



A word from our Tumuaki

Tēnā koutou e te whānau,

There is no doubt that last week's Ngā Toi Showcase was one of the highlights of the year! The staff and children had put in a huge amount of work to produce the artworks and prepare for the performances and I am sure that they had lots to talk about over dinner last Thursday. Thank you to everyone who was able to come and watch all of the items and view the artworks around the school. Whilst reading, writing and mathematics are very important, taking part in the creative arts is essential for children growing up and we will always make sure that Blockhouse Bay School children have the opportunity to be part of these experiences.

Congratulations too to all of the senior children who represented the school at last week's Winter Field Day. Your sporting ability and sportsmanship were excellent and you can be very proud of your contribution to your team. We are including the Term Four Events in with this newsletter and ask that everyone make a note of the dates that affect them.

A reminder that we are having a Teacher Only Day on the 15th November so that we can continue our work to prepare for the new curriculum documents. I note too that Lynfield College also has a TOD on this day, which might be helpful for some parents.

Lastly, we were visited by the Education Review Office this week and were very pleased with what the reviewer had to say. She was complimentary about all aspects of the school including the way that children were enjoying engaging in the learning both inside and outside of the classroom. I will report more about this later but we were very pleased to receive acknowledgement of our positive learning environment.

Ngā mihi maioha,
Neil Robinson
Principal

Term Four Calendar of Events

Monday 14th October term 4 commences

Week 1- Niuean Language Week

Mon 14th Oct- Positive Puberty Parents and Caregiver Meeting 6:30-7:30pm via Zoom

Tues 15th Oct- Puberty talks with year-5 student

Thurs 17th Oct-Pōwhiri 9-10am

Week-2 Diwali celebrations including a Diwali concert on Friday 25th

Mon 21st Oct- FAB meeting-All welcome to attend

Tues 22nd Oct- 2025 camp meeting- Year 5 parents

Wed 23rd Oct-Tōtara Assembly 2:15-2:45pm

Thurs 24th Oct-Fono 5-6pm

Fri 25th Oct-

- HERO Pop up for Parents and Whānau 9am-10am

- HERO Pop up for Parents and Whānau 2pm-3pm

- Kauri Assembly 2:15pm-2:45pm

Week 3

Mon 28th Oct- Labour day- No school this day

Tues 29th Oct- Year 3-6 Athletics Mount Smart 9am-3pm

Tues 29th Oct-Pōhutukawa Assembly 2:30pm-3pm

Wed 30th Oct- Whanāu Hui 5:30pm-7pm

Week 4

Mon 4th Nov-Kōwhai Assembly 2:15-2:45pm

Tues 5th Nov-Rimu Assembly 2:15-3pm

Wed 6th Nov- Tōtara Assembly 2:15-2:45pm

Thurs 7th Nov-Whanāu Literacy workshops 8:50am-9:50am OR 6pm-7 pm

Fri 8th Nov -Epro8 Inter School Competition

Week 5

Tues 12th Nov- Pōhutukawa Assembly 2:30pm-3pm

Wed 13th Nov-Inter School Athletics 9am-3pm

Fri 15th Nov- Teachers only Day

Week 6

Mon 18th Nov-Kōwhai Assembly 2:15-2:45pm

Wed 20th Nov-Inter School Athletics-Postponement Day 9am-3pm

Wed 20th Nov- Photolife here 8:30am-3pm

(Postponement day for IS Athletics)

Thurs 21st Nov-Photolife here 8:30am-3pm

Fri 22nd Nov- Kauri Assembly 2:15-2:45pm

Week 7

Tues 26th Nov-Rimu Assembly-2:15-3pm

Wed 27th Nov- Tōtara Assembly 2:15-2:45pm

Wed 27th Nov- Year 0-2 Junior Athletics 9am-12pm

Fri 29th Nov- Year 0-2 Junior Athletics 9am-12pm

Fri 29th Nov-Disco 5pm-8:30pm

Week 8

Mon 2nd Dec- Pōhutukawa Assembly 2:30-3pm

Fri 6th Dec- Kauri Assembly 2:15pm-2:45pm

Week 9

Mon 9th Dec- Kōwhai Assembly 2:15-2:45pm

Week 10

Tues 17th Dec -Year6 Graduation 1-3pm

Friday 10th December Term 4 Ends

New Teacher Only days for 2025

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The government has instructed schools to have 2 in-term teacher-only days next year to continue their work to implement the new English and Mathematics Curriculum documents.

For Blockhouse Bay School, these teacher only days will be held on Monday 28th April and Friday 30th May 2025.

In deciding which days to take we considered the following factors:

The documents are currently not in their finalised form and we wanted to allow time for our staff to consider what the changes will be before planning our teacher only days

We did not want to leave it too late in the year so that we can maximise the benefits of these days, for the children's learning.

Minimising disruption for parents and providing them with opportunities to be with families (e.g. having a four-day King's Birthday Weekend)

It is quite likely that other schools in the district will be using the 30th May for a teacher only day so this will be easier for parents as well.



NGĀ TOI SHOWCASE

What a truly magnificent showcase of our learning in The Arts. The Kapa Haka groups welcomed everybody to our afternoon and their performances were outstanding. It was so good to share our art pieces with our whānau - they evolved from our Navigation Inquiry last term. The music and dance performances were a culmination of our Ngā Toi Arts inquiry we have been exploring this term. The tamariki did such an awesome job and there was a fantastic variety of performances. Thank you to all the ākonga and kaiako for their hard work and preparation, and thank you whānau for coming.



ATTENDANCE

Last week Kōwhai were the winners of our attendance Competition.

Well done!

Don't forget to come to school on time and put a token in the jar.



Our Attendance Competition
Come to school on time!



Winner: Week 9
Kōwhai

| Term 3 | | | | | |
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| Week 4 | 59% | 74% | 85% | 74% | 75% |
| Week 5 | 75% | 84% | 82% | 79% | 75% |
| Week 6 | 72% | 85% | 86% | 82% | 82% |
| Week 7 | 80% | 80% | 75% | 83% | 78% |
| Week 8 | 78% | 85% | 79% | 83% | 75% |
| Week 9 | 74% | 82% | 72% | 79% | 66% |

TERM FOUR UNIFORM



With the warmer weather about to hit, we will no doubt see an increase in jumpers and hats being put on and taken off.

Please, please, please make sure that all uniform items have your family name in and that these are really easy to read. These will help us to make sure that children's items are returned to them.

Please note too that all children will need to have a school hat to wear at school from the start of term four. If your child does not have one, now is the time to get these purchased so that they are ready to wear from the 14th October onwards.



WINTER FIELD DAY



Winter Field Day was a big success with Blockhouse Bay taking over 90 Year 5 and 6 children competing in hockey, football, rippa rugby and netball. We all had competitive games against schools within our area and dodging showers in between matches! It was great to see our tamariki demonstrate teamwork, sportsmanship and a competitive spirit. See below for some of our results. Once again, a huge thank you to our wonderful parents that coached and supported our teams.

Football- Blockhouse Bay Rovers placed 1st in A Grade
Blockhouse Bay United placed 2nd= in A Grade

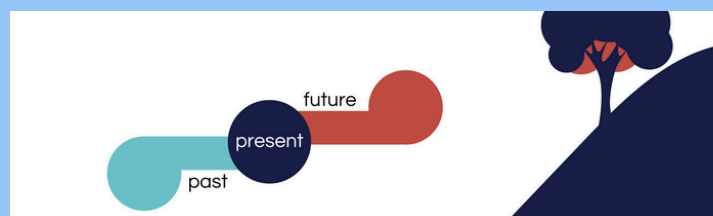
Hockey- Blockhouse Bay Blue Sticks placed 1st in B Grade

Rippa Rugby- Blockhouse Bay 2 placed 1st= in B Grade

Netball - Blockhouse Bay Blue placed 2nd in B Grade



Food for the Body and Soul: Term 4 Focus for learning



Next term will be discovering how to keep ourselves healthy by learning about our food and friendships. Using the Health & PE and Food Technology Curriculum areas, we will learn that the way we fuel our body has an effect on us - both positive and negative, and how to relate to one another well.

We will be focussing on the He Manu Rere attributes of 'Know Others' - Contributor and Changemaker. The term will finish with a visit from 'Harold' of the Life Education Trust!



HELICOPTER AT SCHOOL- GROUNDS CLOSED MONDAY or TUESDAY

On either Monday or Tuesday next week, the Auckland Council will be flying a helicopter into Gittos Domain from our school field to deliver gravel for contractors to upgrade walking tracks. They will need somewhere to land and our field is the closest area to the Domain, so they will be using this space. We are just letting you know because the gates will be locked on this day.



STUDENT SUCCESS



We always like to hear about the successes of current and ex-pupils and enjoy sharing these with our community when we can.

Saanjh Sidhu has had many successes in her chosen sport of Karate and recently won two gold medals and two silver medals at the Auckland Open Championships in August. In July, at the NZ Open in Christchurch, she won 3 gold medals. Next term, she is off to represent NZ at the Asia Pacific Shitoryu Karatedo Championships in Singapore.

Zoe Mediratta is a very keen cross country runner and wins races all over Auckland. This year for example, she has won events in Pukekohe, Pakruanga, Long Bay, Howick and of course, at our Inter-school event earlier in the year.

Great effort girls!

FAB NEWS

FRIDAY 27 SEPTEMBER

SAUSAGE SIZZLE

VEGETARIAN & HALAL OPTIONS AVAILABLE

ORDER FROM YOUR TEACHER BEFORE SCHOOL!



TOMORROW



BRING A GOLD COIN FOR



NON UNIFORM DAY!

Term Four Disco

The FAB are pleased to announce that they will be running a Disco on Friday 29th November - so please put this date in your calendar.

They will be asking for help on the night so parents might want to be thinking about whether or not they can do this.

More details will be provided after the first FAB meeting for term four which will be held on the evening of 21st October.

BIZZY BODZ HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

During the school holidays Bizzy bodz will be running a holiday programme from Te Whau foyer.

Dont miss out on the exciting activities each day and book early to secure your place.

Main Programme

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| <p>Monday 30th September</p> <p>Bake off!</p> <p>Who can create the most masterfully decorated cake? With a bucket load of icing, lollies, sprinkles & more! Let your creative baking skills take over our kitchen.</p> <p>ONSITE \$42.00</p> | <p>Tuesday 1st October</p> <p>Pizza in the Park</p> <p>Come for a walk to Blockhouse Bay Beach Reserve and have some fun. Compete in friendly games, enjoy the beach and playground and snack on a pizza lunch.</p> <p>TRIP \$48.00</p> | <p>Wednesday 2nd October</p> <p>Mythical Creatures</p> <p>Calling all creatures of the land of fantasy. Come dressed up and embark on a scavenger hunt adventure and make a dragon egg you get to take home!</p> <p>ONSITE 40.00</p> | <p>Thursday 3rd October</p> <p>Magic Show</p> <p>Get ready to be dazzled with a visit from Mr Magic on this enchanting day. It will be a 'Wand'-erful show filled with fun.</p> <p>ONSITE TRIP \$48.00</p> | <p>Friday 4th October</p> <p>Friday Fiesta</p> <p>It's Friday and we're having a party! Pinata and party games, nachos to snack on and chill out in the afternoon with a movie.</p> <p>ONSITE \$40.00</p> |
| <p>Monday 7th October</p> <p>Messy Monday</p> <p>Bring your messiest clothes and dive into a day filled with slime making, messy science, baking and painting!</p> <p>ONSITE \$40.00</p> | <p>Tuesday 8th October</p> <p>Movies</p> <p>Roll out the red carpet! Come and watch Harold and the Purple Crayon and immerse yourself in the silver screen excitement at New Lynn Reading Cinemas.</p> <p>TRIP \$50.00</p> | <p>Wednesday 9th October</p> <p>Inflatable World</p> <p>Bounce, slide and race your friends at Inflatable World, St Lukes. It will be an unforgettable time that will blow you away! Socks must be worn to play.</p> <p>TRIP \$50.00</p> | <p>Thursday 10th October</p> <p>Kids Choice</p> <p>It's children's choice today! We will have plenty of games, craft and baking activities for you to choose from. Come along and let your freedom forge the day.</p> <p>ONSITE \$40.00</p> | <p>Friday 11th October</p> <p>Fluro Disco</p> <p>It's disco time! Wear your brightest Fluro colours and come along with your dancing shoes. Battle it off on the dance floor to win prizes!</p> <p>ONSITE \$40.00</p> |

Location

Based in the
Auditorium Foyer
8.00am – 5.30pm

Prices

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| 8.00am – 3.00pm | see above |
| 3.00pm – 4.30pm | \$10.00 |
| 3.00pm – 5.30pm | \$12.00 |

Please bring daily

- Morning Tea, Lunch, drink bottle and hat. Socks are required for Inflatable World and 'old' clothes are needed for Messy Monday.

Book online now!

bizzybodz.aimyplus.com

or call us on:

09 530 9020 or 021 835 627

How to book

- Visit 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'.

Collecting your child

- When arriving to collect your child please sign them out on the tablet and advise the Team Leader that you are taking your child.
- This is a Ministry of Social Development requirement and if a child has not been signed out at the end of the day, full daily fees will apply.

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.

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 confirm.

Trip Days

- Please ensure you drop off your child by 9.00am on trip days as the bus is booked to leave by 9.15am.



Bizzy Bodz