



Week 1 Term 3 2022

PRINCIPAL'S KŌRERO

Mālō le soifua!

A huge warm welcome back to what is already shaping up to be an awesome term together! The staff and I hope you all managed to have some quality whānau time over the term break!

As the number of students continue to rapidly grow, so does the number of our staff! We have a couple of new faces walking around our school this term - we welcome to our Blenheim School whānau - Teacher Aides; Angie Holdaway, Robert (Bill) Green, and Lapu Oliver, and Teachers; Anna Marshall, Whaea Rachel Ellis, and Louisa Linterman, all familiar faces but moving into brand new roles. I know you will all make them feel welcome.

Also, a warm welcome to our brand spanking new students and their whānau who have started at Blenheim School this week - Hudson, Havana, Te Koha, Maddison, Lorenzo, Cadey-Lou, Jake, and Riely! We are so happy that you chose our school to be apart of!

As I continue in the role as Acting Principal, there has been a need to restructure the teaching staff so that all of our students experience routine, structure, and a well-balanced learning environment. We have the most amazing staff at Blenheim School - I am sure you will agree!

Term 3 Staffing:

Harakeke: Mr Anaru Norton

Rito: Miss Anna Marshall

Koru: Mrs Hayley Foster

Pakiaka: Mrs Lea-anne George

Kākano: Miss Sarah Tullett and Whaea Rachel

Te Reo Class (Thursdays): Mr Anaru Norton and Mrs Louisa Linterman

SENCO/Sports Coordinator: Mrs Gillian Caughey

We farewell Ms Nicola (Poz) Poswillo who has worked as a part time kaiako at Blenheim School for the last 7 years. Poz has worked closely with the junior school, teaching children a multitude of skills and life lessons. We wish Poz the best of luck and know she will be missed.

New Classroom Name: PAKIAKA

So that all our students and staff have a sense of belonging, Mr Norton has helped name our second New Entrant class - Pakiaka (root: of a tree). As Mr Norton explains, the pakiaka is the root that grows from the planted kākano. The pakiaka grows and

cements its place in the ground, then grows the koru, the rito, making the Harakeke whole. Miss Tullett and Whaea Rachel will now be known as Pakiaka. Mrs George's class will now be known as Kākano.

MASKS

The Ministry of Education and Ministry of Health strongly recommend that all schools amend their mask policy for the first four weeks of term to require mask wearing in all indoor settings (where it will not have a significant impact on teaching and learning) for students in Years 4 and above.

We ask that you please engage in a conversation with your Year 4 - Year 6 child and have them prepared to come to school ready to wear masks until 19 August when the Ministry of Education will review this decision. If you have masks, students should bring masks from home. If students cannot bring masks from home there will be a supply of masks available for students in classrooms. We also ask that parents please wear masks if entering school buildings, we will also have masks available at reception. Thank you so much for your understanding - further information from Ministry of Education, attached.

Staff are looking forward to meeting with you next week at Whānau Hui, until then, take care of each other, but most importantly, take care of you!

Manuia le aso!

Kellyann Thorstensen - Acting Principal

PĀNUI - NOTICES

School Assembly - Fortnightly (Even Weeks)

Harakeke Assembly - Fri 5 Aug, 11:45am

Student Celebration Reports

Going home Term 3, Week 1

Whānau Interviews

Week 2 - Mon 1st, Tues 2nd, Wed 3rd August

Homework Club - Every Wednesday

Starting Week 3 - 10 Aug 3:10pm-3:45pm

Rito Camp - Pine Valley

Wed 21 September - Fri 23 September

TERM 2 – WRAP UP!

Thank you!!

**They say it takes a village and we absolutely agree! We were humbled by the many donations of underwear, thermals, and clothing, that were dropped off after an SOS went out. A huge thank you to each and every one of you who helped us stock up our supplies for our tamariki. We appreciate you beyond words!

**If you were lucky enough to grab one of the many pumpkins we were donated last term, you can thank Isla and her wonderful whānau! I can imagine there was lots of pumpkin soup consumed. Ngā mihi nui ki a koutou.

**Although our Community Breakfast has been postponed, we thank Mike at Meaters of Marlborough for the generous donation of sausages for both our Cross Country and Community Breakfast – he is definitely one of a kind! Be sure to support local!

**Harcourts always coming to our aid with great support! This term, donating the use of their industrious barbeque! Thank you Jack Feavers for your ongoing support and organising this.

Term 2 School Cross Country Results!!

Class	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
Kākano Girls	Athena	Trixie H	Riandre'
Kākano Boys	Oscar	Manaaki	Maverick
Koru Girls	Isla	Andrieanna	Willow
Koru Boys	Xavior	Gage	Connor M
Rito Girls	Chloe	Lilly B	Mia
Rito Boys	Carlton	Eli	Kenzo
Harakeke Girls	Ariana	Victoria	Lilly
Harakeke Boys	Clay	Callum	Adam

A huge congratulations to the runners who then went on to represent our school at the Wairau Cluster Cross Country event held at Tuamarina.

The following students made top 15 places:

Gage 7th (Year 1/2 Boys)
Willow 8th (Year 1/2 Girls)
Isla – 9th (Year 1/2 Girls)
Andrieana – 10th (Year 1/2 Girls)
Chloe – 8th (Year 3/4 Girls)
Kenzo – 12th (Year 3/4 Boys)
Carlton – 13th (Year 3/4 Boys)
Ariana – 6th (Year 5/6 Girls)
Lilly – 10th (Year 5/6 Girls)
Callum – 11th (Year 5/6 Boys)

WHAT'S HAPPENING?

Breakfast Club

A reminder that every Monday and Tuesday our amazing volunteers from the Marlborough Community Development Trust (MDC) run Breakfast Club in Pa Harakeke (School Hall) from 8am – 9am.

We are also on the look out for whānau volunteers to help with our Breakfast Club so that we can provide this to our tamariki 5 days a week. If you are free in the mornings for an hour or so, please consider hanging out with us. For more information, please see Mary in the office.

Homework Club

Another group of amazing volunteers from the Marlborough District Council run our Homework Club on Wednesdays. If you wish for your child to attend Homework Club, please be sure to return the attached permission form. Homework Club begins this term in Week 3 – Wednesday 10 August 3:10pm – 3:45pm.

Parent Support Group (PSG)

We know our whānau have some fabulous ideas when it comes to helping our school in moving forward. We are looking at getting a Blenheim School Parent Support Group (PSG) up and running. These are groups of whānau members who want to support the running of a school in practical ways. They coordinate parent helpers, organise school events, fundraise and help create a strong school community. If this sounds like something you would be interested in joining or would like more information about, please let us know!

Rito Camp – Pine Valley

Keep an eye out for information regarding camp in Week 9 21 September – 23 September. Miss Marshall and Mr Norton are looking forward to planning an action-packed few days at Pine Valley for our Year 3 and Year 4 students. This is a great time to come in and see Mary to start small weekly payments.

SPORT

Basketball

The weekly draw can be found on the MBA:Marlborough Basketball Association Facebook Page. Remember, no mouthguard, no play!

Netball

The weekly draw can be found on the Marlborough Netball Website: www.marlboroughnetball.org.nz