



From the Desk of the Principal:

Our second term is well underway and we will soon be undertaking our mid year assessments. There will be parent meetings in week 10 of this term and your child will receive a progress report at the end of week 9.

This year we will be using the new Ministry of Education SMART tool (Student Monitoring, Assessment, and Reporting Tool) for the first time. Below is some information about the tool.

Key Details About the SMART Tool:

- What it does: Assesses student progress in Reading, Writing, Math, Pānui, Tuhihi, and Pāngarau.
- When: Conducted twice a year, taking about 30–45 minutes.
- How: Completed online or on paper at school.
- What parents receive: Reports showing progress over time, Attendance information, and guidance for supporting learning at home.
- Not high-stakes: It is a low-stakes check-in, designed to assist—not replace teacher judgment.



Colder Weather

As we are entering the winter season, I would stress the need for all children to dress warmly. Please ensure polar fleeces and other clothing items are labelled as students often discard them after playing.

NZ Sign Language Week – Celebrate Communication for All

This week is NZ Sign Language Week, a time to celebrate one of New Zealand's official languages and the rich culture of the Deaf community. NZ Sign Language (NZSL) uses hand shapes, facial expressions, and body language to communicate, and learning even a few signs can make a big difference in helping everyone feel included.

At school, students will be learning simple everyday signs like greetings, colours, and numbers. We encourage families to get involved too—try practising a few signs at home and see how much fun it can be!



From the Desk of Mr Pickett:

Year 6 - Kelston Intermediate Enrolment Forms

On Monday, our Year 6 students went to Kelston Intermediate for their open day. This was a chance for the Year 6's to see what intermediate life is like and the things they will get to experience. The students participated in cooking, hard materials, bilingual classes and much more. Each Year 6 student will receive a Kelston Intermediate prospectus and enrolment form next week. If your child is going to Kelston Intermediate in 2027 or you are undecided, please fill in, sign and return the enrolment pages as soon as possible this term.

Inter-school Rippa Rugby



This Tuesday, 12th May, we are taking 9 teams of Year 3-6 students to Eastdale Reserve for our annual Rippa Rugby Tournament. This tournament is run by Auckland Rugby, and they are creating a more carnival atmosphere by having some free fun events for the kids to participate in between their games. A big thank you to our parent volunteers who will be helping with teams on the day. We are looking forward to a great day of Rippa Rugby! 😊

Coming Events:

Inter-school Rippa Rugby	Tuesday 12 th May
Board Meeting	Wednesday 13 th May
Pink Shirt Day	Friday 15 th May
Principal's Assembly	Friday 22 nd May

Children Away From School? -

If your child needs to be away from school, please contact the school office before 9.30am to let us know each day.

You can phone on **827 2187**, email at admin@kelstonprimary.school.nz, text us on **0211647819** - or log an absentee on our website or Skool Loop App. Please give us your child's first and last name, room number and reason for absence. Thank you.

Payments to school – reminder that if you need to make a payment our school bank account is – Account name: Kelston School Board Account number: 12 3051 0387085 00 Please remember to include child's name and reason for payment. Thank you.

Keep Safe Getting Out

The safest door opens onto the footpath side. This will keep children away from the busy road.



Blockhouse Bay Intermediate School

Join Our Community: Year 7 Enrolment Information



The intermediate years are a unique season of growth. At BHBI, we work in equal partnership with you and your child. Preparing for life's journey in a modern, safe and educationally rewarding school that will prepare each child to succeed as they transition to High School.

We welcome you and your child to join us on the dates below to learn about our **refreshed academic curriculum**, our hands-on **specialist subjects**, and the wealth of **sporting and extracurricular** opportunities we provide. Come see how we support the transition to Year 7 for 2027 through a programme designed specifically for the emerging adolescent.

Key Dates

- **Intermediate Experience Day** - Friday 31st July 12:00pm-2:10pm, BHBI Hall, contact our office to RSVP
- **Parent Information Evening** - Tuesday 4th August, 6pm-7:30pm, BHBI Hall
- **Parent Tours** - Monday 3rd August 3:30pm Thursday 6th August 9:30am Friday the 7th August 12:15pm
- **Out of Zone Applications Close** - Wednesday 2nd September (ballot 9th September).

