out, I understand, I take action, I evaluate, I reflect – guides students through a process of curiosity and discovery. Beginning with a spark of curiosity, children explore questions that matter to them, investigate through research and hands-on experiences, build understanding, and then reflect on what they have learned. This approach develops not only knowledge, but also the skills to think critically, collaborate, and share learning confidently.



Inquiry learning also connects closely with our He Manu Rere – Learner Profile, which shapes the attributes we want all of our learners to grow. Through inquiry, tamariki strengthen qualities such as being curious, creative, resilient, respectful, and connected. These attributes help our students to soar as confident learners and contributors, both in our kura and in the wider world.

Although the refreshed curriculum, Te Mātaiaho, is currently on hold, our approach already reflects its vision – weaving together learning areas in meaningful, culturally responsive ways and providing a rich, future-focused learning journey that reflects who we are here in Aotearoa, while ensuring our tamariki develop the skills and attributes they need for tomorrow.

Inquiry is about igniting a love of learning – nurturing curiosity, creativity, and critical thinking so that every child can see themselves as a scientist, an artist, a thinker, and a problem solver.

Safety Update

- **Yellow Gate**

For a while at least, we need to make sure that the Yellow Gate by Gill Crescent is locked during the day. If you do arrive after 9.00am, please escort your children through the car park and up the grey steps to the office

- **Crossing on Blockhouse Bay Road**

We have had some issues around cars not stopping at the top of Gilfillan Street when they are turning left. As well as this, it can be hard to see people on the crossing when the buses are parked right next to the Blockhouse Bay Road crossing.

Our volunteer parents and senior children look after us on the crossing from 8.15-8.45am each day and we thank them for their commitment to us all.

If children are coming to school and using this crossing outside of these times, parents might want to think about making sure they cross safely when using this crossing.

- **Countdown**

If parents need to turn right when coming out of the Countdown carpark after school, we ask that they in fact turn left and come back around the roundabout. This would greatly improve the flow of traffic coming out of the carpark, as people would not have to wait behind you.

Math-a-thon Launch – What a Phenomenal Start!

Kia ora whānau,

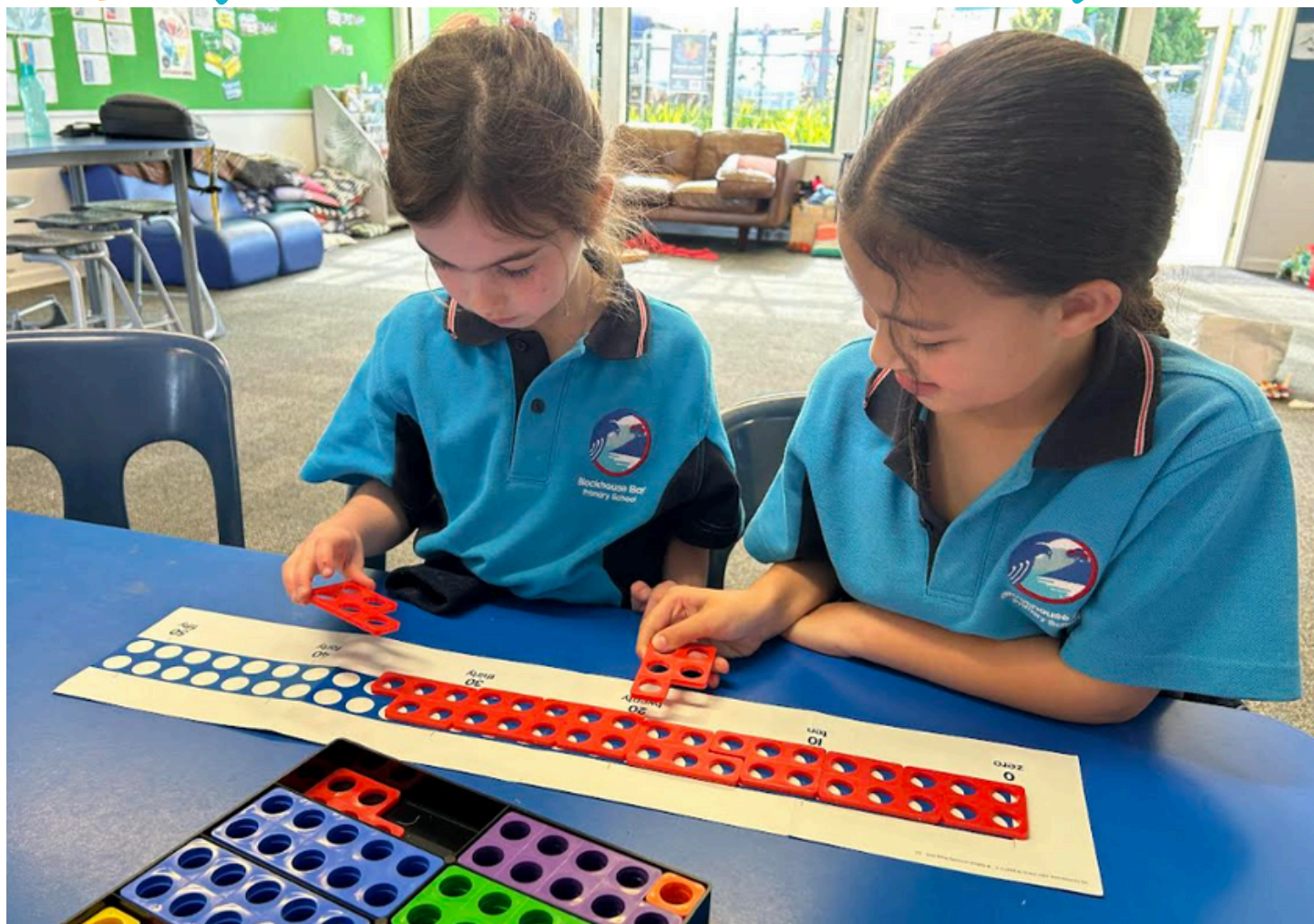
We are so excited to share the wonderful news that our Math-a-thon has had a phenomenal start! In just a matter of days, we have already raised over \$2000 – what an incredible effort!

A huge thank you to all of you who have signed up and gathered sponsors. Your support makes such a difference for our tamariki. It has been fantastic to see the enthusiasm and determination of the children as they practise and learn their maths facts.

You can follow along with our progress by visiting:

<https://blockhousebaymathathon.raiseit.co.nz/>

Ngā mihi nui to our amazing community for your generosity, encouragement, and belief in what our students can achieve. Together, we are making this fundraiser both meaningful and fun.





Paid Union Meetings

These started this week as the teachers, support staff and principals meet to discuss the government's latest offers for pay and conditions. On this occasion, we have managed to organise the school so that we do not need to ask for the children to stay home.

I am sure that everyone hopes that the negotiations run smoothly and there is no future disruption to the school and children's learning.

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**SCHOOL BOARD
ELECTIONS**

Diwali 2025

It will be that time of the year soon when our Hindu families celebrate Diwali. We are planning a Dazzling Diwali week which commences on the 13th of October to the 17th of October. During this week, there will be many activities the children can take part in.

Last year, during this dazzling Diwali week, we had a mini concert where the children and a few whānau members and tamariki from school performed. This event was thoroughly enjoyed by all. If you can play an Indian musical instrument or do traditional or Bollywood dancing and are available on the 17th of October (Friday) to perform between 11:05 and 11:30 a.m., please email me at melindan@blockhousebay.school.nz or visit me in Kākāriki A to express your interest. It will be great to see our whānau be part of this event.



School Holiday Programme

Main Programme - Blockhouse Bay

Monday 22nd September Make and Create Calling all makers and creators. Spend your time at the Free Play Creator Zone with plenty of resources to choose from. Learn to make bouncy balls and create a stunning artwork. ONSITE \$42.00	Tuesday 23rd September Cybernix Cybernix are coming for an onsite Digital Discovery Day. Explore the world of old school electronics, gaming and devices! ONSITE TRIP \$48.00	Wednesday 24th September Planetarium Today we will be catching a bus to Auckland's Stardome for a guided tour of the night sky! We will be stopping at One Tree Hill Domain Playground for lunch. TRIP \$50.00	Thursday 25th September Steampunk Sculptures Step into a world of imagination and invention. Start collecting old and broken toys so we can turn them into amazing steampunk inspired sculptures! ONSITE \$40.00	Friday 26th September Medieval Day Dress up as a princess, knight, king or peasant and come to our Medieval Day. There will be catapults, medieval castles, a treasure hunt, and much more! ONSITE \$40.00
Monday 29th September Team Challenge Break into teams and go head-to-head in a range of challenges. From sports, art, quizzes, food challenges and construction, there is something for everyone! ONSITE \$40.00	Tuesday 30th September Movies Roll out the red carpet, we are going to St Luke's Event Cinema to see Kung Fu Panda. A small popcorn and lolly bag will be provided. Children won't be allowed to buy anything from the candy bar. TRIP \$50.00	Wednesday 1st October Mr Magic Want to see a rabbit get pulled out of a hat? Or a colourful never-ending heavy appear out of thin air? Mr Magic will be visiting today and he has all the tricks up his sleeve. ONSITE TRIP \$48.00	Thursday 2nd October Funky Town Won't you take me to Funky Town? Come with your wackiest hair do and we'll pair it with some cool nail art, face-paint, a paper bag fashion show, and a dance party. ONSITE \$40.00	Friday 3rd October Zoo Ventures The zoo is coming to us today! Get up, close and personal with some reptiles, cute creatures, and maybe even a snake! ONSITE TRIP \$50.00

Location

Based in the Auditorium
8.00am - 5.30pm

Prices

8.00am - 3.00pm see above
3.00pm - 4.30pm \$10.00
3.00pm - 5.30pm \$12.00

Please bring daily

- Morning Tea, Lunch, drink bottle and hat

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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

The process is quick, easy to follow, and designed to make managing your bookings more convenient than ever.

For additional support, the Enrolmy site features a Parent Portal and a comprehensive Parent FAQ section to guide you through each step of the process.

We look forward to welcoming you soon!

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)

Trip Days

- Please ensure you drop off your child by 9.00am on trip days as the buses are booked to leave at 9.15am

Payment/WINZ

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



Thank you for choosing Bizzy Bodz to care for your children. We look forward to providing a happy and positive experience for you and your child.

Blockhouse Bay Primary School Holiday Programme for 5-13 year olds

Monday 22nd September - Friday 3rd October
8.00am - 5.30pm

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Enquiries

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Welcome to Bizzy Bodz!

Providing fun, organised, quality Out of School Care in a safe, child-focused environment

Our Bizzy Bodz School Holiday Programme aims to provide a fun, organised, safe and above all quality holiday care for children 5-13 years of age. Our Holiday Programme operates between the hours of 8.00am - 5.30pm, Monday to Friday.

It is Bizzy Bodz's intention to provide a professional safe, secure environment and an enjoyable quality care experience.





BANDS



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For our youngest stars, Little Rockers is the perfect place to start—try your hand at Ukulele, Drums, and Keyboard, then join forces to create a band of mini music legends!

Spaces are limited—get ready to jam, perform, and make these holidays your most epic yet! 🎸🔥

SONGWRITING AND MUSIC

VIDEO: AGES 8-15

BANDS: AGES 8-15

LITTLE ROCKERS: AGES 5-7

FROZEN - THE MUSICAL: AGES 6-14

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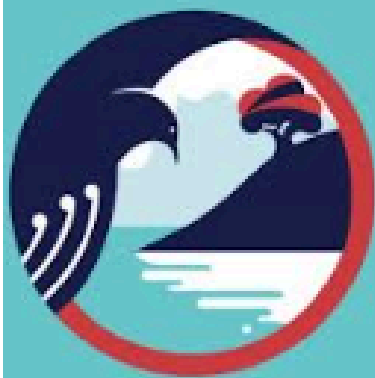
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BLOCKHOUSE BAY PRIMARY SCHOOL

Daffodil Day **WACKY WEDNESDAY**

Wednesday 3 September 2025



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two of our fundraisers -
Daffodil Day and Wacky
Wednesday.

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