

Kia Ora Tātou Katoa

Kia ora Blenheim School whānau. It's great to be back from my sabbatical and to spend time among our tamariki and kaiako as we begin this busy and exciting term at te Kura o Waiharakeke. I felt very appreciated at the assembly on Monday—the waiata and the beautiful korowai were incredibly special. Thank you.

Celebrating Diversity through Music

This term we continue the focus of diversity in the context of music. We have a number of performances next week: the MBC Band at 1.30pm on Tuesday. The Chinese dance group will perform for us on Friday at 11am in the Hall, and there will be a Southern Jam jazz performance on Thursday 12noon to 1pm, also in the hall. Whānau/family are welcome.

GRIT: Term Topic

This term's GRIT topic is Initiative. Please support your child's efforts to show initiative at home, whether through self-starting activities such as chores, exercise or reading, or through telling you how they have taken the initiative at school, in the classroom or in the playground.

Taiopenga

We are starting our preparation for performing at Taiopenga — a whole-school Māori cultural performance held in Term 4. All schools in Marlborough participate. As a school community, we also enter a group in the adult performance section. I would like to welcome you (parents and whānau) to take part in the group to join us for practice at 8.10am on Fridays. We would love to have the support and participation of our greater whānau. Please let me know if you are interested.

Sharing Table

Donated items of clothing and shoes, etc, are placed on the sharing table for parents to take if wanted; students are not to help themselves to these. Leftover lunches are placed on the sharing table at 3pm and tamariki are welcome to take

Important Dates

Marlborough Kids' Duathlon

This fun "have a go" sporting event is Sunday, Sept 26 and is open to all primary school children. It's an easy run-bike-run format. More information is available at www.kidsdu.co.nz.

Budgeting Course

Save the dates: Blenheim School is planning a two-session budgeting course for parents, to be held on Aug 25 and Sep 8. Each session is one hour long and starts at 2pm. Free childcare is provided. Please speak to Mary in the school office if you are interested in attending.

Music Diversity Week

Don't miss the wonderful line-up of international music styles we have visiting the school next week, as we celebrate musical diversity.

these home at the end of the day. If you have eggs, bread and fruit in bulk to give away, we will place a notice on Facebook and Skool Loop. If you have household items to dispose of, or need something specific, check out the MDC poster in this newsletter.

Te Reo Classes

Ko tāku reo tāku ohooho, ko tāku reo tāku māpihi mauria — my language is my awakening, my language is the window to my soul. We will be commencing our te reo Māori language programme this Friday from 10:30am to 12:30pm. This programme will run throughout this term and Term 4. If you would like your child to learn te reo Māori, or would like to know more about this, please speak with Mr Norton.

Employment Opportunity

We are looking for a responsible parent to drive our Blenheim School vanpool. This is a paid position. Hours are approximately 8am - 9am and 3pm - 4pm daily. The driver will be welcome to take their child with them in the vanpool. A clean driving record is essential. Please see Mary in the office if you are interested.

Education Review Office (ERO)

ERO conducts an audit of every school in New Zealand approximately once every three years. This year, it's Blenheim School's turn. The ERO Report is a chance for us to celebrate our strengths and to identify next steps for continually improving learning outcomes for our tamariki. You may be approached by ERO to give input or to share your thoughts about Blenheim School. A strong ERO Report is important for our school as it will help us in our recapitation effort, adding Year 7 and 8 classes.

Ngā mihi, Denyse

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Assembly

There will be no GRIT Assembly this week (Friday, July 30). Term 3 GRIT awards begin next week.

Repurposing of Unwanted Household Goods

From this month you can get your unwanted goods like furniture collected from your place, or you can request delivery of second-hand items, all via the Council website.

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Pickups and deliveries are on the weekends.
There is no charge to use the trial just now.
Fees will be introduced in September 2021.
For further information visit marlborough.govt.nz

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