



Term One Calendar of Events

Week 1

Thursday 6th Feb-Waitangi Day- No school this day

Friday 7th February - School is open

Friday 7th Feb-Life Education starts for some classes

Week 2

All week-Life Education

Week 3

Wednesday 26th February - Inter-school T-Ball for selected children

Week 4

Thursday 27th February- Whānau Literacy Workshop
9.00-10.00am OR 6.00-7.00pm

Week 5

Friday 7th March-Kauri assembly 2.15 - 2.45 pm

Week 6

Monday 10th March- Rimu Assembly 2.15 - 2.45pm
Wednesday 12th March - Inter-school Cricket for selected children

Week 7

Friday 21 March-Kauri assembly 2.15 - 2.45pm

Week8

Monday 24th March- Rimu Assembly 2.15pm - 2.45pm

Week 9

All week-Book Week (more information provided soon)

Thursday 3rd April- Book Character Dress Up Day + Parade

Friday 4th April- Kauri assembly 2.15 - 2.45pm

Week 10

Monday 7th April- Rimu Assembly 2.15pm - 2.45pm

Thursday 10th April - Last day of term one - 3.00pm finish.

Friday 11th April -Teacher Only Day

A word from our Tumuaki



Dear Parents and Whānau,

Happy New Year / Xīn nián kuài lè to you all and welcome to the Year of the Snake.

On behalf of the staff and Board of Trustees, I would like to welcome everyone to the 2025 school year, particularly to our new staff, pupils and their families, many of whom attended our Pōwhiri yesterday (pictures above).

The staff are very excited about the learning year ahead and look forward to working with you all.

This newsletter will be posted out fortnightly on Thursdays through Hero. Please make sure you look at it each week as it contains useful information about what is happening at the school. Separate Parent letters will be used sometimes as a reminder or when we have something important to share with you all.

It was great to see so many families who could meet with their new teachers on Monday. If you were not able to make it to meet with your child's teacher, please feel free to contact them to set up a meeting.

Remember that it is compulsory for the children to wear their school hat every school day in terms one and four.

Have a great week everyone.

Ngā mihi maioha, (thank you with appreciation)

Neil Robinson

Principal

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Staff Update

This week, we welcomed Sonika Sharma to the teaching team. Sonika will be teaching in Huia A in the Rimu team alongside Simran Joseph and Breanne Mackinnon.



Training Teachers

From time to time, we have teacher trainees working at the school, mostly from New Zealand but occasionally from other countries. We are proud to share our experiences with these trainees as they continue with their preparations for their future careers. Next week, we welcome Cuba Bush into the school. Cuba will be based in the Kōtare classes for a few weeks and then will return later in the term.

2025 Teacher Only Days in Term Time

Please note that the following dates have been approved so that we can continue to implement the new English and Mathematics Curriculum:

- Friday 11th April
- Friday 30th May
- Friday 21st November

We apologise for any inconvenience that these days may cause.



BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Your parent representatives work hard to make sure that our school is the best it can be. They meet twice a term and these meetings are also open to the public. Please ask at the office if you would like to speak to a Board member directly about anything to do with the school.

Chairperson: Nick Dempsey

Board Members: Rosie Williams, Simon Mahoney, Tarawhati Williams, Annuncia Gallagher, Jane Warne, Neil Robinson

Property update



Our caretaker, Daniel, worked hard over the summer break to make sure that the school was well maintained and looked good for the start of school in 2025.

We believe that having an attractive and well maintained environment motivates the children and makes us all proud of the school. For this reason, we try and keep everything looking as good as it can be with the funds we have available. We painted the insides of several areas over the break to make the inside of the buildings look as nice as possible and we will do more painting later in the year.

The Ministry of Education are currently completing their planning to construct a large retaining wall on the east side of the school next to the field. This will be a big undertaking that will mean dust and noise for several months and is scheduled to begin near the end of term one.



Chromebooks at School

A reminder to parents that we would like all of the Year 5 and 6's to have their own Chromebook at school. Please note that this is a Chromebook not just any Laptop computer.

Year 3 and 4 children are very welcome to bring Chromebooks (only) to school as well.

If you have any questions about this, please contact the office and we will organise someone to give you a call.





Bizzy Bodz

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.

Before & After School Care

Blockhouse Bay Primary School

**Monday - Friday:
7.00 - 8.20am
3.00 - 6.00pm**

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Welcome to Bizzy Bodz!

Before School Care

- * Unstructured Fun
- *Activities
- *Breakfast
- *Games
- *Walked to class (Jnr)

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After School Care

- *Class Pick Up (Jnr)
- * Afternoon Tea
- * Supervised Homework
- *Structured Activities
- *Art *Craft
- *Sport *Games
- *Freetime



Plus 5 Specialty Classes

New timetable every term, all classes include afternoon tea

Art-tastic

- *Clay
- *Painting
- *Ceramics
- *Scrapbooking

Kidz Kitchen

- *Cupcakes
- *Cake Decorating
- *Baking
- *Pasta Making

FabLab

- *Robotics
- * Engineering
- * Chemistry
- *Geology

Move It!

- *Multi-Sport
- *Soccer
- *Ripper Rugby
- * Basketball

* plus loads more exciting activities each term!



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YEARS 7-13 CATHOLIC CHAMPAGNAT MARIST SCHOOL FOR BOYS

OPEN DAY

Enrolments for Years 7, 8, and 9 in 2026
Limited enrolments at other levels

Thursday 6th March 2025 | 9:30am or 1:45pm

Assembly in the College Chapel, followed by a tour of the school

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(Parking available on-site)