

N E W S L E T T E R

TE KURA O WAIHARA KEKE

Blenheim School Term 1, Week 7

Mar 17, 2022

Kia Ora, Whānau

We have had another awesome week at our kura, and it has been a pleasure to see our tamariki learning both in and outside of the classroom. I've loved being at the door in the morning, greeting everyone as they arrive, and it's nice to be able to have a quick catch up with whānau as well. We do miss having parents on site, but you can be assured that it is "business as usual" at school and your children are happy, enthusiastic and enjoying every opportunity that comes their way. I'd like to thank you for your calm and patience this week as things have looked a little different — we certainly appreciate your support. If you have COVID-related questions, please see the chart in this newsletter or call the school office. We look forward to welcoming staff and students isolating at home back to school very soon!

Take care. Ngā mihi,

Sarah Tullett

Staff Development Day — Wednesday, March 30

A staff development session is scheduled for 2pm on **Wednesday, March 30**. You will need to pick up your child at **2pm on this date**. If your child attends OSCAR after school, they can remain at school until the OSCAR programme starts at 3pm. Please read the newsletter for any updates as, like everything at the moment, this could change.

Teacher-Only Day — Thursday, April 14

There will be a teacher-only day on **April 14**. You will need to make arrangements for your child to be cared for on this day as **students will not be allowed to be on the school grounds**.

Breakfast Club Temporarily Suspended

There will be no Breakfast Club until further notice due to the prevalence of Omicron in the community.

Important Dates & Events

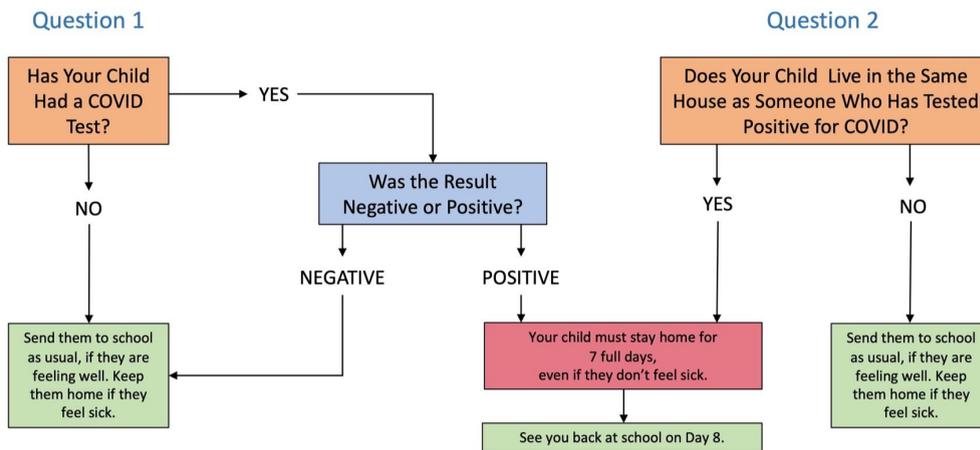
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Phase 3 Omicron (COVID) Response – Updated Mar 13, 2022



Contacting the School

These are the numbers is you need to contact the school:

Office: 03 577 5542 (OK to leave a message)

Cell phone: 022 313 9985 (please do NOT leave a message; OK to txt)

If the office is closed or the phone is not picked up, this could indicate we are short staffed. If you can't get through and it is urgent, please call 029 577 9442.

Swimming

Even though swimming has officially ended for the year, Rito and Harakeke may continue to swim next week, so please make sure your child has his/her swimsuit and towel every day. On Friday 25 March Rito and Harakeke tamariki will have the opportunity to take part in a Water Skills for Life Session in the pool (weather permitting).

Scholastic Books

The latest Book Club brochure went out this week. Orders are due by Thursday 31 March. There's a couple of spares in the office if you've missed it.

Winter Sports Registration

Registration forms went home this week for netball and basketball. These are due back at school on Monday, March 21. If you haven't received a form, please email Gill Caughey — gill@blenheim.school.nz — to let her know that you have a child who is keen to play. Basketball is for our children who are in Years 3 - 6, and netball is for children Years 1 - 6.

Hybrid Learning for Tamariki at Home

We are happy to provide school work for students isolating at home. Please contact your class teacher(s) to make arrangements for this.

“Incredible Years” Parenting Course

Barnardos is offering a wonderful free parenting course designed for whānau with tamariki ages 3 - 8. This 14-week course runs on Wednesday mornings from 10am - 12:30pm, with a break over the school holidays. It's a fantastic opportunity to regularly meet up and make friends with other mums and dads while learning coping strategies, positive discipline techniques, ways to encourage healthy and creative play, and how to set clear rules and boundaries. The course is designed to benefit both children AND parents. Need childcare? Barnardos will either pay for, or subsidise, child care and petrol assistance is available, too. See Nicole in the office for more information or to sign up for the course.



The Incredible Years

Ngā Tau Miharo



Kia eke ai te hunga taitamariki
ki ngā rangi tūhāhā



Incredible Years is a free 14-week programme for parents and caregivers of children aged 3-8 to grow their positive parenting skills.

It provides practical help and support focused on:

- enhancing children's social skills
- child-led play
- using praise and enhancing positive behaviours
- establishing routines
- setting clear rules and boundaries.

We can help with child-minding and transport. Kai will be provided.

For more information

We're here to help. If you'd like any further information please contact our Blenheim office:

 (03) 578 6491

 blenheim.office@barnardos.org.nz

 0800 BARNARDOS

 barnardos.org.nz

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Photos: Junior School

Look what we've been up to in the Junior School:



Mrs Gerritson (Mrs G) in Kākano



Koru in the Edible Garden



Iata's amazing artwork



Athena rocking some very cool shoes



Bug hunting with Miss Nyah



Koru friends with PUPPIES!!!!

Photos: Senior School

Our Mistletoe Bay Camp bubble in the great outdoors:



Camp Poetry

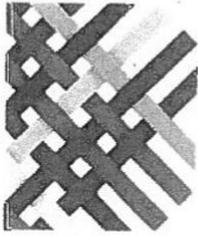
Here are a couple of poems from two tamariki in Harakeke after their fantastic camp at Mistletoe Bay:

Senses at Camp - by Victoria

I heard water splashing from the clear creek.
I saw the brown stingray flapping its flipper in the shallow water.
I tasted the nice cooked egg at the loud table.
I heard the loud weka squawking and running from the tents.
I saw the sparkling stingray in the murky water.
I touched the smooth flax outside near the cabins.
I smelled the yummy spaghetti as I was walking to the chatter table.
I touched the slimy tasty apple as I was eating it.
I tasted the yummy pancake as we just made it.
I heard the loud weka squawking and running from the tents.

Senses at Camp - by Clay

I heard the enormous waves crashing against the kayak.
I heard the weka rustling in the flax.
I heard the huge fishing rods casting out really far in the ocean.
I heard the loud birds flying over the whare.
I heard people chatting while they were supposed to be asleep.
I heard the cutlery banging while doing the dishes.
I heard Heath giggling while hiding in the game spotlight.
I heard the oven beep when the scones were ready.
I heard the splash when people jumped off the jetty.
I heard the people screaming about how freezing the water was.



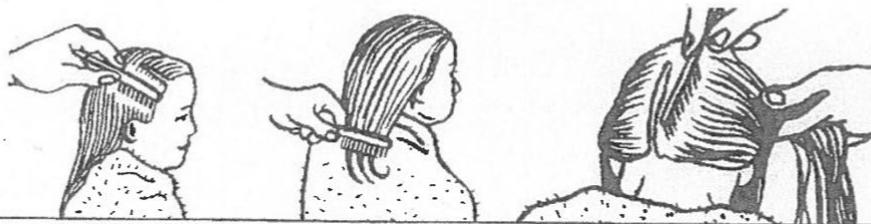
BLenheim SCHOOL

Te Kura O te Waiharakeke

Dear Parent/Caregiver

A case of head lice has been reported in your child's class. Many families are finding that head lice are a problem. Working together helps us protect all our children.

We ask you to check your child's head and those of all members of your family today and once a week after that. The best way to do this is by combing each person's wet hair with a fine-toothed comb. The lice become trapped in the teeth of the comb.



Pull comb through each section of the hair starting at the scalp

If there is anything more you would like to know, please contact me at the school. We have a good pamphlet which tells you how to get rid of head lice without spending much money.

Thank you for your assistance and co-operation. **Please return this form signed when you have checked your child's hair.**

**It is no disgrace to have head lice
but it is to keep them.**

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Teacher

I have checked 's (Room No.....) hair by wet combing.

It was clear

There were lice

I have dealt with the head lice

Please send me a head lice pamphlet

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(Signed) Parent/Caregiver