



A Word from our Principal



Term 2 Highlights

Week 10 - Chinese Language Week
Friday 26th June - Kauri Assembly 2.15pm

Week 11 - Matariki Recognised at school
Thursday 2nd July - Matariki recognised at school (more details to follow)

Thursday 2nd July - Mid-Year Reports shared with whānau

Friday 3rd July Last day of Term 2 - 3.00pm finish

Please see information from Bizzy Bodz if you wish to have your children looked after by them in the holidays.

Term Three Highlights

Parent/Teacher/Child Conferences

Wednesday 22nd July - 1.30-7.30pm
(note, school finishes early on this day and Bizzy Bodz will open at this time)

Thursday 23rd July - 3.30-6.00pm
(school finishes at 3.00pm on this day)

Tēnā koutou e te whānau,

As part of their work to raise money to help children affected by climate change, the children taking part in the World Vision 40 Hour Challenge are running a Cookie Sale tomorrow. Then on the weekend, they will be doing a range of things to raise even more money for this worthy cause. We know that there are lots of ways to take part including going device-free for a certain amount of time. These are valuable expressions of support for those who are less fortunate than ourselves. Good luck to you all!

We have started to see some non-uniform items turning up at school and the Board of Trustees would like to remind everyone to stick to uniform items only. Please do not send children to school with non-uniform pants or shoes with flashing lights. Socks can be either white or black and items worn under the uniform can be black only. Thank you.

Next week, we will be recognising Chinese Language Week at school. A committee of enthusiastic volunteers are planning a range of activities that will take place throughout the week that the other children can take part in if they wish. Across the country, this occasion will be celebrated the following week, but here at BHB, we are celebrating Matariki that week and we do not want to do both at the same time.

On Thursday 2nd July, we will be recognising Matariki at school. Our Ramere and Performance Kapa Haka groups are preparing to perform for everyone in the morning so please feel free to join us for this event.

Neil Robinson
Principal

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Reports



Mid year reports will be on Hero on Thursday 2nd July

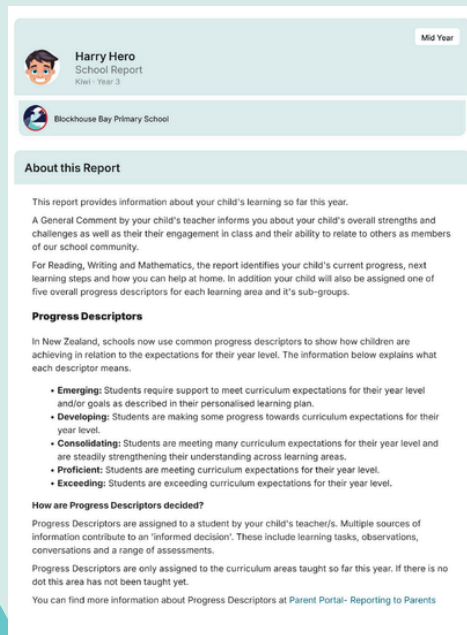
Our new reports align with the latest New Zealand Curriculum & Reporting expectations

Children will receive a Progress Descriptor for Writing, Reading and Maths

You can read about Progress Descriptors on the next page of this newsletter

Each report will have a General Comment, and information about Reading, Writing and Maths and attendance

You can discuss your child's Report at Learning Conferences on Wed 22nd or Thurs 23rd of July



Is my child on track?

Describing progress for mid and end of year reporting using five descriptors

The progress descriptors describe student progress across the school year. A student who has achieved proficiency is prepared for the next year of learning.

Progress descriptor	Emerging	Developing	Consolidating	Proficient	Exceeding
Mid-year reporting	Not yet on track to meet expectations		On track to meet expectations		
End of year reporting	Has not met expectations			Has met expectations	

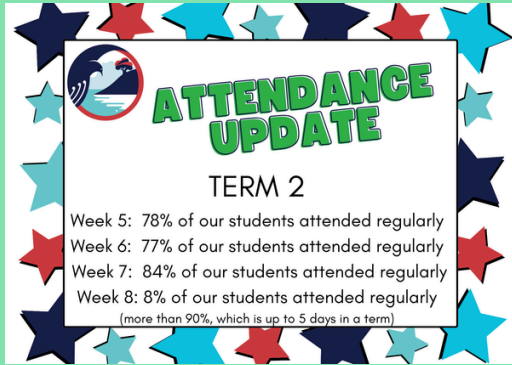
Five Progress Descriptors

Progress Descriptor	Descriptions for Parents and Whānau
<p>1 Emerging Students require support to meet curriculum expectations for their year level and/or goals as described in their personalised learning plan.</p>	<p>Your child:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is beginning to understand some learning ideas for their year level with a lot of support. • Can sometimes use knowledge they've learned, but usually needs help to do so. • Is making some progress in ways that are meaningful and aligned to their strengths and needs, with significant support.
<p>2 Developing Students are making some progress towards curriculum expectations for their year level.</p>	<p>Your child:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is starting to understand key ideas, often with some support. • Can remember facts and use what they've learned in familiar situations, with a bit of help. • With the right support, your child is making progress towards the expectation for their year level.
<p>3 Consolidating Students are meeting many curriculum expectations for their year level and are steadily strengthening their understanding across learning areas.</p>	<p>Your child:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is learning to use helpful techniques on their own to support their learning. • Is getting better at remembering and using what they have learned. • Is starting to use what they know in new and different situations. • Can share their ideas and is beginning to talk about what they would do better.
<p>4 Proficient Students are meeting curriculum expectations for their year level.</p>	<p>Your child:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can use helpful learning techniques on their own and knows how to use them well. • Can use what they've learned in different situations without help. • Can often use what they know in new situations. • Can share their thoughts clearly and explain their reasoning. • Often shares their ideas to build knowledge.
<p>5 Exceeding Students are exceeding curriculum expectations for their year level.</p>	<p>Your child:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shows advanced thinking by understanding tricky ideas, solving problems, making connections, and explaining their thinking clearly. • Can link what they've learned in one area or situation to another. • Can build on their ideas and show deeper understanding. • Can use what they've learned in thoughtful and creative ways to understand more challenging ideas. • Tests and challenges ideas to create deeper knowledge.

You child will be allocated an overall Progress Descriptor for Reading, Writing, Mathematics and their sub elements or strands

Any questions email elizabethc@blockhousebay.school.nz

Attendance Matters



Improving student attendance remains a key focus for our school.

Our goal is for 75% of students to attend regularly, which means missing no more than five days of school each term. If your child is unwell and you are unsure whether they should attend school, please visit the [Te Whatu Ora website](#).



Food orders



FAB Lunch fundraisers for Term 2

All open & available to order for the term and pay via Kindo app/website now.

Mai Sushi - ordering closes 12pm on Tuesday

Week 10 Wed 24th June

Pita Pit - ordering closes 7.30pm on Tuesday

Week 11 Wed 1st July

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.

Thank you from the Office Team

Staff Update

We have recently added more learning assistants to our staff and on behalf of the school community, we would like to welcome you all. Enas who helps children at Lynfield College, will be working with some foundation learners of English at our school.

Grace Matene and Tasneem Akhter will be helping children who have additional learning needs. We also welcome back Sheenal Chandra who returns to the school after some time away.



Enas Mousa



Sheenal Chandra



Tasneem Akhter



Grace Matene

Interschool Cross Country 2026

Last week, we took our top 10 Cross Country runners to the Interschool Cross Country event at Blockhouse Bay Reserve. We were treated to a beautiful crisp, sunny winter's day as students from schools across the area gathered to compete.

Our 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11 year-old runners tackled their courses around the park with determination, perseverance and a positive attitude. The competition was strong, and all of our students represented our school with pride.

Congratulations to everyone who participated. We are incredibly proud of the effort and resilience you showed throughout the day. Whether you finished at the front of the field or simply challenged yourself to keep going, you should be proud of your achievement.

A special congratulations to the following students for placing in their age group – a fantastic result! Especially the 9 year old girls!

- **7 Year Old Girls 1st place - Harper Koenen**
- **9 Year Old Girls 1st place - Kennedy Ault**
- **9 Year Old Girls 2nd place - Ashley Huang**
- **9 Year Old Girls 3rd place - Danica Williams**
- **10 Year Old Boys 1st place - Jasson Ren**

Ka rawe to all of our runners for trying their best and showing our school values throughout the event.





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Bizzy Bodz School Holiday Programme

Main Programme - Blockhouse Bay

<p>Monday 6th July</p> <h3>Stained Glass</h3> <p>Get creative with colour on this beautiful craft day! Kids will turn simple picture frames into stunning stained glass-style windows.</p> <p>ONSITE \$47.00</p>	<p>Tuesday 7th July</p> <h3>Minute to Win It</h3> <p>Can you beat your friends in our ultimate minute to win it challenges? Stack the dice, cup pyramid, ping pong ball bounce and heaps more!</p> <p>ONSITE \$42.00</p>	<p>Wednesday 8th July</p> <h3>Brain Play</h3> <p>Come and learn about 3D printing and robotics! An amazing onsite day with Brain Play visiting us. All equipment provided.</p> <p>ONSITE TRIP \$50.00</p>	<p>Thursday 9th July</p> <h3>Christmas in July</h3> <p>Let's welcome winter and celebrate Christmas in July! Enjoy the fun and excitement with our crafts, games and treats.</p> <p>ONSITE \$47.00</p>	<p>Friday 10th July</p> <h3>Matariki</h3> <p>No programme available</p>
<p>Monday 13th July</p> <h3>Underwater</h3> <p>Dive into a sea of fun where creativity and adventure make waves! From ocean crafts to playful challenges, children will explore, create, and splash into unforgettable holiday fun.</p> <p>ONSITE \$42.00</p>	<p>Tuesday 14th July</p> <h3>Movies</h3> <p>Roll out the red carpet, we are going to St Luke's Event Cinema to see Toy Story 5. A small popcorn and lolly bag will be provided so leave your money at home.</p> <p>TRIP \$52.00</p>	<p>Wednesday 15th July</p> <h3>Tin Foil Sculptures</h3> <p>Join us for a hands-on day where creativity takes centre stage! Children can twist, shape, and design their own unique creations turning imagination into shiny works of art.</p> <p>ONSITE \$42.00</p>	<p>Thursday 16th July</p> <h3>Cybernix</h3> <p>Cybernix are coming for an onsite Digital Discovery Day. Explore the world of old school electronics, gaming and devices. All equipment is provided.</p> <p>ONSITE TRIP \$50.00</p>	<p>Friday 17th July</p> <h3>Dress Up Party</h3> <p>Come along dressed as your favourite character, superhero, or anything your imagination dreams up! Enjoy a day packed with music, games, and laughter.</p> <p>ONSITE \$42.00</p>

Location

Based in the school auditorium

8.00am - 5.30pm

Prices

8.00am - 3.00pm	see above
3.00pm - 4.30pm	\$10.00
3.00pm - 5.30pm	\$14.00

Please bring daily

- Morning Tea, Lunch, drink bottle and hat

Book online now!

enrolmy.com/bizzy-bodz

or call us on:

09 530 9020 or 021 835 627

Early Bird Discount!

Book and pay in full on or before **Thursday 18th June** 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





We want to create a community garden where people can:



Grow fresh vegetables



Meet their neighbours



Share cultural knowledge



Teach kids where food comes from

INTERESTED IN HELPING?

We are looking for people who might be keen to volunteer:

- Building working bees
- Ongoing gardening & maintenance
- Organising volunteers
- Sharing gardening knowledge
- Whatever you can offer!

No experience needed - all ages welcome

GET IN TOUCH:



donna@cots.org.nz or office@cots.org.nz

BLOCKHOUSE BAY LIBRARY

July School Holidays - Matariki



Matariki herenga waka – For everyone

There is something for everyone to enjoy these school holidays at Blockhouse Bay Library.

See other side for information about our events from 4-18 July



Wishing Star Bottles

Tue 7 July 2.00

Make nine tiny origami stars to hold your Matariki wishes and save them in a treasure bottle. *Young children will need an adult to help them.*

Kauri Virtual Reality Experience

Wed 8 July anytime between 2.00-4.00

Enter the world of kauri! Experience its ecological & cultural significance. Discover what we can do to help preserve this taonga for generations to come.

Suitable only for ages 7+.

Drop in event, no bookings required, but please be aware there may be some waiting time if all headsets are in use. The experience lasts for 10 minutes.

Star Bookmark

Tue 14 July 2.00-3.30

Learn easy stitch craft and design your own bookmark

Recommended for ages 7+, adult help desirable [Bookings essential.](#)

Whānau Fun at Pyjama Storytime

Thu 16 July 7.00-8.00

Kids, wear your PJs to our cosy storytime with lots of singing and dancing. Find the secrets hidden in the library then enjoy a warm drink and biscuits. Remember to bring a torch! For children 5-8 yrs with their parents. [Bookings essential.](#)

Waipunarangi - Tokens of Rain

Sun 19 July 1.00-3.30

Design small wearable pieces inspired by water cycles, rain, and renewal. Drop in anytime to this whānau friendly workshop.

Events start at the designated time, late arrivals may be disappointed. An adult must remain in the library during these events.

Make a booking with child's name and age at: blockhousebaylibrary@akic.govt.nz or phone 09 377 0209

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Bigfoot Adventures - 5/6 Argus Place, Glenfield
** additional pick up and drop off locations by arrangement.*

Mon 6th July
Wed 8th July
Tues 14th July
Thurs 16th July

\$140 pp
Ages 8-13

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New Lynn Community Hub

Thursday, 16 July 2026

10:30am – 1:00pm

Community Talks

Seed Propagation

Childrens' activity

Face Painting

Nature Talks

Sustainable Kai

Upcycled Pots

School Holiday Fun

Compost Collective.



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