



## Term One Calendar of Events

### Week 5

Friday 7th March-Kauri assembly 2.15 - 2.45 pm

### Week 6

Wednesday 12th March - Inter-school Cricket for selected children

Friday 14th March - Colourful Clothes Dress up day - fundraiser for Starship Hospital

### Week 7

Monday 17th March-Rimu assembly 2.15 - 2.45pm

Friday 21st March-Kauri assembly 2.15 - 2.45pm

### Week 8

Monday 24th March - FAB Meeting 6.00pm. All welcome

### Week 9

All week-Book Week (more information provided soon)

Monday 31st March - Rimu assembly 2.15 - 2.45pm

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 - Uniform Optional Day and Sausage Sizzle (both FAB Fundraisers)

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

Friday 11th April -Teacher Only Day. School Closed

## A word from our Tumuaki



Dear Parents and Whānau,

Thank you to everyone who has sent back their contact and medical information. It is really important that we know whether or not this is accurate, even the emergency contact information, so if you have not already done so, please send this back to school.

Every year the Board of Trustees needs to decide whether our school stays in or leaves the Government Donations Scheme. This scheme provides an amount of money to the school so that parents are not asked to pay anything as a donation for the running of the school. There are good and bad parts to being in the Scheme and we will be providing you with this information next week. We will then be asking whether or not you feel we should stay in the Government Donations Scheme. Feedback from the community will help the Board decide what to do in the future.

When you receive this information next week, we ask you to please read it, and fill in the quick Google feedback form, to help the Board with this complicated decision.

Ngā mihi maioha, (thank you with appreciation)

Neil Robinson

Principal

## Update from the Board of Trustees

At their latest meeting, the Board re-elected Nick Demspey as the Board Chairperson for another year which is a great vote of confidence for the excellent work he is doing leading our group of parent representatives. Congratulations Nick!

In September this year, Blockhouse Bay School will join most New Zealand schools in having an election for their Board of Trustees. Boards play a lead role in the running of the school and parents are invited to think about standing for our Board later this year. For more information, [click here](#) or contact the school office and we can put you in touch with a Board member to discuss this possibility.

## Report on the School from the Education Review Office

Our latest visit from ERO was late last year and our report was sent to us just before the end of 2025. The report can be found on our website or by [clicking here](#) if you missed it and would like to read what the reviewer thought of the school. As part of the review, the staff and Board negotiated what our next steps should be and these are part of the review as well.

## Non-Uniform/Donate to Charity Day



As part of recognising the generosity of our community, we invite all children to bring some money to school on **Friday 14th March** that we will donate to charity. Children are also invited to **wear colourful clothing on this day**.

Bringing money to school for this non-uniform day and donating it to charity is totally optional but fits within the spirit of all of the cultural events that are taking place at the moment. If your child does bring money to school, please ask them to give it to their teacher as soon as they arrive and they will send it to the office.

Given that several of our children have had interactions with Starship Hospital over the last few months, we thought that this would be a suitable charity to donate this money to.

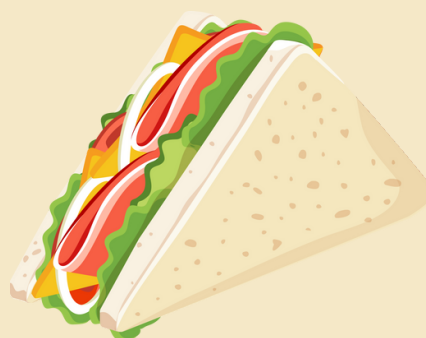


# Food Orders

These are organised by the Fundraisers at Blockhouse Bay (FAB) Team and are a great way to keep the income for this group coming in as they receive a small amount of money for each order. Ordering can be completed through Kindo so please ask the office if you are unsure of how to do this.

The following dates outline what can be ordered and when:

- **Wednesday 12th March** - Mai Sushi - orders close on the day before at 12pm
- **Wednesday 19th March** - Xi'an Food Bar - orders close on the day before at 12pm
- **Wednesday 26th March** - Pita Pit - orders close 9am on the day
- **Wednesday 2nd April** - Mai Sushi - orders close on the day before at 12pm
- **Wednesday 9th April** - Xi'an Food Bar - orders close on the day before at 12pm





# Ramadan

Ramadan has started

Ramadan is a special month for Muslims all around the world. It is a time for inner reflection, contemplation, discipline, giving charity and doing good deeds as a means of getting closer to God. Youth and adults who are healthy, will not eat or drink anything from dawn to dusk for 30 days as a means of attaining closeness to Allah. Fasting in the month of Ramadan is also a way of experiencing hunger and developing sympathy for those who are less fortunate and a means of showing gratefulness for all of God's bounties.

If your child is fasting, please let their teacher know so that they are aware of this.

We would like to share the spirit of Ramadan with all of you and hope that this Ramadan brings happiness and blessings into your lives. Ramadan Mubarak koutou!

## HOLI

Holi is an important part of the Hindu year and is set to be celebrated next week. Holi is a popular ancient Hindu festival, also known as the Festival of Love, the Festival of Colours, or the Festival of Spring and celebrates the triumph of good over evil.

To recognise Holi, on **Friday 14th March** we are inviting the children to **wear colourful clothes to school.**



# Road Safety

We have had several reports of near-misses around the school lately and in all cases, it is because either children are not being dropped off in safe areas or because parents are calling children to come across busy areas to them. This week, a visiting police officer has spoken to some of the classes and asked them to say 'no, I'm not allowed to' when asked to walk across roads or car park areas to their parents who are waiting in cars.

To avoid a tragedy happening around our school, we ask that all parents accompany their children safely across roads and car parks.



  
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**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**

**[bizzybodz.co.nz](http://bizzybodz.co.nz)**

## **Enquiries**

09 530 9020  
admin@bizzybodz.co.nz  
021835627 (Programme Direct Dial)

# **Welcome to Bizzy Bodz!**

**Providing fun, organised, quality Out of School Care in a safe, child-focused environment**

**Our Bizzy Bodz School Holiday Programme aims to provide a fun, organised, safe and above all quality holiday care for children 5-13 years of age. Our Holiday Programme operates between the hours of 8.00am - 5.30pm, Monday to Friday.**

**It is Bizzy Bodz's intention to provide a professional service, which will give your child a safe, secure environment and an enjoyable quality care experience.**



# Main Programme

<b>Monday 14th April</b> <b>Welcoming Autumn</b> It's time to welcome the new season of Autumn! Help us bake a delicious apple pie and craft your very own bird feeder. <b>ONSITE \$40.00</b>	<b>Tuesday 15th April</b> <b>Music Madness</b> Bang on the drums, clap the tambourine, stamp your feet. Today is all about music. Come and make DIY musical instruments and play in a pot and pan band or the water xylophone. <b>ONSITE \$40.00</b>	<b>Wednesday 16th April</b> <b>Crystal Mountain</b> We're off on a trip to Crystal Mountain. Explore the crystal museum, the farm animals and the rides! Don't forget your water bottle. This is one you won't want to miss. <b>TRIP \$60.00</b>	<b>Thursday 17th April</b> <b>Easter Party</b> The Easter bunny has made a visit, leaving a chocolate egg trail behind. Help us to find the Easter eggs and join in for some Easter craft, baking and party games. <b>ONSITE \$40.00</b>	<b>Friday 18th April</b> <b>Good Friday</b> <b>No programme available</b>
<b>Monday 21st April</b> <b>Easter Monday</b> <b>No programme available</b>	<b>Tuesday 22nd April</b> <b>Painting &amp; Pizza</b> Mamma mia! Let's make some pizza dough and decorate it with your choice of toppings! Show off your Picasso skills on a canvas painting you can take home. <b>ONSITE \$45.00</b>	<b>Wednesday 23rd April</b> <b>Movies</b> Roll out the red carpet, it's movie time at New Lynn Reading Cinemas! We will watch Minecraft the Movie on the big screen. <b>TRIP \$50.00</b>	<b>Thursday 24th April</b> <b>Superheroes vs. Supervillians</b> Come dressed up as your favourite superhero or villain. A day filled with battles, challenges and games. Let's see which hero or villain will come out the champion! <b>ONSITE \$40.00</b>	<b>Friday 25th April</b> <b>ANZAC Day</b> <b>No programme available</b>

## Location

Based in the Auditorium  
8.00am - 5.30pm

## Prices

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

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or call us on:  
09 530 9020 or 021 835 627

## 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'

## 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)

## Trip Days

- Please ensure you drop off your child by 9.00am on trip days as the buses are booked to leave at 9.15am

## Payment/WINZ

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

