



TE KURA O WAIHARA I KE KE
NEWSLETTER

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Week 7 Term 2 2022

PRINCIPAL'S KŌRERO

E mihi ana ki a koutou katou!

There was a huge sigh of relief from staff and students when the sun finally decided to come out and give us a break from being indoors. The temperature has definitely dropped reminding us that winter is here and it has been awesome seeing the tamariki showing up in extra warm layers and beanies.

I have been fortunate enough to get down to the netball courts and see our talented tamariki strut their stuff. They do make me so proud, displaying amazing fair play and support for each other, and what an awesome team of parents we have showing up every week. Thank you for stepping into the role of coach, supporter, umpire, and expert...it has been great chatting with you all on the sideline.

I want to mention a special thank you to the whānau and tamariki in Harakeke who have been extremely understanding and supportive of my being out of the classroom while in the role as Acting Principal. We have had some amazing relievers stepping into my shoes and loving their time with the Year 5/6 students. Sadly, we farewell a huge asset to our school - our Student Teacher - Miss Aimee Fish, who has been with us for the past 6 weeks. She is going to make one pretty awesome teacher. We thank her for bringing a tūmeke attitude and skill into our kura, and we wish her the best of luck as she works towards graduating at the end of the year.

There has been a slight restructure of the management team this term: Mr Anaru Norton has moved into the role as our Acting Deputy Principal while Miss Sarah Tullett remains as our Assistant Principal. I am very lucky to have not only these two awesome humans working by my side but also to have a staff made up of the most amazing and supportive people you will ever meet, so please do come on in and hang out with us. We are an approachable bunch that is always looking for a good excuse to sit down for a coffee and a kōrero with you. At Blenheim School, we do have an open-door policy and we have loved seeing the number of whānau popping into classrooms to see the learning that has been happening. Please be assured that we continue to have your tamariki at the center of all that we say and do, but at times, we do get things wrong, as we too are only human. We reflect, we listen, we make changes, and we apologise!

With the recent changes within our school, I would like to let you know that newsletters will now be going home every fortnight on a Friday - odd weeks. We will also be restructuring how and when we hold our assemblies and our GRIT Time, and we are open to your suggestions. We will let you know how that looks as we move into Term 3. Please note there will be no assembly today or next Friday due to a large absence of staff at a Professional Development course, and our first observation of Matariki being celebrated as a public holiday, next week. With only three more weeks remaining in Term 2, we have packed the calendar with some exciting opportunities for our tamariki to explore and take part in - please see details below.

We do hope you try to take time out for yourself. This parenting gig isn't easy and it does come with both its ups and downs - believe me, I know with having two teenagers in the house! Please have an amazing weekend. Both myself and the staff look forward to seeing you all soon.

Ngā mihi nui

Kellyann Thorstensen - Acting Principal

PĀNUI - NOTICES

No Assembly this Friday or next Friday

Student Celebration Reports

Going home Term 3, Week 1

Whānau Interviews Bookings

Book your interview time on our **School Loop App**
from Mon 27 June

Whānau Interviews

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

Matariki Holiday

Friday 24 June - NO SCHOOL



WHAT'S HAPPENING?

Pasifika Group

Our Pasifika Group Sessions have started up again, and this has been so exciting to see back in our school. The school spends time on Monday afternoons with Peniamina Faalave and Lapu Oliver, learning about the Pasifika cultures, songs, dance, and language. This term the school has been learning the Samoan Sāsā.

Matariki @ Pine Valley – Rito and Harakeke

Our senior school have been extremely lucky receiving an invitation to spend the day at Pine Valley next Tuesday/Wednesday, exploring and celebrating Matariki with some hands-on activities. Thank you Blair Walker, from the Marlborough Heritage Museum, for organising and funding this trip for our tamariki. Information attached.

Enviro School Group

A couple of our awesome staff – Tracy Holdaway and Hayley Foster, will be heading with our Enviro-Schools Student Team, to the Wither Hills Farm Park on Tuesday to take part in the Native Tree Planting Project. We look forward to seeing photos of the team being involved in this fabulous initiative.

Matariki School Celebration

At this stage, we will not be having a school-wide celebration of Matariki (as previous newsletters have stated). Instead, classes will celebrate Matariki in their own planned way through-out the week. On Thursday, the whole school will head over to Seymour Square with Nan Kahu for the Hiwa Matariki Celebration (which runs from 12pm-5pm. We will be performing a couple of our Kapa Haka waiata at approximately 2pm.

Cross Country

We will be holding a whole-school Cross Country at school, on Friday 1st July (weather pending). All students have been training pretty hard for this event, and it has been incredible seeing the fitness levels improve immensely. Koru, Rito, and Harakeke students will use this event as a practice run before heading to Tua Marina on Tuesday 5th July to participate in the Wairau Schools Cluster Cross-Country Event. We hope whānau can make it to either of these events...maybe even take on the role as our head barbeque chef cooking the sausages for our sausage sizzle.

Tupu Performing Arts

During the last week of term – Monday 4th July, we have a visit from the Fua Creative who have been working with a small local cast of Pasifika Artists to create a show called Tupu. This show promises to cover the themes about – identity, resilience, and kindness. 40 of our lucky students will also engage in a workshop with the performers and become part of the show.

Duffy Assembly

Local MP – Stuart Smith, will be our Duffy Role Model this term, and presenting books to some pretty lucky students. This is happening on Wednesday 6th July.

Community Breakfast

On the last Thursday of this term, we invite all of our whānau and friends to come and have a nice, hot cooked breakfast with us. Although we will not be celebrating Matariki as a whole-school during the week of Matariki, we do plan to do some celebrating on this day. More information about this day, to come.

Authors Book Festival

Harakeke and Rito have been invited to listen to well know authors – Gavin Bishop and Melanie Drewery, talk about their journey in becoming authors, and the exciting books they have been working on. Friday 8 July.

SPORT

Basketball

The season is starting next week (except for the Year 5/6 girls). Fees need to be paid. Teams will be issued a uniform next week. Information attached.

Teams play on the following days:

Blenheim Giants: Year 5/6 Girls – Monday 25th July (Next Term)

Blenheim Breakers: Year 5/6 Boys – Monday 27th June

Blenheim Swish: Year 3/4 Girls – Wednesday 29th June

Blenheim Dunkers: Year 3/4 Boys – Wednesday 29th June

Netball

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

COMMUNITY NEWS

