

Kia Ora Tātou Katoa

As we enter Phase 2 of Omicron, we have sent home some extra information yesterday in a newsletter. Please read this carefully as it is about school drop-off/pick-up arrangements.

Thank you to all whānau who complied with this today. The reason for these measures is to keep the school open in the likelihood of an Omicron case.

Teacher-Only Day & Staff Development

On **Friday, March 11th**, the school will be closed to students for a teacher-only day. Please make arrangements for childcare this day as the grounds will be closed to students.

Additionally, a staff development session is scheduled for 2pm on **March 30th**. You will need to pick up your child at 2pm on this date. If your child attends OSCAR after school, they can remain at school until the OSCAR programme starts at 3pm.

Breakfast Club

A free breakfast is available for all students and is served in the hall on Mondays and Tuesdays from 8:15am. Come along for some fun and games and a hearty breakfast of cereal, milk, toast and milo. No sign-up required; just turn up and have fun.

School Swim Schedule

Please make sure your child has his/her swimsuit and towel along on the right days:

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
Class(es)	Rito Harakeke	Kākano/Koru Rito Harakeke	Kākano/Koru Rito Harakeke	Kākano/Koru Rito Harakeke	Harakeke

Important Dates & Events

Feb 22-25: Harakeke Senior Camp

Our senior (Year 5 and 6) students head away to camp at Mistletoe Bay from Tues, Feb 22 - Fri, Feb 25.

School Swimming

Please remember to send togs and a towel to school each day that your child's class is scheduled to swim (see the schedule below). And please name shorts and shirts as it is easy for tamariki to get them mixed up in the changing rooms.

Letters in Support of Adding Year 7-8 Classes at Blenheim School

The Ministry of Education requires letters (or emails) of support from whānau. Several of you have already submitted a letter of support. Those have been amazing — thank you!! But we would be grateful for more letters, as we need to show strong parent support. If you are able, please submit an email or letter. Send it to principal@blenheim.school.nz and state that you support the initiative and explain why adding Year 7 and 8 classes at Blenheim School will benefit your child and your family. Please don't feel that your message needs to be long or formal — just a few words will be fine. We can provide a pre-written letter if you prefer to simply add your name — see Mary in the office.

Ngā mihi, Denyse