



A Word from our Principal

Tēnā koutou e te whānau,

Although I was unable to attend myself, my spies told me that last Friday's Winter Night In was a great success and much enjoyed by the over 200 people who attended. A big thank you to the parents and staff who organised and ran this event.

Once again, the Knowledgathon is proving to be a great success with the children working hard to learn their facts and lots of money already pledged to the school. If your child has not yet secured any sponsors, there is still time as testing is not until Friday of next week. Please contact us if you have any questions about the Knowledgathon.

All money raised by these fundraising events are being collected to use to upgrade the areas behind the orange fences. Although the subsidence project is going well, we are still not entirely sure what this area will look like when they are finished but what we do know is that money raised by our FAB team, will be spent on making these areas more enjoyable for the children.

What an awesome event the Winter Field Day was. Thank you to all of the parents who helped us by looking after the teams last Thursday. The children had a great time and really enjoyed taking part in their chosen sports against other schools.

Next week is Māori Language Week (Wiki o te reo Māori) and we have a number of activities planned for the children that will add fun and learning to their week.

Have a great week everyone.

Ngā mihi maioha,

Neil Robinson

Principal

Term Three Highlights

Week 9

Fri 18th Sept - Knowledge-a-thon test day

Fri 18th Sept - 2:15pm Kauri Assembly

Week 10

Mon 21st Sept - Knowledge-a-thon sponsorship closes

Tues 22nd Sept - 2.15 pm Tōtara Assembly

Friday 25th September: Term 3 finishes at 3:00pm

Wacky Day

Thank you to everyone who supported our Dafodil Day/Wacky day fundraiser for the Cancer Society. We were able to send over \$500 to them from our school which was a great effort.



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FAB Lunch Fundraisers



All open & available to order for the term and pay via Kindo app/website now.
Check out the menus & pre-order now for each week.

Mai Sushi - every Wednesday

- ordering closes 12pm Tuesday

Pita Pit - every Thursday

- ordering closes 7.30pm Wednesday

Xi'an Food Bar - every Friday

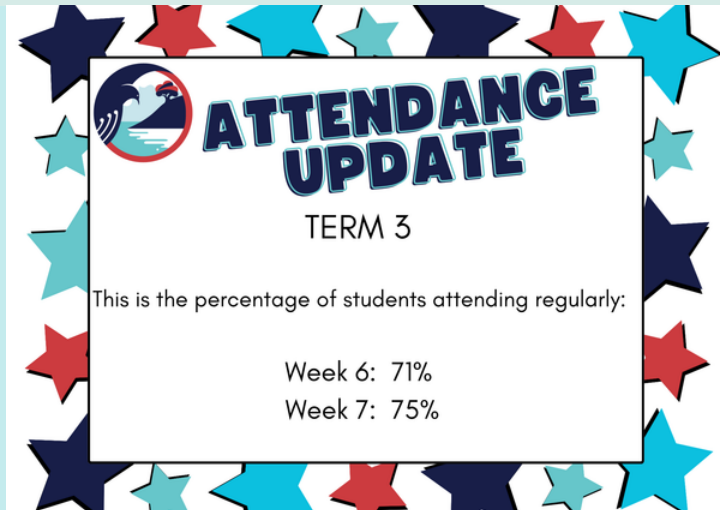
- ordering closes 12pm Thursday

How do you pay?

You pay through an app called Kindo.

If you don't have Kindo it is very easy to set up by registering on the Kindo website, go to mykindo.co.nz/Register or download the app available on [Apple](#) and [Android](#).

If you need any help you can ask our friendly office staff.



Attendance Matters

It's great to see that the winter bugs are slowly declining. We are seeing fewer children away from school due to illness, and as a result, our regular attendance is beginning to increase.

Every day at school counts. Regular attendance helps children keep up with their learning, maintain friendships and feel connected to school.

Of course, if your child is unwell, they may need to stay home. If you're unsure whether your child is well enough to come to school, Health New Zealand | Te Whatu Ora has helpful guidance for parents and caregivers:

[Knowing if my child is well enough to go to school](#)



He Manu Rere - a Soaring Bird is our Learner Profile.

Developed just prior to Covid, our Learner Profile identifies the key attributes a learner needs to develop so they can soar in their learning and in life. underpins learning and provides a framework for everyone to understand how learners are developing in these attributes. Many students, teachers and parents contributed to creating He Manu Rere.

He Manu Rere Update- Where are we up to?

In recent years as part of our community consultation process, we identified the need to simplify and refine He Manu Rere so it was easier for everyone to use. We started this process at the end of last year however, this has been on hold as we focussed on implementing the new curriculum. We have started working on this again.

What are our next steps?

In the next few weeks we will be ready to share a simplified version of He Manu Rere for you to consider and we will provide opportunities for you to let us know your thoughts about this. There will be displays in both Te Manawa and Te Whau as well as information through Hero.

Why is this important?

We want to use He Manu Rere - Our Learner Profile to help us plan our curriculum delivery and community events for 2027. It is important that it reflects the attributes and values which are important to our community.

We look forward to your feedback.

Maths Practice at Home – Years 3-6



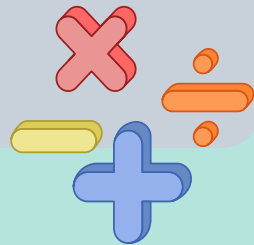
The Ministry of Education has created a free interactive **Maths Practice Tool** to help children practise maths at home. The activities support the New Zealand Curriculum and give children extra practice with the maths they are learning at school. The tool was developed after parents and whānau said they wanted practical and easy ways to support learning at home.

Key information for whānau:

- The tool is free and available online through the Ministry of Education Parent Portal.
- Activities include number problems, money, counting, multiplication and division, fractions, decimals, percentages, ratios, powers and roots.
- Short and regular practice works best. Try 10–15 minutes, 3–5 times each week.
- Regular practice can help children build their skills and confidence in maths.
- You do not need to be a maths expert to help your child!
- Spending a few minutes together, encouraging effort and celebrating progress can make a big difference.

Try the Maths Practice Tool here <https://nzc-maths-practice.nz/>

For more information, go to [Maths Practice – Ministry of Education Parent Portal](#)



Kindo is getting a fresh new look from early August, designed to make paying and completing forms simpler.

Keep an eye out for the update, and check your email for what's new.

Learn more <https://bit.ly/4pAel6D>

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Blockhouse Bay School

**Monday 28th September - Friday 9th October
8.00am - 5.30pm**

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Enquiries

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

Main Programme - Blockhouse Bay

Monday 28th September

Wheely Wild

Bring your scooter, skateboard, bike, or skates and get ready for a day of wheely good fun! Challenges, games and more. Children must bring a helmet to ride.

ONSITE \$42.00

Tuesday 29th September

Bricks 4 Kids

Bricks 4 Kids will be visiting us today with their motorised lego equipment! You will get to build, test and play with their amazing models. Get ready for some fun.

ONSITE TRIP \$50.00

Wednesday 30th September

Masterchef Kids

Stir, sprinkle, mix and create! Get creative, have fun and turn tasty ingredients into your very own masterpieces! Battle it out with your friends and impress us with your skills.

ONSITE \$45.00

Thursday 1st October

Movies

Get ready for a fun-filled trip to Reading Cinemas at LynnMall! Sit back, relax and enjoy the latest movie with your friends. Limited spaces available.

TRIP \$52.00

Friday 2nd October

Challenge Accepted

Are you ready for the challenge? Put your skills to the test with a wide range of exciting and hilarious challenges designed to make you think, move, and laugh.

ONSITE \$42.00

Monday 5th October

Young Engineers

The Young Engineers Workshop are visiting today! Explore the science and engineering of wind, through their Up, Up & Away programme.

ONSITE TRIP \$50.00

Tuesday 6th October

Bounce Mania

From soaring through the air to tackling exciting challenges, this is one adventure at Bounce Avondale you won't want to miss! You are welcome to bring your Bounce grip socks if you have them.

TRIP \$60.00

Wednesday 7th October

Quiz Quest

Come along to our awesome kids quiz day. From general knowledge to quirky trivia, there's something for everyone to enjoy. Which team will win?

ONSITE \$42.00

Thursday 8th October

Squish & Shape

Get ready to squish, stretch, mould and create! Make awesome slime, shape cool clay creations and enjoy a day full of messy, squishy fun! Wear clothes that can get messy today.

ONSITE \$45.00

Friday 9th October

Spooky Fun

Let's make the last day of our holidays a memorable one. Join us for a spooktacular celebration full of Halloween fun, laughter and surprises! There will be plenty of fun for everyone.

ONSITE \$42.00

Location

Based in the school auditorium

8.00am - 5.30pm

Prices

8.00am - 3.00pm \$10.00

3.00pm - 4.30pm \$14.00

3.00pm - 5.30pm

Please bring daily

• Morning Tea, Lunch, drink bottle and hat

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or call us on:

09 530 9020 or 021 835 627

Early Bird

Discount!

Book and pay in full on or before **Thursday 10th September** to receive **10% off** your holiday programme fees. *Don't miss out!

How to book

To create an account visit: enrolmy.com/bizzy-bodz

Or use your current Enrolmy account and search for 'new activity'. You can filter your search by school site or venue. If you require care after 3.00pm, you will need to also select 'After Care' for each day this is needed.

Trip Days

Please ensure you drop off your child by 9.00am on the trip day as the bus is booked to leave at 9.15am.

* Conditions apply

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)

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



Bizzy Bodz



About the competition:

This year's theme is Animals Loving Life, encouraging tamariki (up to 16 years old) to capture a photograph of an animal enjoying life and thriving. It's a fun way for tamariki to learn about animal welfare, explore positive animal wellbeing and develop their photography skills.

Competition details:

Dates: Sunday 3 August - Saturday 18 October

Age categories: Under 5, 5-7, 8-10, 11-13, 14-16 years

Prizes: One overall winner will receive a \$300 PB Tech gift card, and one winner from each age category will receive a \$100 PB Tech gift card, thanks to our friends at PB Tech

How to enter: Tamariki can enter through the SPCA Kids' Portal using the QR code or link on the poster:

www.sPCA.nz/kindmatters

There's also more information in the Term 3 Kind Matters newsletter, where tamariki can learn about the Five Domains and discover simple ways to help animals live their best lives.



HOLIDAY PROGRAMME WEEK ONE



TUE 29TH SEPT

9.00-1.00

LIGHTS. CAMERA. ACTION

NETBALL SKILLS & GAMES
MOVIES AT THE CENTRE

THURS 1ST OCT

9.00-1.00

10 PIN THURSDAY

NETBALL SKILLS & GAMES
BOWLING

**REGISTER
NOW!**

MON 28TH SEPT

9.00-1.00

GET CRAFTY

ARTS & CRAFTS
FACE PAINTING
NETBALL GAMES

WED 30TH JSEPT

9.00-1.00

**WORLD SPORTS
WEDNESDAY**

NETBALL SKILLS
ALL FIELD SPORTS

FRI 2ND OCT

9.00-1.00

SKATE AWAY FRIDAY

NETBALL SKILLS & GAMES
SKATE PARK - **TAMARIKI**
MUST WEAR A HELMET
AND SUPPLY THEIR OWN
SET OF WHEELS.



HOLIDAY PROGRAMME WEEK TWO



**REGISTER
NOW!**

TUE 6TH OCT

9.00-1.00

**TREASURE HUNT
TUESDAY**

NETBALL SKILLS & GAMES
TREASURE HUNT

THUR 8TH OCT

9.00-1.00

STAR STUDDER THURSDAY

NETBALL SKILLS & GAMES
MOVIES AT THE CENTRE



MON 5TH OCT

9.00-1.00

**MAKE ARTWORK
MONDAY**

NETBALL GAMES & SKILLS
ARTS & CRAFTS

WED 7TH OCT

9.00-1.00

WHEELS UP WEDNESDAY

NETBALL SKILLS & GAMES
SKATE PARK - **Tamariki**
must wear a helmet and
supply their own set of
wheels.

FRI 9TH OCT

9.00-1.00

STRIKE 2 FRIDAY

NETBALL SKILLS & GAMES
10 PIN BOWLING

Playball Holiday workshops: Subsidised spots!

This term we are VERY LUCKY to have Local Board subsidies at all venues!

The purpose of our Playball holiday workshops is to provide high quality, age-appropriate and FUN holiday activities for children aged between 3–9 years at a low cost for families. The workshops will keep kids active and off devices while parents can get in a couple of hours of work or time to themselves. Win Win!

- **New Lynn Classes (New Lynn Community Centre - \$5/session):** We are including 3–4 year old classes upstairs at the community centre this time! A little quieter and just 10 spots!
- **5–9 years at New Lynn (New Lynn Community Centre - \$5/session):** If you'd like the usual 2 hour workshop, you may book both sessions—games and skills will be different.
- **Te Atatu Peninsula Classes (Te Atatu Peninsula Community Centre - \$12/session):** For ages 4–9 years.

On the website choose 'OUR CAMPS' and your preferred location.



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NEW LYNN COMMUNITY CENTRE			TE ATATU PENINSULA COMMUNITY CENTRE		
SUBSIDISED By the Whau Local Board \$5 P/SESSION	MONDAY 28th September	THURSDAY 1st October	SUBSIDISED By the Henderson-Massey Local Board \$12 P/SESSION	TUESDAY 29th September	WEDNESDAY 30th September
4 - 9 years	9.15am - 10.15am	12 - 1pm	4 - 9 years	9.30-11.30am	9.30-11.30am
4 - 9 years	10.30 - 11.30am	1.15 - 2.15pm	4 - 9 years	12.30-2.30pm	12.30-2.30pm
3 & 4 years	9.15 - 10.15am	NB: 4-9yrs may book for both 1 hr sessions. Please bring a snack for the break. Games and skills will be different.	4 - 9 years		
3 & 4 years	10.30 - 11.30am				

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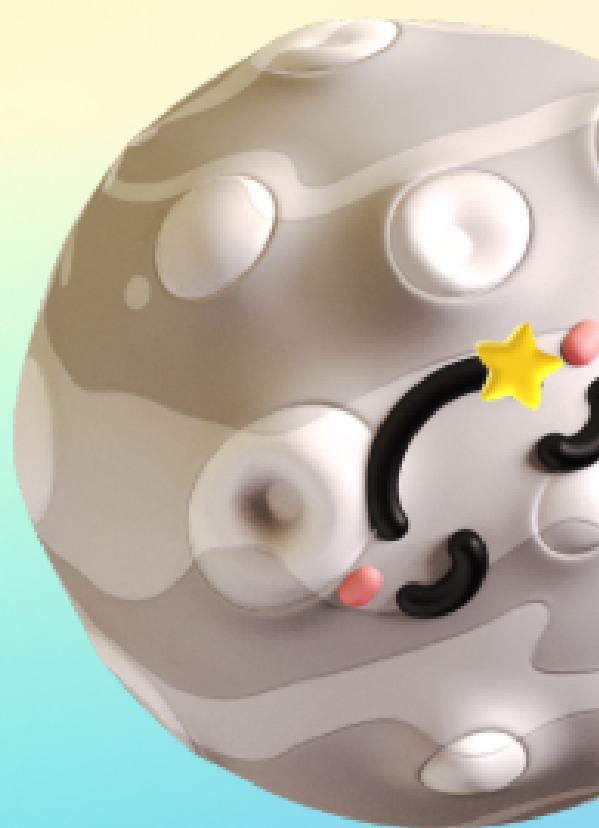
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