



### Term Two Calendar of Events

#### Week 2

**Fri 10th May** - Kauri Assembly 2.15pm

#### Week 3

**Tues 14th May** - Pōhutukawa Assembly

**Wed 15th May** - BSLA Whānau workshops

**Wed 15th May** - Tōtara Assembly 2.15pm

**Fri 17th May** - Pink Shirt Day

**Fri 17th May** - BSLA Whānau workshop

#### Week 4

**Tues 21st May** - Rimu Assembly 2.25pm

**Wed 22nd May** - Whole school Cross Country

**Fri 24th May** - Cross Country Savings Day

#### Week 5

##### **Samoan Language Week**

**Mon 27th May** - Kōwhai Assembly

**Fri 31st May** - Kahui Ako Teacher Day

**No School this day**

#### Week 6

**Mon 3rd June** - King's Birthday (**No School**)

**Tues 4th June** - Pōhutukawa Assembly 2.30pm

**Wed 5th June** - Tōtara Assembly 2.15pm

**Fri 7th June** - Kauri Assembly 2.15pm

**Fri 7th - Fri 21st June** - Watercare visit

#### Week 7

**Tues 11th June** - Rimu Assembly 2.25pm

#### Week 8

**Fri 21st June** - Kauri Assembly 2.15pm

#### Week 9

**Mon 24th June** - Kōwhai Assembly 2.20pm

**Tues 25th June** - Pōhutukawa Assembly 2.30pm

**Wed 26th June** - Tōtara Assembly 2.15pm

**Fri 28th June** - Matariki (**No School this day**)

#### Week 10

**Tues 2nd July** - Rimu Assembly 2.25pm

**Wed 3rd July** - Parent Conferences 1.30pm-7.45pm

**Thurs 4th July** - Parent Conferences 3.30pm-6pm

**Fri 5th July** - Term Two Ends

## A word from our Tumuaki

Tēnā koutou e te whānau,

We are back at school and learning is humming along in every Manu Group. Many classes are working on completing Artworks which were researched, designed and planned during Term 1 and will be installed during this term. As always Reading, Writing and Maths programmes continue to be a focus.

We have started the term with some special events, our Year 6 Camp and a pōwhiri for our new families. A huge welcome to our new whānau! Our pōwhiri took place last Thursday while our Year 6 tamariki were away at camp. Our younger tamariki stepped up and led us superbly. The whole school took part in the haka and waiata and sounded beautiful. A highlight for some of the new tamariki were the chocolate biscuits enjoyed afterwards as we enjoyed kai together!

You can read more about Year 6 camp later but I am told a wonderful time was had by all. A huge thank you to the parent helpers, Whaea Emma and the Year 6 teachers who did a wonderful job throughout Camp and also back at school. Thank you too, to Karen and the rest of the office team who work hard to make camp happen in the background.

I have been in touch with Neil Robinson, our principal who is on leave this term. He has reported that his sabbatical this term is off to a great start. In the meantime our school team is working to ensure everything is running smoothly while he is away!

Elizabeth Crisp  
Acting Principal.

## Structured Literacy

The Minister of Education recently made an announcement that all schools would be required to introduce 'Structured Literacy' from the start of 2025.

At Blockhouse Bay School we started introducing Structured Literacy through the 'Better Start Literacy Approach, BSLA' in 2021. This approach is in place in our Year 0-2 classes and components of BSLA are used in all other levels of the school. Our Deputy Principal, Annette Bradley who has significant expertise in Structured Literacy continues to lead implementation.

New Zealand based research was clear that the Better Start Literacy Approach would benefit our children. Please be assured that we continue to consider the best approaches to teach our children and will make changes where needed.

## 2025 Term Dates

We like to give our parents as much notice as possible about future dates so that they can arrange their holidays during our term breaks.  
Here are our school dates for NEXT YEAR

Term One - Monday 3rd February to Friday 11th April  
Term Two - Monday 28th April to Friday 27th June  
Term Three - Monday 14th July to Friday 19th September  
Term Four - Monday 6th October to Thursday 18th December



## Every Day is a Learning Day! BUT When is my child too sick for school?

The Ministry of Health has provided some updated information about children's sickness and when they can come to school. We want children to stay home if they are unwell and not able to learn. If children do have a cough or runny nose but otherwise feel well they can come to school except if they have Covid. Click below for more details:

**Student attendance: A guide for parents and caregivers - Ministry of Education**



	Our goals	This week
How many children are attending school every day?	96%	95.2%
How many children are attending 'regularly' (more than 90% of the time).	70%	73%

## LAKWOOD LODGE YEAR SIX CAMP

On the first of May, the day arrived that all the Year 6's of Blockhouse Bay School had been waiting for. After arriving at school between 7:00 and 7:30, we departed to the Lakewood Lodge in Huntly for camp.

We were staying there for two nights. Girls slept upstairs on top of a hill and the boys slept in The Barn. Every morning we assembled in our group lines, awaiting the morning activities.

The activities at camp were kayaking, archery, horse games (horse riding), a zipline that goes over a lake, a rock climbing wall, a mud-run (Survival) and low-ropes. For all activities you had to come prepared with teamwork, bravery, sturdy closed shoes and a fresh pair of underpants.

All Year 6's can agree that camp was very fun. We all got covered in dirt and funny smells. We all did every activity, including the dreaded mud run. I'm still not sure whether coming home was with great relief or disappointment... only, what would happen if camp went for any longer?

Camp was almost definitely the best experience of my time at Blockhouse Bay School.  
By Gloria



# FAB Lunch Fundraisers



Thank you for supporting our weekly lunch fundraisers. All dates are available now on Kindo to pre order for Term 2. We will still remind you each Monday of what is coming up for the week or by selecting the date you can pre order now.

- Wed 15th May : BakeAholic - ordering closes Tues 14th 12pm
- Thur 23rd May : Xi'an Food Bar (changed to Thursday as Wed 22nd is whole school out of school cross country) - orders close Wed 22nd 12pm
- Wed 29th May : Pita Pit - ordering closes 9am on the day
- Wed 5th June : Mai Sushi - ordering closes Tues 4th 12pm
- Wed 12th June : BakeAholic - ordering closes Tues 11th 12pm
- Wed 19th June : Xi'an Food Bar - ordering closes Tues 18th 12pm
- Wed 26th June : Pita Pit - ordering closes 9am on the day
- Wed 3rd July : Mai Sushi - ordering closes Tues 2nd 12pm



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