



Term Two Calendar of Events

Week 4

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 June - Hero Parent 'Pop in' during the Disco

Fri 7th-Fri 21st June - Watercare visit

Fri 7th June - FAB School Disco

Week 7

Tues 11th June-Rimu Assembly 2.25pm

Wed 12th June-Hero 'Pop in' in Te Manawa

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 Tumukaki

Tēnā koutou e te whānau,

We have had a great start to the term with learning programmes humming along in every Manu Group. At least one hour each day of learning Reading, Writing and Mathematics is covered, as has been in place at our kura for many years.

Currently assessments along with classroom observations are being made by teachers. These contribute to Overall Teacher Judgements which are made against Curriculum Expectations on Hero at the end of Term 2. If you want to know how to explore Hero to understand and help your child's learning, Whaea Emma is running a Hero 'Pop in' in Te Manawa during each school disco. Another 'Pop in' will be available on Wednesday 12th June: 2.30-3.30 Come along!

We have enjoyed some exciting whole school activities in the last week. Great fun was had by all as we celebrated 'Pink Shirt' Day last Friday. Thank you to Stacy McIvor, our Lead Teacher: Learning Support who organised the day. Thanks also, to the whānau who came along and supported the tamariki who looked great in pink! Our focus this year is on being an 'Everyday Upstander'. We believe if we all play our part as 'upstanders' we can reduce bullying in our school and our wider community.

It was also wonderful to see so many of our community enthusiastically supporting our Annual School Cross Country at Blockhouse Bay Reserve yesterday. We can all be proud of the children who showed perseverance and tenacity. Well done everyone! A big thank you to Sally Kilpatrick and Hayley Davies who organised the event, supported by many staff and volunteers. Without the support of our community these special days could not take place.

Ngā mihi nui,
Elizabeth Crisp
Acting Principal.

**The Board members
celebrating Pink
Shirt Day**



**Teacher Only Day - Friday 31st May &
King's Birthday Holiday - Monday 3rd June**



On Friday 31st May Blockhouse Bay Primary School is closed for all children as this is a Teacher Only Day. Our staff will be attending Professional Learning and Development with all the other schools in the Lynfield Kahui ako at Lynfield College. We ask you please make other arrangements for your children for this day.



A reminder that Monday 3rd of June is a public holiday and school will be closed to recognise King's Birthday Weekend.

Change of 'Before and After School Care' Providers

Care 4 Kidz

Els and Theo who own 'Care 4 Kidz' have decided that it is time to retire. Therefore at the end of Term 2 'Care 4 Kidz' will no longer be the providers of 'Out of School Care' for Blockhouse Bay Primary School. We want to thank Care 4 Kidz for the wonderful service they have provided at our school and wish Els and Theo the very best.

Bizzy Bodz

We are very pleased to announce that Bizzy Bodz led by Directors, Jo Adamson and Blair Pocok will be taking over all 'Out of School Care' at Blockhouse Bay Primary School. We met with Bizzy Bodz at the end of Term 1 and they impressed us with the quality of the service they provide. We are confident that they will continue the great 'Out of School' service which many families have experienced at our school.

Tomorrow morning we will post information on Hero introducing Bizzy Bodz, explaining about their service and what families need to do to enrol in Bizzy Bodz.



STAYING HEALTHY

We are seeing lots of winter illnesses here at school and hear that the 'flu season' has arrived earlier than normal. We also have been advised New Zealand is at a high risk of a measles outbreak with immunisation rates dropping off. Te Whatu Ora asking you to consider the MMR vaccination for your children to help avoid a measles outbreak.



**The Writers Festival
By Callum**

The Writers Festival is held each year in Auckland City and is a chance for students who are passionate about writing to listen and learn from some famous authors. Four students (Gloria, Elvin, Alesha, and myself) from Blockhouse Bay were chosen and it was an amazing experience! We listened to incredible and inspiring stories from 3 great writers from New Zealand, including an award-winning writer from over the Pacific Ocean, in Australia.

The Writers Festival was for amazing writers who wanted to boost their journey in writing. We listened to Tim Tipene, Jason Gunn, Giselle Clarkson, and Maryam Master. It was a wonderful experience that I would recommend for Young Writers, it was quite inspiring.



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 29th May : Pita Pit - ordering closes 9am on the day
- Wed 5th June : Mai Sushi - ordering closes Tues 4th 12pm
- Wed 12th June : BakeAholc - 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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Forty Hour Famine leadership - by Riaan

I'm here to tell you about my experience at the World Vision World Youth Conference, held at the Trust Arena in Auckland. Ms Shultz took Caelan, Riyaan, Kairavi and myself there. It was a mind-blowing experience to be with other school leaders and to find out about different parts of the world. We learnt about countries that are affected by climate change in places in Indonesia. People suffer from the consequences of floods, heavy rain, droughts and starvation. We are part of a leadership group that will be running the 40 hour famine in our school. The idea is we raise money for people that are poverty stricken. We are looking forward to raising money for these people.



Blockhouse Bay Woolworths - A big thank you!
Recently Woolworths contributed vouchers to our FAB. These have been used for our sausage sizzle, ice-blocks fundraising and the school disco which is coming up- we appreciate it!

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