



Term Four Highlights

Week 2

Friday 23rd Oct -Kauri Assembly - 2.15pm

Week 3

Mon 26th Oct Monday- Labour Day - school closed
Tues 27th Oct - Puberty Talks Year-5
Tues 27th Oct - Tōtara Assembly - 2.15pm
Thurs 29 Oct - Gittos Kaitiaki (select students)

Week 4

Mon 2nd Nov - Kōwhai Assembly 2:15pm

Week 5 - Diwali Recognised at school

Mon 9th Nov - Thurs 12th Nov- 'Bug, Bird, Bush Bonanza! Inquiry community event
Mon 9th Nov and Tues 10th Nov - Bike programme for Year 5 children

Week 6

Mon 16th Nov -Kōwhai Assembly 2:15pm
Tues 17th Nov -Tōtara Assembly 2.15pm
Thurs 19th Nov - Inter-school Basketball for selected Year 5-6 students
Fri 20th Nov - Junior Athletics
Fri 20th Nov - Kauri Assembly - 2.15pm

Week 8

Thurs 3 Dec - Athletics Day (Year 3-6)
Tues 1st & Fri 4th Dec -Volcano Van (select classes)

Week 9

Tues 8th Dec - Tōtara Assembly - 2.15pm
Fri 11th Dec - Kauri Assembly - 2.15pm

Week 10

Tues 15th Dec- Year 6 Graduation - 12.30pm start

Friday 18th December
Term 4 finish 1:30pm

A Word from our Principal

Fakaalofa lahi atu everyone and welcome to Term Four and Nuiean Language Week,



We have a very full and exciting term four planned and I know that everyone will enjoy taking part in the wide range of activities. In a couple of weeks time, we will be celebrating Diwali and we have a range of fun, optional things happening for the children to take part in if they wish.

Usually we have a teacher only day in term four but this year, we started back later in February so we are not able to include this in to our calander. **There is *no teacher only day* in term four 2026.**

On the 3rd December, we have the Year 3-6 Athletics at Go Media Stadium (Mt Smart) and we know that the children really enjoy taking part in these activities in a stadium setting. The Year 0-2 children will have their athletics day at school in November.

Towards the end of the term we have the end of year disco and the Year 6 Graduation on Tuesday 15th December, which is always a very special occasion for our senior students.

This term's main learning inquiry is 'Bug, Bird, Bush Bonanza!' We have a community event planned to celebrate this later in the term as well.

The Board of Trustees are working hard behind the scenes to carry out the appointment process for the new Principal who will be taking over in Term Two of 2027 and will be updating our community on this soon. Thank you to those who were able to contribute to this process.

As always, we invite you to support our newsletter sponsors by giving them an opportunity to quote for their services.

Ngā mihi maioha, (thank you with appreciation)
Neil Robinson
Principal

Available to order for the term and pay via Kindo app/website.

Mai Sushi - every Wednesday

- ordering closes 12pm Tuesday

Tuckr Pita Pit - every Thursday - odd weeks

- ordering closes 7.30pm Wednesday

Subway - every Thursday - even weeks

- ordering closes 9.30am on the day

Xi'an Food Bar - every Friday

- ordering closes 12pm Thursday

look out for the new dumpling flavours - Pork & Chives and Egg & Chives



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You're Invited!!

Bird, Bug and Bush Bonanza!

A showcase of our learning for Our Land: Bush

Where?
Te Manawa

When?
Monday 9 November
- Thursday 12 November

Everyone welcome!

Celebrating curiosity, care for our environment and the amazing learning happening across our school!

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Teacher's Leaving

- After 11 years of wonderful service, Kōwhai teacher Sally Kilpatrick has won a position at another school and will be leaving us at the end of 2026. Sally has had a range of teaching positions in the school and has played a significant role in the running of PE and inter-school sport. We were very sorry to hear that she is leaving but wish her well in her new position.
- Kauri teacher Simran Joseph has been granted a year's leave to go and experience life in England for 2027. We will look forward to hearing all about her travels when she returns at the end of next year.

Arrival Times At School

It would be really helpful for us if children not going to Bizzy Bodz, do not arrive at school before 8.15am as we then have to dedicate a staff member to look after them until they can go to class.

Our preference is that the children arrive at school at around **8.30am** as this allows them time to unpack their bag and say hello to their teacher and friends.

We don't have the children in class before 8.15am as teachers are in meetings or preparing for the school day.

We understand that some parents need to be off to work before then so families who have their children arrive before 8.15am, are encouraged to have them go to Bizzy Bodz.



Property Update

Subsidence wall

- I am pleased to announce that the Subsidence wall is nearly complete and should be finished in two weeks or so. Then comes the big job of rehabilitating the site which we expect will take several months.

Classroom upgrades

- Four classrooms received new carpets over the holidays and we know that this will make things much more comfortable for the children and staff in these rooms

Playground Upgrades

- We are continuing to work with our playground supply company to come to a resolution on the Pirate Ship which has been out of action for some time. Hopefully we will have more news on this in a few weeks.
- We are currently investigating the possibility of opening up part of the junior playground and sand pit area for use towards the end of this term and will update everyone on this when we have something to report.

Painting Maintenance

- We have some painting projects lined up for the summer holidays as part of our ongoing upkeep of the school property

Staff Carpark Closed Next Week

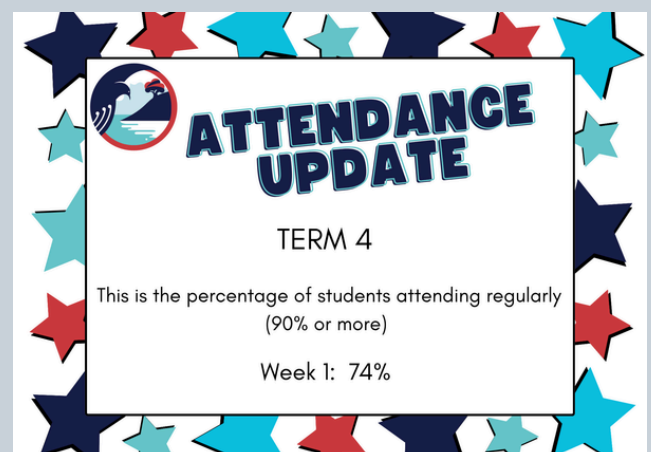
- On Thursday 29th, Friday 30th and Saturday 31st October, the staff carpark will be closed. The trucks from the subsidence project have done some damage to this area and weather permitting, the contractors will be resealing the affected areas. This is likely to cause some additional disruption to this area over this time and parents are asked to avoid this area if possible.

Attendance Matters

We really got hit hard with illnesses last term which had a significant impact on student attendance. As part of the Ministry of Education's Stepped Attendance Response (STAR), schools are required to follow up when students reach certain levels of absence. This means we will contact you if your child has been away for more than 5 days in a term, including when there are genuine reasons for the absences.

Regular attendance means being at school 90% or more of the time – equivalent to no more than 5 days absent in a 10-week term.

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At Blockhouse Bay Library

The third Monday of every month from 2 - 3pm

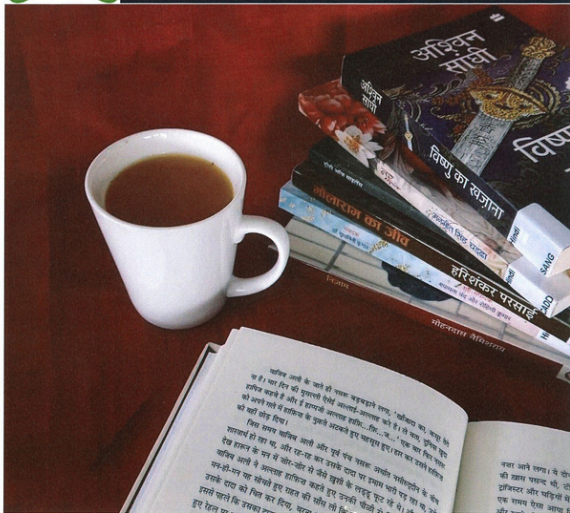
Shabdham has launched its first Hindi Book Club in New Zealand.

Shabdham is an Indian not-for-profit organisation dedicated to nurturing Indian language, literature, plays and performing art.

Come together to read, share and discuss Hindi books of your choice, ranging from light fiction, literature and poetry to short stories. These can be borrowed from the library or requested from Shabdham.

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Happy Diwali शुभ दिवाली 2026

Blockhouse Bay Library

Join us to enjoy a story time and get creative with our craft workshops to celebrate Diwali.

Lippan art workshop
Create artwork using clay and mirrors in our Lippan art workshop.
Saturday 24 Oct 2026, 1.30 pm - 3 pm.
For ages 12+ years.
All materials supplied. Booking required.

Diwali Storytime
Join us for a special Diwali story time with stories, rhymes and craft.
Thursday 29 Oct 2026, 10.30 am
For children aged under 5 years. No booking required

Diwali Ready-to-use Rangoli
Learn to create ready-to-use Rangoli .
Saturday 31 Oct 2026, 1.30 - 3pm.
For ages 12+ years
All materials supplied. Booking required.

Diwali decorative wall art workshop
Create beautiful paper plate wall art for Diwali.
Tuesday 3 Nov 2026, 3.15 pm-4.15 pm.
For ages 6+ years.
All materials supplied. No booking required.

Come along to browse and enjoy our displays. Pick up a free recipe brochure with some delicious recipes and a children's information and activity booklet.

A parent or guardian must stay with children aged under 14 years.
Please arrive on time latecomers may be disappointed.

For bookings: visit our library or phone 09 377 0209 or
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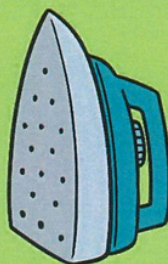
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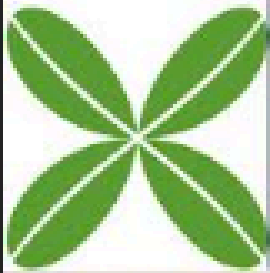
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First Aid workshop with First Action Training Limited

Blockhouse Bay Library
Saturday 14 November, 1.30 - 3.30pm

Learn CPR and basic first aid (dealing with bleeding) in this short introductory workshop. For teens and adults 15+. Bookings required. Phone 377 0209 or email blockhousebaylibrary@aklc.govt.nz to book





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