



### Calendar of Event

**Friday 20th December-  
Non-uniform Day - no money is  
being asked for this  
School finishes at 1:30pm**

#### 2025 Dates

**Term 1:** Monday 3rd February -  
Thursday 10th April

(Teacher only day on Friday 11th April)

**Term 2:** Monday 28th April - Friday  
27th June

**Term 3:** Monday 14th July - Friday 19th  
September

**Term 4:** Monday 6th October -Thursday  
18th December

**Monday 3rd February:** Meet the  
Whānau meetings. Bookings are open.

**Tuesday 4th February:** All children  
commence school.

## A word from our Tumuaki



Tēnā koutou katoa,

As we finish for the year tomorrow, I want to thank you all for your support of the school in 2024.

Congratulations to the Year 6 children who took part in our Blockhouse Bay School Graduation ceremony on Tuesday. This is always a very important and much looked forward to event and a large number of parents and whānau members were there to share this occasion. Extra congratulations to our award and trophy winners who can be very proud of these achievements.

To those of you who are leaving us for the last time tomorrow, good luck to you all. We are very much aware that for some parents, this brings to a close your connection with the school and for quite a few, this has lasted for many years. We would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for the work you have done over the years to support us to help your child and the school.

School closes for the year at **1.30pm tomorrow**, so this is the final newsletter for 2024. The school office will reopen at 9.00am on Wednesday 29th January. Thank you for helping us to 'keep an eye on our place' over the holiday break. People who might cause the school harm are less likely to do so if adults are paying an interest in what they are doing.

In breaking news, we have had to move one of our Curriculum Development teacher only days (TOD) in 2025.

- There will be a teacher only day on Friday 11th April 2025
- There will be a teacher only day on Friday 30th May 2025
- There will be no TOD on Monday 28th April

We apologise for any inconvenience that this may cause.

On behalf of the Board and Staff, I would like to wish you all Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Have a great summer break everyone!

Ngā mihi maioha,

Neil Robinson - Principal



# CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR TROPHY WINNERS for 2024



Well done to all of the year 6 children who received their Graduation Certificates last Friday.

The following children were also recognised for their hard work and talent at this special occasion:

- **John Davies (Excellence in the Arts) - Gloria Das**
- **Jack Cooper (Service to the School) - Rianna Chhabra**
- **Walbran-Oakley First Class (All Rounder) - Danya and Caelan Capps**
- **Sportsperson of the Year- Callum Horsford**
- **Leadership Award - Kairavi Khedkar**
- **Cultural Leadership- Sophie Miratana**
- **Dux (Academic excellence) - Elvin Li**



Rianna Chhabra    Sophie Miratana    Callum Horsford    Kairavi Khedkar    Elvin Li



Gloria Das    Caelan Capps    Danya Capps



# Property Work in 2025

Over the summer, we will be carrying out a number of painting projects that need to be done to keep our school well maintained and looking good.

Towards the end of term one, we are hoping that work will begin on retaining the subsidence that has taken place along the Gittos Domain side of the school next to the field and down towards the junior classrooms. Whilst the classes themselves are perfectly safe, the area behind the temporary fencing needs quite a lot of work and we expect this project to take some months to complete. More details about this will be published when we have more details to share.

At some stage after the subsidence project has been completed, work on Te Whau will begin. This is a wonderful facility but unfortunately, it is leaking and so needs to have repairs and upgrading to be completed. We hope to give everyone an update on this project around the middle of 2025.

## DEPARTING STAFF MEMBERS

Tomorrow will be the last day for two of our teachers who are leaving us to work elsewhere in New Zealand.

Linda Dai has taught the children in Weka A this year and also been a valued interpreter for the school and for our Chinese community.

Shelley Sensei has taught the children in Kākariki B in 2024 and is moving to the lower North Island for family reasons.

We thank both of these teachers for their contribution to the school and wish them all the best for the future.



Linda Dai



Shelley Sensei



## Report from the Education Review Office

Earlier this year, the staff and Board took part in our latest review with ERO. The reviewer was very complimentary of the relationship between the children, staff Board and community and worked with us to plan our focus areas for next year and beyond. The following information is from the ERO office and explains how they work as well as how people can search for our review on line.

*Te Ara Huarau is the evaluation approach that the Education Review Office (ERO) is using in schools. This is a developmental approach to evaluation where ERO and schools work together over time rather than one off review that happened previously. Te Ara Huarau is used in most English-medium state and state-integrated schools.*

*ERO maintains a regular view programme to evaluate and report on the education and care of young people in schools. Our school worked with ERO and contributed to writing our School Evaluation Report. The reports reflects and informs our strategic priorities and direction for improvement in one or more areas that are important as we work together to improve outcomes for all our learners. ERO, like us, has a strong focus on equality and excellence. Future reporting will show our progress and achievement towards meeting the areas for improvement in this report. Public reports like the School Evaluation Report are published on [ERO's website](#) and our new report will be loaded soon.*

*A Board Assurance Report that shows how we are meeting regulatory and legislative Requirements has also been published.*

## Thank you to our sponsors

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our sponsors for 2024.

Barfoot and Thompson Blockhouse Bay have contributed over \$60,000 to the school over the last 8 years. We continue to be very grateful to Chris and the team for their ongoing support.

Nitin and the crew from Auckland Orthodontics have been a long-time newsletter sponsor and we thank them too for their generosity.

Roma Kaur has also continued her relationship with the school as a newsletter sponsor and we are grateful too to her for this and for the sponsorship of several of our fundraising events, which have allowed the FAB to maximise their profits for these.

We invite all of our whānau to give our sponsors the opportunity to quote for their services so that they can see a financial return on their support of the school.

# MEET THE WHĀNAU CONFERENCES 2025

These meetings will be held on Monday 3rd February 2025. This is an opportunity for you, your child and whānau to come and meet your child's teachers, get to know the classroom and share important information together before school starts. Where possible, you will also be able to meet the Manu class teacher. Although the class teacher will be the person you connect with mostly about your child's learning, the Manu class teacher next door will also be responsible for the learning of the children.

The meetings will be held from 8.20am until 7.00pm on this day. Information on how to book these meetings were posted on HERO yesterday and bookings are open. Our advice is to make your booking for this event as soon as possible to get your preferred time.



## **Pōwhiri - Tuesday 4th February 2025 - 9.00am**

This event is a really nice way to welcome all of our new whānau to the school and we invite everyone to join us. Parents are invited to settle their children into class and then assemble on the netball courts so that we can explain what will happen. Note that this occasion is open to everyone so that we can all welcome people who are new to the school.

## **MEDICATION HELD AT SCHOOL OFFICE**

If you have any medications held at the school office, could you please come and collect it tomorrow, Friday 20th December.

If your child is returning in 2025 we would like to update all medical information for your child with a new form and have new unexpired medication held at school.

If an action plan from the doctor is required for Asthma, please have this updated and bring to school with new medication.

Any expired medications still held at school after 2.00pm on the 20th December will be thrown away.



# Fundraisers at Blockhouse Bay



On behalf of the FAB team, we would like to thank you all for your continued support of the school's fundraising efforts. Last week's Colourful Clothes Day raised \$530 bringing the total money raised for 2024 to a very impressive \$42 000!

This year, the target was to pay for the new roof outside of the Manukau Block and early next year, the FAB and staff will decide what our fundraised money will be spent on. Early next year, the FAB will advertise the date of their first meeting so that people will be able to join us on the journey to add value to the schools equipment, facilities and experiences for the children.

On behalf of the school, we would like to thank Chairperson Sonya Foster and Treasurer Stephanie Hydes for their contribution to the Fundraisers At Blockhouse Bay team. These two parents have served on the committee and help run events for many years and have also mentored other parents to take over from them next year.

Thank you once again everyone for your contribution to FAB's fundraising in 2024.

## Learning Assistant / Teacher Aide Position at Lynfield College

FIXED TERM, TERM TIME ONLY | STARTING TUESDAY 28 JANUARY 2025

We (**Lynfield College**) are looking for an energetic person with a youthful approach, a keen sense of humour and experience in positive behaviour management techniques to work with akonga within a mainstream and special education setting in our collaborative Learning Support department.

The ability to develop trusting relationships with young people and adapt to fluid circumstances as part of a team would be an advantage. The successful applicant will have a calm manner, good organisational skills and a flexible approach to the job. A positive outlook and the ability to work with people of all ages and ethnicities as part of a positive team is desirable. Knowledge of Te Reo and Tikanga Māori would be welcomed.

IT competency along with good English language skills both written and spoken are essential as is IT competency. Applicants must have New Zealand residency. The role is subject to a satisfactory Police check.

The position is for 31 hours per week from 8.30 am – 3.20 pm, during term time only.

*Please send a cover letter addressed to the Principal and a brief CV with two references to:  
Lee Bullinga, Executive Secretary at [jobs@lynfield.school.nz](mailto:jobs@lynfield.school.nz)*

*Applications close 4.00 pm, Monday 13 January 2025*



**Bizzy Bodz**

# Blockhouse Bay Primary School

**Holiday Programme for 5-13 year olds**

23rd & 24th December 2024 &  
6th January- 31st January 2025

8.00am - 5.30pm\*

\* except 24th December, 3.00pm Finish

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## Enquiries

09 530 9020

[admin@bizzybodz.co.nz](mailto:admin@bizzybodz.co.nz)

021 835 627 (Programme direct dial)

## Payment/WINZ

- Payment is required at time of booking to be confirmed
- WINZ forms need to be submitted when making your booking, a 25% deposit is required to secure your booking

## Location

Based in the Auditorium  
Foyer

8.00am - 5.30pm

### Prices

8.00am - 3.00pm see over

3.00pm - 4.30pm \$10.00

3.00pm - 5.30pm \$12.00

## How to book

- Visit [bizzybodz.aimyplus.com](http://bizzybodz.aimyplus.com) to register/login or visit our website
- Once you have registered and have an account for your child
- Select 'Make a Booking'
- Ensure your child's name is selected & select **Bizzy Bodz Blockhouse Bay**
- Select 'Holiday Programme'
- To book a session, choose book for 'Main Programme' and select which child will attend that day
- If you require care after 3.00pm, you will need to book 'After Care'
- We will run a 'special day' from 1.30pm on Friday 20th of December with Aftercare running as usual from 3pm

## 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)



**Bizzy Bodz**



## December 2024

### Monday 23rd Dec Christmas Creations

It's Christmas time and Santa is almost here! Let's spread some joy and get creative.

ONSITE \$40.00

### Tuesday 24th Dec Xmas Party!

It's Christmas time and Santa is almost here! Join us for a fun day filled with Xmas excitement. PROGRAMME CLOSES AT 3PM.

ONSITE \$45.00

**On Tuesday 24th December the programme will close at 3pm.**

**We wish you a safe and Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year!**

## January 2025

### Monday 6th Jan New Year Party!

It's already 2025! Join us for a fun, relaxing day celebrating all things 2024. Party games, spot prizes and make some yummy treats to eat.

ONSITE \$40.00

### Tuesday 7th Jan Box Town

We've raided the recycling! We are making our own box town today from recycled boxes! Build a post shop, supermarket or school! What will your tiny town have in it?

ONSITE \$40.00

### Wednesday 8th Jan Chocolate Factory

Calling all chocolatiers... today we embark into a world of chocolate. From chocolate edibles to chocolate slime...if you love chocolate then this one is for you!

ONSITE \$45.00

### Thursday 9th Jan Minute to win it

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!

ONSITE \$40.00

### Friday 10th Jan Summer Splash

Bring your togs, you're going to get wet! Join us for some fun in the sun, there will be plenty of water fun! Cool off with an ice block to finish off the day.

ONSITE \$40.00

### Monday 13th Jan The Mad Scientist

Get ready to let your madness take over with our science experiments... take home a D.I.Y lava lamp and help us explode a thing or two.

ONSITE \$40.00

### Tuesday 14th Jan Gizmos & Gadgets

Get ready for a day of fun! Dive into the world of invention as we transform everyday items into amazing glow lights and soaring planes.

ONSITE \$40.00

### Wednesday 15th Jan Water War

Bring your togs, towel and water guns! Can you win the water war? Enjoy an ice block to cool off afterwards.

ONSITE \$40.00

### Thursday 16th Jan Circus Mania

Roll up, roll up...the circus is coming to town. An onsite trip that will leave you juggling, spinning and twirling. A day filled with circus skills and D.I.Y craft.

ONSITE TRIP \$48.00

### Friday 17th Jan Tie Dye & Iceblocks

Colours galore today! Come create your very own unique rainbow masterpiece to take home. There will be other crafts and Ice Blocks too!

ONSITE \$45.00

### Monday 20th Jan Ready to Race

Bring along a set of wheels to tackle our challenge course! Heaps of other wheely fun games too!  
**NO HELMET = NO WHEELS**

ONSITE \$40.00

### Tuesday 21st Jan Movies

Roll out the red carpet, we are going to watch one of the latest movies! Book quick, as the cinemas fill up fast! Departing at 9:15am.

TRIP \$50.00

### Wednesday 22nd Jan Cookies & Craft

Let your inner cookie monster unleash as we make giant cookies and fun craft to go with it.

ONSITE \$45.00

### Thursday 23rd Jan Butterfly Creek

Come and explore the wild and whacky creatures at Butterfly Creek. Departing at 9:15am.

TRIP \$50.00

### Friday 24th Jan Water Wipeout

Are you ready to get soaked? Today is a total water wipeout with plenty of water games and activities to keep you cool! Bring your togs and a towel.

ONSITE \$40.00

### Monday 27th Jan Auckland Anniversary Day

No programme available

### Tuesday 28th Jan Chinese New Year

Let's welcome in the year of the snake as we make some Chinese sweets, lantern craft and more.

ONSITE \$40.00

### Wednesday 29th Jan Fish 'n' Chips at the Beach

We are off to the beach! Join us for our sandcastle competitions, beach games and some Fish 'n' Chips.

TRIP \$50.00

### Thursday 30th Jan Summer Party

It's children's choice today! We will have plenty of games and activities for you to choose from to finish up your holidays!

ONSITE \$40.00

### Friday 31st Jan Kiwi Valley

We are off to Kiwi Valley today. Enjoy a day with farm animals, a tractor ride and a tour of the farm. Departing at 9:15am.

TRIP \$50.00

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