



Term Four Calendar of Events

Week 4

- Mon 4th Nov-Kōwhai Assembly 2:15-2:50pm
- Tues 5th Nov-Rimu Assembly-2:15-2.50pm
- Wed 6th Nov- Tōtara Assembly 2:15-2:50pm
- Thurs 7th Nov-Whanāu Literacy workshops Either 8:50am-9:50am OR 6.00pm-7.00pm
- Fri 8th Nov -Epro8 Inter School Competition

Week 5

- Tues 12th Nov- Pōhutukawa Assembly 2:30pm-2.50pm
- Wed 13th Nov-Inter School Athletics 9am-3.00pm
- Fri 15th Nov- Teachers Only Day (school closed)

Week 6

- Mon 18th Nov-Kōwhai Assembly 2:15-2:50pm
- Wed 20th Nov-Inter School Athletics-Postponement Day 9.00am-3pm
- Wed 20th Nov- Photolife here 8:30am-3.00pm
- Thurs 21st Nov-Photolife here 8:30am-3.00pm
- Fri 22nd Nov- Kauri Assembly 2:15-2:50pm

Week7

- Tues 26th Nov - Junior Athletics - 9.00-12.00pm
- Tues 26th Nov-Rimu Assembly-2:15-2.50pm
- Wed 27th Nov- Tōtara Assembly 2:15-2:50pm
- Fri 29th Nov-Disco Year 0-3: 5.00-6.00pm
Year 3-6: 6.30-8.00pm

Week 8

- Mon 2nd Dec - Junior Athletics (Postponement Day)
- Mon 2nd Dec- Pōhutukawa Assembly 2:30-2.50pm
- Fri 6th Dec- Kauri Assembly 2:15pm-2:50pm

Week 9

- Mon 9th Dec- Kōwhai Assembly 2:15-2:50pm

Week 10

- Tues 17th Dec -Year6 Graduation 1.00-3.00pm

**Friday 20th December Term 4 Ends
1.30pm**

A word from our Tumuaiki

Well what a busy start to the term it has been!

Diwali week was very popular with the children and they turned up in big numbers to watch the show last Friday. Thank you to Melinda Naryan and her team for arranging all of the experiences for the week, the parents who helped and well done to the children and adults that took part in the performances.

We were very fortunate to be able to hold our Year 3-6 Athletics Day at Mt Smart on Tuesday. The weather forecast was not great but event organisers Sally Killpatrick and Hayley Davies went ahead and got it totally correct and we had a very enjoyable day out. Well done to the children for giving everything a go and thank you to the parents and whānau members who helped us on the day. Sally and Hayley will be looking closely at the results so that they can choose our inter-school team that will represent us on Wednesday 13th November. Children chosen for this event will receive their information and permission letters next week.

The younger children have already been out preparing for their event and the Year 0-2 Athletics Day will be held on the new date of Tuesday 26th November or on the 2nd December if we need to postpone.

EPro8 is a science, engineering and problem-solving experience that provide children to work in teams to develop these skills using electrical and construction equipment. Our school owns some of the gear needed so that we can have competitions at school and select those with promising abilities in these areas.

The EPro8 Challenge is the inter-school science and engineering competition. Every year over 25,000 students from throughout New Zealand take part. Good luck to our EPro 8 teams who represent us at the area finals at the end of next week.

Ngā mihi maioha,
Neil Robinson
Principal



ATHLETICS DAY 2024

I went to the sports meeting yesterday.

昨天我去参加了运动会。

There is high jump, long jump and running races.

比赛项目有跳高、跳远和赛跑。

I liked high jump the most because jumping high is like flying.

我最喜欢跳高，因为跳高就像飞翔。

-----Yuxuan, Kōtare



I went to Mt Smart for Athletics day. There were lots of students there. I saw Mrs Crisp. I loved the races because I can get faster everyday like a train. I ran in the class relay. Jack passed the baton to me then I ran as fast as I could. We came 3rd place.

The challenging activity was running around the whole track. The track was so long and I felt tired. Some people were in front of me and some people were behind me.

----- Klay, Kōtare

We went to Mt Smart yesterday for Athletics Day. My favourite activity was high jump because it was a bit challenging. An activity that was challenging for me was the 400 meter race because I tripped and hurt myself, but I got up and kept going. I am proud of myself for not giving up.

-----Rosie, Kōtare





SWIMMING POOL KEYS

We are very pleased to announce that we will be opening the school pool for the summer on Monday 25th November. As in previous years families of the school will be able to purchase a key so you can use the pool out of school hours and in the school holidays.

Keys will be available for purchase (Eftpos or Cash only) from Tuesday 19th November at the school office.

Costs are as follows:

December 2024 & February/March 2025	\$180.00 (\$130 hire, \$50 Bond)
February/March 2025	\$130.00 (\$80 hire, \$50 Bond)

Pool Key Holders will need to complete the form and sign acceptance of the pool rules along with payment.

Note that we will not be able to have the pool open to the school community unless we have enough people who volunteer to be on the committee (see information below).

SWIMMING POOL COMMITTEE REQUIRED

We are very pleased to announce that this year, families will once again have the opportunity to hire a key from the school and then have use of the pool after school, on the weekends and through the Christmas holidays. Before we can confirm this though, we need to secure the services of a Pool Committee who oversee the use of the pool out of school hours from when the pool opens, to the end of March 2025.

The Pool Committee works on a roster system and take it in turns to come each morning to take the covers of the pool (weekends and holidays) and then put them back on night (every day). They also refill the supplies for the toilet and keep a general eye on what is happening in the pool area. For this service Committee Members will be given a key (free) and will have the full use of the pool for their family.

If you think you can help by being a Committee Member, please email the office@blockhousebay.school.nz.

Remember, if we do not have a Committee we can not open the pool for whānau to use.

Diwali Celebration



The children from Tōtara and Kauri had a chance to get henna done on their hands.

A huge thank you to our lovely parents, teachers and students who took time out for this activity to help with this! The children left very happy!

The tamariki had so much fun dancing to Bollywood songs . It was a great turnout. What a celebration!

FAB Lunch Fundraisers Dates- Term 4



The FAB team has coordinated with Kindo and our suppliers to set the lunch dates for Term 4. Most lunches will be on the usual Wednesday, but due to some school trips, some dates have been moved to Thursdays. Please take note of the changes and the closing times for orders.

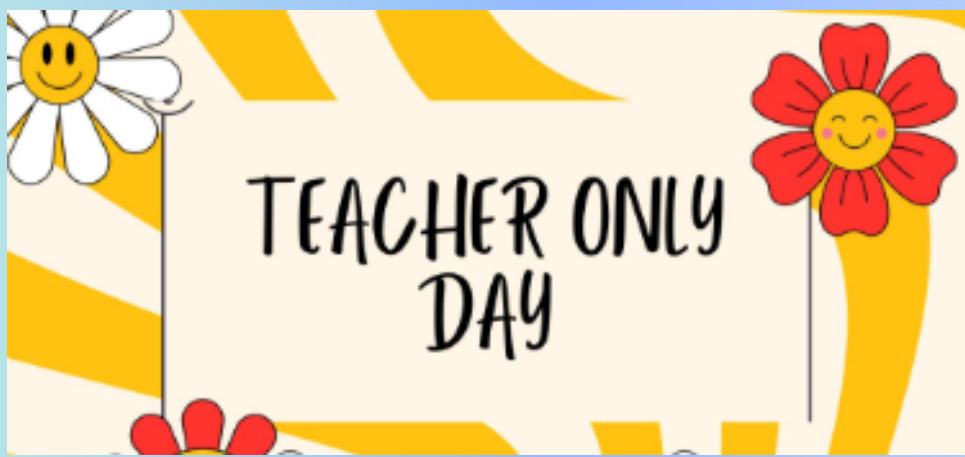
Lunch Providers & Order Details

- Pita Pit
 - Ordering Closes: 9 AM on the day
 - Dates:
 - Thurs, 14th November
 - Wed, 11th December
- Mai Sushi
 - Ordering Closes: 12 PM the day before
 - Dates:
 - Thurs, 21st November
 - Wed, 18th December
- BakeAholiC
 - Ordering Closes: 12 PM the day before
 - Dates:
 - Wed, 27th November
- Xi'an Food Bar
 - Ordering Closes: 12 PM the day before
 - Dates:
 - Wed, 6th November
 - Wed, 4th December

Payment Information

You can pay through the Kindo app. If you don't have Kindo, it's easy to set up by registering at mykindo.co.nz/Register or by downloading the app, available on Apple and Android.

If you need assistance, feel free to ask our friendly office staff!



Teacher Only Day - Friday 15th November

A reminder that school will be closed on this day so that the staff can continue their work in preparing to deliver the new English and Mathematics curriculum documents next year.

We know that a number of our parents prefer that we finish school later in the year as the build up to the Christmas break can be very busy for them. We have therefore chosen to work an extra day in December to make up for the lost learning time on the November teacher only day.

The last day for Blockhouse Bay School this year is Friday 20th December which is later than most schools in the area. Note that school closes at 1.30pm on this day.

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