

Kia Ora Tātou

Hello everyone, it's hard to believe we're already at the end of Week 3 of what is proving to be a very busy term. Upcoming events include our Wither Hills & Rarangi Beach Field Trip on Tuesday, and an introduction to Seesaw for parents. See the notices in this newsletter about both of these events.

Pink Shirt Day

Tomorrow (Friday, May 20), we invite tamariki to join the country in standing together to identify and stop bullying.



We will celebrate this by encouraging tamariki to wear a pink t-shirt, pink hair or other pink items. Please do not purchase something especially for this; even just a pink hair tie will suffice.

During the week, staff will be teaching tamariki about what bullying is—

repetitive, ongoing harrassment over a period of time; not a one-off incident.

Seesaw Session for Parents/Whānau

Have you heard your tamariki talk about Seesaw and you're not sure what it is or how to use it? Here's your opportunity to join us in the staffroom at 9am on Tuesday, May 31 to see how Seesaw works. Please bring a device that you use—phone, i-pad, tablet or laptop—so we can help you connect and get you up and running. Once you're connected, there's no looking back, and you and your tamariki will benefit from being more connected to the school community, classroom and teachers.

Important Dates

Netball/Basketball

Netball has started. Basketball will start Term 3. Please see the newsletter previously sent home.

Whānau Interviews

Teachers will meet with tamariki and whānau on June 13, 14 and 15.

Matariki Celebration

Save the date for this celebration to be held June 23 at Blenheim School.

Top of the South Film Festival

A Blenheim School short film called The Grit Values airs as part of the TOS Film Festival screening in Blenheim on May 21. Don't miss it, as our little superstars walk the audience through a day of living out GRIT values in realtime.

Wither Hills Field Trip

Whole-school trip to the Wither Hills and Rarangi Beach on May 24.

New Mid-Year Report Format

The staff have spent some time revamping how we present our mid-year reports and their content. Reports will be sent home the week before whānau interviews. During whānau interviews, we will be gathering feedback from you about how you feel the new format works for you, so please share your thoughts with your child's teacher.

Wither Hills Field Trip Permission Slip

Please fill out and return the separate permission slip by tomorrow, Friday, May 20th. Please read the form carefully, as it provides information regarding what your child will need to bring on the field trip.

Blenheim School Students in the Top of the South Film Festival

Blenheim School's short film called *The Grit Values* features in this year's Top of the South Film Festival. Please see the attached poster for details. We have 30 tickets on hold so if you would like to go, just tell them you are part of Blenheim School.

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