



Term Four Calendar of Events

Week 2- Diwali week in school

- 14th Oct Tuesday - Diwali Show 1 - 11.00-11.30am
- 17th Oct Friday - Diwali Show 2 - 11.00am-11:30am
- 17th Oct Friday - Diwali dress up day (optional and no \$\$)
- 17th Oct Friday - FAB Quiz Night

Week 3- Niuean Language Week - All Week

- 20th Oct Monday - Rimu Assembly 2:15pm - 2:45pm
- 22nd Oct Wednesday -Photolife - Classes and individuals

23rd October Thursday - School Closed due to Strike Day

- 23rd Oct Thursday -
- 24th Oct Friday- Photolife - siblings
- 24th October 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

- 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,



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. Next week we will be celebrating Diwali and we have a range of fun, optional things happening including mini-shows in Te Whau on Tuesday 14th and Friday 17th October. Anyone attending is asked to come through the library gate (that will be unlocked at 10.40am) and be seated ready by 10.55am.

Later in the term, we have the Year 3-6 Athletics at Mt Smart and the children really enjoy taking part in these activities in a stadium setting. Unfortunately and for a number of reasons, Sport Waitakere have informed us that there will be no Inter-School Athletics event in 2025.

Our FAB team are right back into action and the first event is the Quiz Night which is scheduled to take place next week on Friday 17th October, although this is dependent upon us selling enough tickets. Towards the end of the term we have the end of year disco and the Year 6 Graduation on Tuesday 16th December, which is always a very special occasion for our senior students.

This term's main learning inquiry is 'Being an Animal Scientist'. 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

It is looking increasing like the staff will be on strike on **Thursday 23rd October** and in which case, the school will be closed for the day. Parents are asked to have their children looked after elsewhere for the day. We apologise to everyone for this inconvenience that this might cause.

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

Diwali at School

Diwali celebrations are happening in school next week. Although Diwali will be celebrated on October 20th or 21st, we are having it a week earlier as there are other things happening at school the following week.

There will be a week full of activities during break times that children can be part of if they wish. They will get the chance to participate in making their very own rangoli patterns, play traditional Indian games, and watch a skit explaining the story behind Diwali.

There will also be two shows where some children have volunteered to showcase their dancing and musical instrument skills. These will take place on Tuesday 14th and Friday 17th October. Family members are very welcome to come and watch these by coming in the **Library Gate** and be seated ready to start at **10.55am** on these days

On Friday 17th October, children can wear their colourful clothes to recognise Diwali. We are not asking children to bring money on this day.

We are looking forward to coming together to celebrate this very important event in the Hindu calendar.



Food Orders Dates- Term 4

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:

Mai Sushi Ordering Closes 12pm day before:

Wed October 15th

Wed November 5th

Wed November 26th

Wed December 17th

Pita Pit Ordering Closes 9am on the day:

Wed October 22nd

Wed November 12th

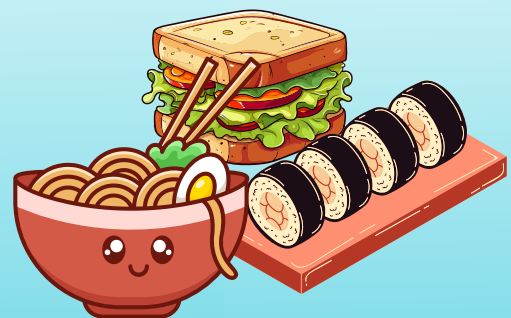
Wed December 3rd

Xi'an Food Bar Ordering Closes 12pm day before:

Thurs October 30th

Wed November 19th

Wed December 10th



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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 in term four. If your child does not have one, now is the time to get these purchased so that children can play outside.



Strike Action - School Closed

Parents may have heard in the media about a probable strike day for school staff in term four. If it does go ahead, **school will be closed on Thursday 23rd October**. Families are asked to arrange for supervision for their children on this day.

Future Use of the 'Countdown Carpark'



Parents may be aware that Asian grocery company *Golden Apple* will be moving into BHB Countdown when they leave later this month. We have received an email from the company confirming that our parents will be able to continue to use this carpark which is wonderful news for us all. There may be some restricted access while they are refurbishing their new store, but we are hoping that this will not affect us a great deal or for too long.

The school is looking forward to developing a good relationship with our new neighbours :)

Playball At Blockhouse Bay Bookings are LIVE!

The Playball team is here every Thursday afterschool on the turf, they are here to pick up or receive children at 3pm and the class runs from 3.15-4pm - if wet they use the sheltered areas by the classrooms next to the turf.

Book in and not only will you save time driving to and from extracurricular activities on the weekend or afterschool, you'll get the best Program for your child's physical, emotional and social development! We've partnered with Playball for over 10 years! - Spaces are limited!

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Playball, is the popular multisport program, and is run in schools throughout Auckland, NZ and across the globe! Coaches come into school where children participate in the 45min class once a week in age specific teams of 10:1 ratios and a specialised coach.

Through games and activities, children develop not only physical skills but also important life skills that set them up for a positive relationship with sport and being active AND cross over directly to the classroom!

Here's what Playball offers your child:

Development of essential ball skills, coordination, and movement

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A chance to learn physical, emotional and social skills through play - in a fun, safe environment

Playball coaches are foundation phase specialists. The program specialises in fundamental movement skills and the basics of 8 different sports. Most importantly the Playball team fosters a love for sport, movement and getting active! We always have a lot of FUN while developing a host of necessary life skills along the way.

Contact Erin for further Questions - Coacherin@playball.co.nz / 021923232

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