

Kia Ora Tātou Katoa

Vaccination Deadline

As we approach 15 November, I need to make whānau aware of the details around the government's mandate for teachers and personnel in the public sector. All school staff working on site are required to have had one vaccination by this date. At this stage, there are no exemptions, and the BOT and I are working with staff to ensure that we continue to collectively support tamariki and whānau. We now need to plan for staff opting not to vaccinate. This could mean changes to staff and students' rooms. What this mandate means for parents is that, to attend any EOTC field trip, you are required to have had one vaccination by 15 November. All sports coaches are required to have had one vaccination by 15 November. Although these are mandates we are required to follow, we continue to respect everyone's personal decision. We are whānau — we support and nurture all whānau, tamariki and kaiako.

Ngā mihi, Denyse

Kākano & Koru Field Trips

Kākano and Koru have two field trips coming up that will require parent/caregiver assistance. If you haven't accompanied your child's class on a field trip yet, please consider doing so, as it is a wonderful opportunity to connect with your child and his/her teacher and friends.

Wither Hills Field Trip Tomorrow

Tomorrow, Koru and Kākano students are going to the Wither Hills, walking to the Rotary Lookout (Witch's Hat). We will leave school at 9:30am and travel on the bus to the Rifle Range Carpark. We will explore the forest, have a scavenger hunt, and eat our school lunch. We will be back at school by 2:45pm. Parents wanting to help can travel on the bus. Parents/caregivers will be required to wear a mask on the bus. We can provide one for you. Please pack an extra snack for your child and make sure they have a bottle of water and a warm jacket along with them.

Important Dates & Events

Field Trips

On Friday 5 November, Koru and Kākano students are going to the Wither Hills, leaving school at 9:30am.

On Friday 3 December, we will have a whole-school Teddy Bears' Picnic Lunch at Pollard Park.

Please see Mary at the school office if you would like to help with either field trip.

Year 6 Bohally Tour

Bohally Intermediate invites all Year 6 students to attend an open day on Wednesday, December 8 at 9am. Watch this space for more information closer to the date.

Rito & Harakeke

Harakeke and Rito will be going out on the Steadfast sailing ship and visiting Kaipupu Point to learn about biodiversity. We will require whānau support for these trips.

Harakeke: Friday, 26 November

Rito: Tuesday, 30 November

Steadfast Sailing Ship Field Trip

Thanks to Port Marlborough for once again providing us with the opportunity to be part of an amazing field trip. Harakeke and Rito will be going out on the *Steadfast* sailing ship and visiting Kaipupu Point. The *Steadfast* is a replica of a famous 1913 gaff-rigged pilot cutter. The students will sail out to the Kaipupu Point sanctuary and disembark there to learn about biodiversity. Back on the *Steadfast*, we will go further out into the Sounds and participate in a range of science experiments. We will require some whānau support for these trips. Dates are as follows:

Harakeke: Friday, 26 November | Rito: Tuesday, 30 November

Year 5 & 6: Seven Habits of Happy Kids

We are very excited that the Marlborough Community Development Trust is planning to run the Seven Habits of Happy Kids course for Harakeke students next week - Wednesday 11 November and Thursday 12 November. It teaches the life-ready principles of initiative, planning and teamwork, and looks at how each and every kid can be a happy kid, as they discover that balance is best. This is a 2-day programme which will take place at My Space - Marlborough Youth Trust on Kinross Street. Please keep an eye out for more information coming home soon.

Whānau Hui

Our Māori whānau are invited to attend a hui on Wednesday, 17 November; time to be confirmed. Please fill in the form that is sent home and return it to school so we can set the time that suits most people best. Bring your tamariki and enjoy a kōrero and social time with other families.

GRIT Assembly Certificates

Last week's GRIT certificates went to:

Kākano - Isla, for bringing your positive attitude to school every day. You tackle everything with a smile on your dial and always try your best. Keep up the fabulous work Isla, you are a champion; Nova, for a diligent attitude towards your school work and bringing your A game to school every day. You are keen to learn, to make discoveries and to share what you know. Keep aiming high Nova, you are a superstar.

Koru - Papimon, for showing GRIT in your writing by growing new skills using different sentence starters and describing your trip to Brayshaw Park in 4 great sentences; Eli, for showing initiative in Maths by solving harder pattern problems and sticking with the problem till you had solved it. Great to see you challenging yourself to learn new ways of solving problems.

Rito - Ryan F, for the leadership skills you show at Kapa Haka and the initiative you show in class by helping others in their learning; Kingston, for the initiative you show in your learning by asking questions when unsure and by having a super focused mindset for learning.

Harakeke - Tiomai, for showing true leadership skills, especially when no-one is watching. You have high expectations for yourself and your peers, and you go out of your way to ensure everyone is demonstrating GRIT. Ngā mihi ki a koe e te mana wāhine — thank you for being a strong female leader! Ben, for consistently role-modeling what a tūmeke Year 6 student at Te Kura o Waiharakeke should be. You are a great friend, a focused learner, a deep thinker, and an individual your peers look up to and respect. Ka mau te wehi, kei whea kē mai te pai o te mahi nei! Awesome work, Ben! You are going to be an amazing asset to Bohally Intermediate next year!