



## Term Four Calendar of Events

### Week 1

7th Oct Tuesday - Pōwhiri 9.00-9:45am

8th Oct Wednesday - Kauri Zoo Trip

9th Oct Thursday - Rimu Zoo Trip

### Week 2- Diwali week in school

13th Oct Monday- Positive Puberty - Year 5s

information Zoom for parents/Whanau 6:30 - 7:30pm

14th Oct Tuesday - Diwali Show 1 - 11.00am-11:30am

14th Oct Tuesday - Positive Puberty - Year 5s

17th Oct Friday - Diwali Show 2 - 11.00am-11:30am

### Week 3- Niuean Language Week - All Week

20th Oct Monday - Rimu Assembly 2:15pm - 2:45pm

22nd Oct Wednesday - Photolife - Classes and individuals

**23<sup>rd</sup> October Thursday - Possible Strike Day so school may be closed**

23rd Oct Thursday - Photolife - siblings (to be confirmed due to Strike day)

24th Oct Friday- Year 6's to BBI if that is the school they are going to in 2026

### Week 4

**27th Oct Monday- Labour Day - School is closed**

29th Oct Wednesday- Year 3-6 Athletics Day Mount Smart

31st Oct Friday - Year 5s Bike Ready Cycle Skills

### Week 5

3rd Nov Monday-Year 5s Bike Ready Cycle Skills

4th Nov Tuesday -Year 5s Bike Ready Cycle Skills

6th Nov Thursday - Whānau Reading at Home Workshop - 9.00-10.00am and - 5:30-6:30pm

### Week 6

12th Nov Wednesday -Inter-school Athletics Day for selected students

13th Nov Thursday -Pō Whakanui (Performance Kapa Haka performing at Rosebank Primary)

14th Nov Friday - Kauri assembly 2:15pm - 2:45pm

### Week 7

17th Nov Monday - Rimu Assembly 2:15pm - 2:45pm

19th Nov Wednesday - Whānau Hui (for Māori whānau)

**21st Nov Friday - Teacher only day - School Closed for the day**

### Week 9

1st Dec Monday - Rimu Assembly 2:15pm - 2:45pm

5th Dec Friday - Kauri Assembly 2:15pm - 2:45pm

### Week 11

16th Dec Tuesday - Year 6 Graduation 12:45 pm

**18th December Thursday - Term 4 ends at 1.30pm**

## A Word from our Principal

Tēnā koutou e te whānau,

Welcome to Māori Language Week and the last newsletter of term 3.

School has been a busy place over the last few weeks with lots going on inside and outside the classrooms.

I hope everyone enjoyed looking at the children's adornments this week. I know that they learnt a lot about what these are and how to design and produce a finished product which is great learning.

The Mathathon was an awesome team effort with almost every child getting sponsors and learning their maths facts as part of this event. Thank you to all of our friends and family members who supported us with this.

We are including the Term Four Events in with this newsletter and ask that everyone make a note of the dates that affect them. A reminder that we are having a **Teacher Only Day on the 21st November** so that we can continue our work to implement the new curriculum documents. There is possibly a **Strike Day too on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> October** and school could well be closed then too.

Next term, the Ministry of Education plans to begin the work to fix the subsidence issue on the eastern side of the school. This will cause significant levels of noise and disruption for us all for at least 6 months and we will also need to relocate some classes because of this but hopefully, this will future proof this area of the school. We will then be able to design and start the work to make the area where the fences currently are, more visually appealing and useful.

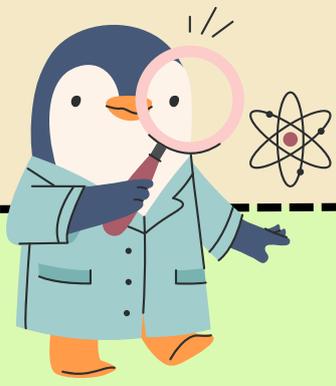
We have tried and tried to find out what is happening with the Countdown carpark next term but have not been able to confirm this with anyone. The latest information that we have is that the store will close on the 21<sup>st</sup> October but have had nothing else confirmed. We will continue to try and find out more and will let you all know as soon as we have an update.

Lastly, we were pleased to share the Board's plans for future use of the swimming pool with you all this week. These decisions were the result of hundreds of hours of work and I want to acknowledge the work of Elizabeth Crisp and the Board for this mahi. The feedback so far has been all positive and we thank people who have taken the time to do this. The school continues to be part of a WorkSafe investigation and we will update you all on how this is progressing, when we have more information from them.

We look forward to seeing you all after the holiday break.

Ngā mihi maioha,  
Neil Robinson  
Principal





## Being an Animal Scientist

Term 4 is just around the corner, and we are excited to introduce our new inquiry theme. The big idea guiding our learning is that "Scientists observe, wonder and investigate the living world to understand how animals survive and thrive".

Our students will be exploring three main lines of inquiry throughout the term:

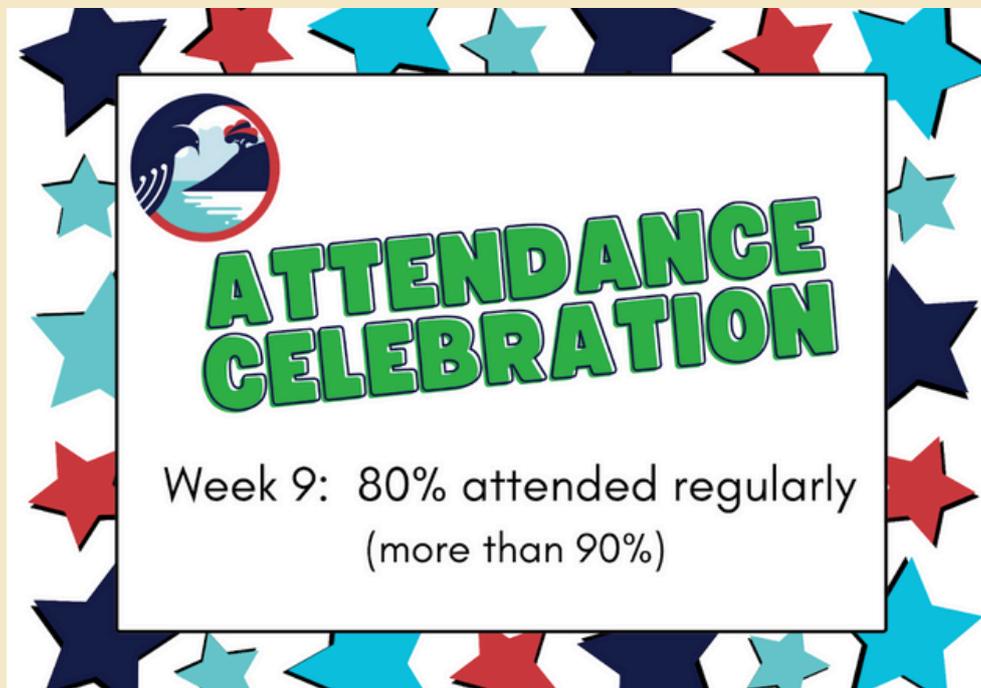
**Classification:** How do scientists classify animals?

**Habitats and Adaptation:** How do animals survive and thrive?

**Te Taiao and Me:** Protecting the animals around us

This inquiry also links to our **He Manu Rere** learner profile, focusing on Ako (teaching and learning from each other), being a Collaborative and Critical Thinker, and being Curious and Creative. Students will learn to use their imagination, ask questions, and solve problems as they investigate the animal world. Students will delve into key concepts such as classifying animals into groups like mammals, reptiles, and birds, and understanding how animals have adapted to their environments. They will also explore the needs of animals to survive and thrive, and learn about the threats animals face, both in Aotearoa and globally.

We are all looking forward to our zoo trips, which will serve as a provocation for our inquiry. A reminder that the Kauri classes will go on **Wednesday, October 8**, and the Rimu classes will go on **Thursday, October 9**. Thank you to everyone who volunteered to help; your child's teacher will be in touch soon with more details.



# Board of Trustees Update

On behalf of the community, I would like to thank our current Board of Trustees for all of the work that they have done over the last three years. Nick Demspey, Rosie Williams, Annuncia Gallaher, Simon Mahoney, Tarawhati Williams and Jane Warne have provided wise governance and incredible support to the school over this time and we are very grateful to them for their time and commitment. I also want to thank their families who have supported our Board members to give so generously of their time.

Thank you once again to the brave parents who put their names forward to be on the Board of Trustees for the next three years. Congratulations to the successful candidates who will begin their work next term. A reminder that the new Board consists of Nick Dempsey, Rosie Williams, Sijia Perry, Keyur Patel, Greg Cain, Jane Warne and Neil Robinson.

## TERM FOUR UNIFORM

With the warmer weather about to hit, we will no doubt see an increase in jumpers and hats being put on and taken off.

Please, please, please make sure that all uniform items have your family name in and that these are really easy to read. These will help us to make sure that children's items are returned to them.

Please note too that all children will need to have a school hat to wear at school from the start of term four.

If your child does not have one, now is the time to get these purchased so that they are ready to wear from the 6th October onwards.



## Possible Strike Action

Parents may have read in the media about a possible strike day for school staff in term four. If it does go ahead, **school is likely to be closed on Thursday 23rd October**. Families are advised to prepare for this in case it does go ahead.

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

## 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 service, which will give your child a safe, secure environment and an enjoyable quality care experience.

# School Holiday Programme

## Main Programme - Blockhouse Bay

<p><b>Monday 22nd September</b></p> <p><b>Make and Create</b></p> <p>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.</p> <p><b>ONSITE \$42.00</b></p>	<p><b>Tuesday 23rd September</b></p> <p><b>Cybernix</b></p> <p>Cybernix are coming for an onsite Digital Discovery Day. Explore the world of old school electronics, gaming and devices!</p> <p><b>ONSITE TRIP \$48.00</b></p>	<p><b>Wednesday 24th September</b></p> <p><b>Planetarium</b></p> <p>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.</p> <p><b>TRIP \$50.00</b></p>	<p><b>Thursday 25th September</b></p> <p><b>Steampunk Sculptures</b></p> <p>Step into a world of imagination and invention. Start collecting old and broken toys so we can turn them into amazing steampunk inspired sculptures!</p> <p><b>ONSITE \$40.00</b></p>	<p><b>Friday 26th September</b></p> <p><b>Medieval Day</b></p> <p>Dress up as a princess, knight, king or peasant and come to our Medieval Day. There will be catapults, marshmallow castles, a treasure hunt, and much more!</p> <p><b>ONSITE \$40.00</b></p>
<p><b>Monday 29th September</b></p> <p><b>Team Challenge</b></p> <p>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!</p> <p><b>ONSITE \$40.00</b></p>	<p><b>Tuesday 30th September</b></p> <p><b>Movies</b></p> <p>Roll out the red carpet, we are going to St Luke's Event Cinema to see Kangaroo. A small popcorn and lolly bag will be provided. Children won't be allowed to buy anything from the candy bar.</p> <p><b>TRIP \$50.00</b></p>	<p><b>Wednesday 1st October</b></p> <p><b>Mr Magic</b></p> <p>Want to see a rabbit get pulled out of a hat? Or a colourful never-ending hanky appear out of thin air? Mr Magic will be visiting today and he has all the tricks up his sleeve.</p> <p><b>ONSITE TRIP \$48.00</b></p>	<p><b>Thursday 2nd October</b></p> <p><b>Funky Town</b></p> <p>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.</p> <p><b>ONSITE \$40.00</b></p>	<p><b>Friday 3rd October</b></p> <p><b>Zoo Ventures</b></p> <p>The zoo is coming to us today! Get up, close and personal with some reptiles, cute creatures, and maybe even a snake!</p> <p><b>ONSITE TRIP \$50.00</b></p>

## 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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09 530 9020 or 021 835 627

## 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](http://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





**BANDS**



**FROZEN - THE MUSICAL**



**SONGWRITING**

# T3 HOLIDAYS

Turn up the volume these school holidays! 🎵 Step into the spotlight as you write and film your own music video, rock out with friends in our band sessions, and dive into the wonder of musical theatre with The Jungle Book.

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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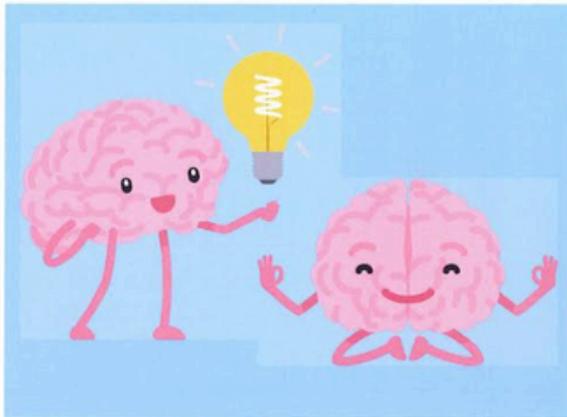
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# BrainCharge



Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> of September 2-3pm

Blockhouse Bay Library

Adults of all ages

Join us on World Alzheimer's Day for a BrainCharge session. Exercise your brain with word games and body percussion in a fun social group.

No bookings required

Any queries contact: 09 377 0209  
blockhousebaylibrary@aklc.govt.nz



# Creative mending workshop

Saturday 13 September, 10am-12pm



Join us for a restorative mending gathering and repair beloved garments with your own creative flair! Hands on guidance on darning, patching and other visible mending techniques. **FREE** workshop.

Part of 2025 Repair Festival Aotearoa  
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# CREATE YOUR OWN COMIC BOOK CHARACTER



## Blockhouse Bay Library During September

Celebrate Comic Book Month this September! Create your own comic book character and go into the lucky prize draw.

For ages 5-13

Submit your Artwork by Tuesday 30th of September to Blockhouse Bay library staff.

Artwork above created by @kas.creates

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# CALLING ALL SUPER HEROES!



Celebrate Comic Book Month with Superhero Bingo & the Comic Book Quiz. Come dressed up as your favourite Comic Book character.

Blockhouse Bay Library  
Friday 12 September 4pm

For children aged 5+. A Parent/guardian will need to remain in the library with the child for the event.

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