



Term Three Highlights

Week 3 (Next week)

Tues 4th August: Blockhouse Bay
Intermediate - evening meeting for parents
Fri 7th August 2:15pm Kauri Assembly

Week 4

Mon 10th August 2:15pm Kōwhai Assembly
Tues 11th August 2:15pm Tōtara Assembly

Week 5

Mon 17th August Knowledge-a-thon Launch!
Wed 19th August - Football tournament at BBI
for selected students
Sat 22nd August - Halal Market at school

Week 6

Monday 24th August 2:15pm Kōwhai Assembly
Fri 28th August 2:15pm Kauri Assembly

Week 7

Mon 31st August 2:15pm Kōwhai Assembly
Tues 1st Sept 2:15pm Tōtara Assembly
Thurs 3rd Sept Winter Field Day for selected
Year 5 & 6 children

Week 8

Monday 7th Sept 2:15pm Kōwhai Assembly
Thurs 10th Sept Winter Field Day
Postponement Day for selected Year 5 & 6
children

Week 9

Fri 18th Sept - Knowledge-a-thon test day
Fri 18th Sept- 2:15pm Kauri Assembly

Week 10

Mon 21st Sept - 2:15pm Kōwhai Assembly
Mon 21st Sept - Knowledge-a-thon sponsorship
closes
Tues 22nd Sept- 2.15 pm Tōtara Assembly

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

A Word from our Principal



Tenā koutou e te whānau,

We are now in the second week, but welcome everyone to term three! With this term being 10 weeks long with no long weekends, the staff are looking forward to enjoying a sustained burst of ongoing learning.

Thank you to everyone who was able to take the time to meet with their child's teacher last week. Helping children to reach their full potential is the job of both home and school and having the opportunity to discuss progress, achievement and other factors, can be critical to helping them become the best they can be. If you were not able to meet with the teacher, please feel free to contact them to arrange a time to get together.

Congratulations to all of the children who had their art work displayed at the Mt Roskill Art Showcase last week. I was disappointed not to be able to see the work myself but have had great feedback from all of the staff and parents who were lucky enough to attend.

Lastly, thank you to everyone for their kind words regarding my retirement and Principals Appreciation Day. I truly appreciate these and will treasure them always. My leaving is of course some months away (April 2027) and I remain committed to doing the best job I can to maintain the high standards of success that we all enjoy being part of.

Have a great week everyone.

Ngā mihi maioha,

Neil Robinson

Principal

Each year, we have some kind of 'athon' to help children with their learning and to raise money for the school.

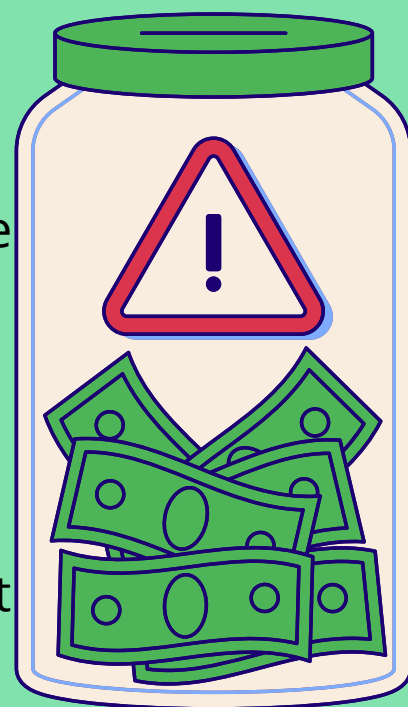
In a few weeks time, we will launch our latest fundraiser, the **2026 Knowledge-a-thon**.

This year we are raising money to upgrade the children's play spaces, once the construction work is complete in the junior part of the school.

Once again, we will be using the online platform 'Go Raise it' which makes it super easy to register, share on social media and get sponsors!

The fundraiser launches on Monday 17 August.

Watch out for more information to come on our HERO app.



We sometimes receive feedback about the successes of ex-students and often, they attribute at least some of their success to their time at Blockhouse Bay School. We know that this is a special place and to get these comments from adults who went to the school is especially heart-warming.

Whilst we would not suggest that he learnt his golf here, we were very pleased to hear about the success of Ryan Fox. Ryan was a pupil at the school in the early 1990's and a couple of weeks ago, Mr Fox won the British Golf Open which is one of the most prestigious tournaments in the world. This was his second PGA win and certainly, the biggest achievement in his career. Go Blockhouse Bay!



Ryan Fox

OUR LAND – MAUNGA

We continue our inquiries into Maunga this term, until the end of Week 6.

Our big idea:

By exploring volcanoes, rocks, and pā sites in Aotearoa, we learn how the land changes over time and how people adapt to it.

This term we will continue to explore:



VOLCANOES

Learning how volcanoes are formed, why they erupt, and how scientists monitor these incredible natural features.



GEOLOGY AND ROCKS

Investigating different types of rocks, how they are formed, and the role they play in shaping our landscape.



PĀ SITES

Discovering how Māori used volcanic maunga as strategic places to build fortified settlements, and how people adapted to the unique features of the land.



Through hands-on investigations, collaborative learning, and rich discussions, our tamariki will deepen their understanding of Aotearoa's unique landscapes while developing curiosity, critical thinking, and an appreciation of the enduring connection between people and place.

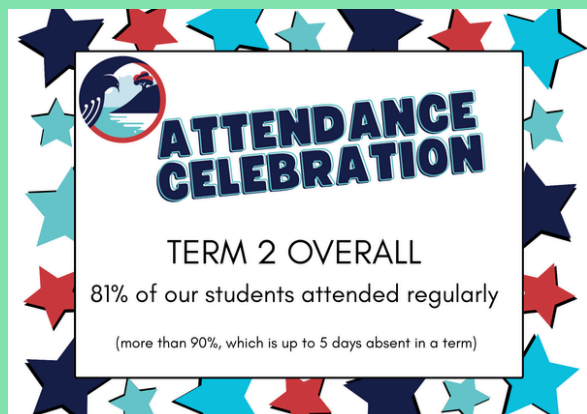


EXCITING NEWS!

We are excited to have the
VOLCANO VAN
visit us for a special session with the kids!

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Attendance Celebration!



We are so pleased with our number of students attending regularly!

Last term we had 81% of students attend regularly, in comparison with 69% at the same time last year.

Ka rawe!

This really helps students with their learning.

Thank you for your continued support.



FAB Lunch Fundraisers

Something a little different this term, we are trialing having all of our suppliers available each week.

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



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Success outside of school

We are thrilled to share some fantastic news from our school community!

During the recent school holidays, Alleena Dias proudly represented the Waitakere Badminton Association (via the Titirangi Badminton Club) at the New Zealand National Junior Badminton Championships in Palmerston North.

Demonstrating incredible skill, grit, and teamwork, Alleena and her team took home the Gold Medal in the Under-13 Division 3 Team Event!



Throughout the tournament, Alleena was a powerhouse across all three disciplines—competing in Singles, Doubles, and Mixed Doubles. Her dedication, outstanding sportsmanship, and positive drive were instrumental in securing this remarkable national victory.

A huge congratulations to Alleena on this outstanding achievement! We are immensely proud of how well she represents both Blockhouse Bay Primary School and our wider community. Keep up the fantastic work!

Preparing for an Emergency

The children may have told you that we regularly have lockdown (stay inside) and evacuation practices at school. We think that this is really important so that our systems and procedures are well known and keep everyone safe if there ever was a real emergency. The procedures developed allow us to respond safely and quickly to a range of circumstances.

As a component of the implementation of the emergency procedures into our school, specialised training was carried out with senior leadership and our staff. Children have also received training in how to respond to potential threats.

The next step in our preparations is to send a text message to parents saying that we are having an evacuation or lockdown. In a real situation, keeping you all informed is important and so we need to practice this as well. This is similar to when we all receive a text in a local emergency situation.

At around **11.40 am on Friday 7th August**, parents will receive a text message from the school saying that we are having a lockdown practice. The information passed on will emphasise that this is an exercise/practice and will explain that all updated information will then be posted on the school website. Please note that you do not need to take any action at all, it is just to check our systems to see that they are all working.

In a genuine incident, should you hear of a lockdown or evacuation at the school, can I please ask that you do not attend the school or phone, as we will not be able to respond. Your presence at, or contact with, the school may make it more difficult for us to manage the situation and could potentially place your children and, in fact, yourselves at risk.

We thank you for your support.



Mt Roskill Art Showcase

Congratulations to all of our talented tamariki who exhibited their artwork at the Mt Roskill Art Showcase. We were incredibly proud of the exceptional standard of the artwork, with many visitors commenting on how impressive it was. We hope everyone who attended enjoyed the exhibition as much as we did. We love celebrating the creativity and talents of our students!

A huge thank you to Ms Llewellyn and Mrs Narayan for supporting our young artists and for all of the work they put into preparing and setting up the exhibition. Ngā mihi nui!



Halal Market - 'Souk Vibes'



The first ever Blockhouse Bay Halal Market will be held at our school on **Saturday 22nd August**. These are springing up all over Auckland and are proving very popular so we are looking forward to hosting it here.
If you or anyone else are interested in having a stall at the market, please email Ana on soukvibesnz@gmail.com.

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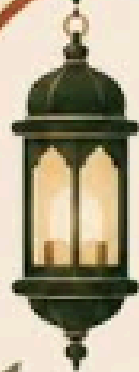
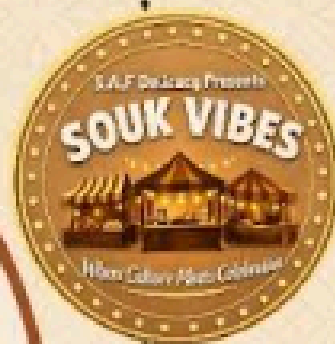


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