



**Week 4 Term 3 2022**

## DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S KŌRERO

Nau mai, haere atu te reo o mihi ki te hunga pānui i tēnei pitopito kōrero mō te kaupeka 3, wiki 4 o te tau. Ko te Kura o Waiharakeke e whakatuwhera atu nei ō mātou tatau hei whāngai i te hinengaro, hei whāngai i te wairua o ngā rangatira o āpōpō

Four weeks into the term now and we have continued with such a positive start to term 3. Despite a few very wet and soggy weeks back at school the students have all settled positively into their learning routines and have used GRIT to excel their learning and social well being. We have had quite a few new enrolments over the past few weeks and we would like to welcome these students and whānau to our amazing school, Kaleigha, Laekyn, Wyatt, Te Koha, Ema, Hudson and Havana - Nau mai, welcome!

I want to acknowledge and thank whānau who attended our learning discussions (whānau interviews) back in week 2 of this term. I hope the opportunity provided you with a worthwhile chance to connect with your child's teacher and discuss their progress. We were very pleased with the turnout and really enjoyed reconnecting with you all and look forward to this continuing over the remainder of the year.

I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge and thank our staff for the amazing mahi they do every week here at Blenheim School. They spend countless hours with our learners, and they spend even more hours preparing to be ready to be in front of their classes. Blenheim School continues to be a positive, friendly and welcoming environment to work and learn. Our school values of GRIT - Growing as a learner, Respect, Initiative and Tenacity continue to play an important part in our daily life here at school and at home.

Check out our awesome senior students. These fine young entrepreneurs were at the Marlborough Artisan Market on Redwood Street, selling their Wool Creations!!! They showed a lot of tenacity creating these wool creations by giving up some of their lunchtime. Miharo!

**Noho ora mai  
Anaru Norton  
Acting Deputy Principal**



## JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWS

Hello from our tamariki in Kākano, Pakiaka and Koru!

We have all made a very happy and positive start to Term 3 and we are working hard, being great friends and having a lot of fun!

We have been reading traditional fairy tales, and our favourite so far has been "The Three Billy Goats Gruff". We showed our teachers that we can work well in groups to make bridges from newspaper, straws and sticks. Our bridges were strong enough to hold toy goats and our ideas were amazing. We also LOVED pyjama day, and activities like making milo and toast, designing new pyjamas, playing pyjama games and making bedrooms using the lego. Again, we showed how creative, resilient and clever we can be when working on tasks! Don't forget that we love sharing our work with our whānau on Seesaw and we all get very excited when someone comments on our work! Seesaw is fabulous for strengthening the relationship between home and school.

Thank you to our whānau for your ongoing support. We love catching up with you and talking to you about your fabulous tamariki. We appreciate your input and value your voice in your child's education.



## PĀNUI - NOTICES

**School Assembly - Fortnightly (Even Weeks)**

Kākano Assembly - Fri 19 Aug, 11:45am

**Homework Club - Every Wednesday**

Starting 3:10pm-3:45pm

**Rito Camp - Pine Valley**

Wed 21 September - Fri 23 September

**Teacher Only Day**

Friday 30 September

# TERM 3 – TO DATE!

## Cross Country Results!!

We would like to thank our community for the support given to our learners at the Wairau Cluster Cross Country at Tua Marina School as well as the Marlborough Inter-School Cross Country at Wither Hills last week. Clay placed 19th and Ariana 9th. A special congratulations to Ariana who has made the Marlborough Cross Country team for the Inter-Regional Cross Country (IRXC) event to be held in Nelson on Thursday 29 September



## Jason Locke - Visiting Principal

Jason Locke, Head of Primary at Toowoomba Anglican School, a co-educational Anglican P-12 Boarding school in Queensland, Australia. Has been the Head for 6 years and an educator for over 30yrs. He is conducting a study tour to NZ with main areas of observation being parent/community involvement, school culture, integration of culture into curriculum and outdoor learning. We loved meeting Jason and hosting him in our classes last week.



## School Attendance

Thank you to all those parents and caregivers who are ensuring their children are attending school every day of the week. (If they are well, of course.) The Ministry of Education considers children's attendance to be 'regular' when they attend 9 out of every 10 school days (90%). If your child is away from school **YOU MUST LET US KNOW THE REASON WHY!!** If we do not hear from you, your child risks the chance of being marked as truant. If this continues, our next step is to involve the truancy officer.

## Recapitation

We have been updated by the Ministry of Education in regards to the progress of our Recapitation Application. We regret to inform our Blenheim School Community that consultation and approval is still underway - usually taking up to a year, so any potential recapitation of Blenheim school would not be until 2024. Although this is not the news we were hoping to receive, we are hopeful that our application is successful for a 2024 start.

## Tim Oughton - Commissioner

As of Tuesday 9 August, there has been a change in Commissioner at Blenheim School. Tim Oughton has taken over this role from Andrew Murray. This change has been formally Gazetted by the Ministry of Education - found here.

## Unifrom

A reminder to send your child to school in the correct uniform! We get so many compliments from our local community about how good our students look. Hoodies are not a part of our uniform. Slippers can be worn in the classroom, not out in the playground.

Black or navy thermals under a school shirt, and black or navy track pants without visible writing, are absolutely fine! If your child shows up wearing incorrect uniform, we will loan them a uniform from our secondhand uniform stash!

## Rito Camp - Pine Valley

Camp - Week 9, 21 September - 23 September. Miss Marshall and Mr Norton are deep into 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. Camp notice going home with this newsletter. **Due back Friday 26 August - next week!**

## Tauihu - "Te toi whakairo, ka ihiihi, ka wehiwehi, ka aweawe te ao katod'.

Some of our senior students went to look at the Tauihu at the Blenheim Train Station. They learned about the story behind the Tauihu. They are learning that art can tell pūrākau(stories) and whakapapa. The Tauihu represents the prow of the waka of Māui and the people of Wairau. At the front is Māui, the Polynesian explorer. At the back of the Tauihu stands Tūkauāe, a central figure in the southern migration of Rangitāne from the Wairarapa to Wairau.



## National Monitoring Study Of Student Achievement

This week we hosted 2 teachers from the National Monitoring Study. This nation wide study is designed to assess and understand achievement and progress of New Zealand Year 4 and Year 8 students within the New Zealand Curriculum. In 2022, the focus is on Mathematics, Health and Physical Education. Fourteen Year 4 students took part in a range of fun activities, interviews and assessments with our visiting assessors in these areas over 3 days. The assessors noted the enthusiasm our students displayed while undertaking this process.

## SPORT

### Basketball

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



## Year 6 Enrolment: Bohally

Year 6 whānau, please keep an eye out for the Bohally Enrolment Information which includes the link to enrol your child to Bohally. Notice going home with this newsletter.



## Enrolment for 2023 for whānau and new students

Whānau are invited to complete the [online enrolment for 2023](#)

- Out of Zone Enrolments will open on 5 September
- Please refer to our website for information regarding our school zone
- Contact the Bohally Office if you have any queries 03 578 5219

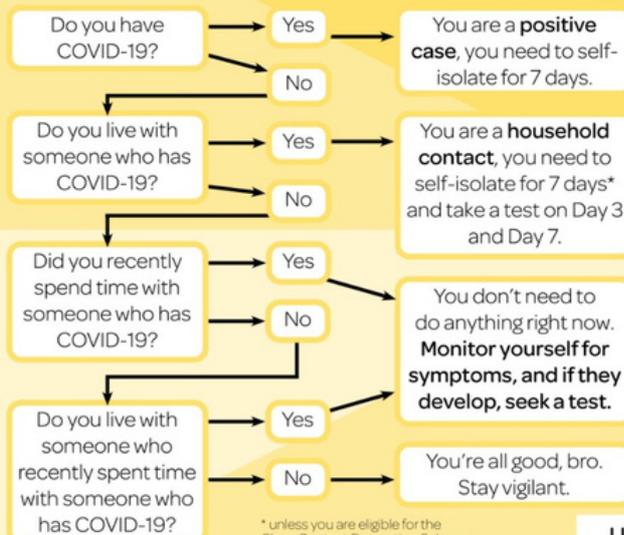
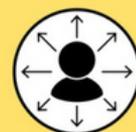


### Parent Support Group (PSG)

**WE NEED YOU!** We have big ideas and talking to some of you, you have big plans and ideas for us, too! Playground! Mural! TigerTurf! Basketball Court! Bike Track! The problem is...we need help to fundraise for these awesome things in our school! Come and be part of our Parent Support Group (PSG). Come and support the running of our school in practical ways. Organise school events, fundraise and help create a stronger school community. Being a part of our PSG and being a strong advocate for our school, is exciting and so much fun. We promise! Watch this space for details of our first meeting.



## What type of contact are you?



Te Kāwanatanga o Aotearoa  
New Zealand Government

\* unless you are eligible for the Close Contact Exemption Scheme.

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Unite  
against  
COVID-19

### COVID UPDATE

The Ministry of Education are aware of a number of examples of disinformation circulating currently about alleged forced vaccinations and school lockdowns. Please be reassured that the information you may have seen or heard is not correct. The Ministry of Education would like to also assure you that it is illegal to force someone to be vaccinated without their consent.

With Covid still active in our community, please continue to practice healthy habits of wearing a mask and sanitising. If you require any masks or RATs, these can be found at the Alfred Street entrance

### Congratulations!

Check out our tūmeke GRIT award winners for Week 2. Showing amazing Initiative inside and outside of the classroom! Ka mau te wehi.

**Alex:** For being a wonderfully kind friend to our new student Tahn.

**Ellie:** For having a positive and focussed attitude in Kākano this week.

**Leon:** For amazing literacy work – you know so many sounds and you can use them to write so many words! Keep up the hard work Leon, you are a superstar!

**Leo:** For being a fantastic role model for other children in Pakiaka – everyone looks up to you because you are so great at show the others the right thing to do!

**Isla:** For making sure our new students know what to do and supporting them as they find their feet at Blenheim School.

**Piper:** For being such a role-model and always trying her best.

**Mataamua:** For having a great start to term three and showing awesome tenacity!

**Tiaki:** For producing some awesome mahi this term and growing as a learner!

**Clay:** For showing excellent leadership in Harakeke this week. You have used your initiative to grow your learning and have shown a lot of respect towards others.

**Brayden:** for continuously stepping up as an awesome senior leader in our classroom and in the playground. You are using your tenacity to step out of your comfort zone, which has helped you with your learning.