

## Kia Ora Tātou Katoa

We are looking forward to our whole-school field trip tomorrow to Pelorus. If it is drizzling, we will still go, as we are among the trees for the walks.

### End of Year Celebration

As stated in a previous email we are unable to hold our traditional celebration evening due to COVID restrictions. However, we will hold a smaller version of this event to farwell our Year 6 students and celebrate our GRIT Learners. You will be invited to attend this function if your child is receiving an award or is part of the Pasifika group. This event will be held on Friday the 10th December at 10am at the Clubs of Marlborough.

### Covid Expectations

On December 3, New Zealand moved into the Covid traffic light system. Marlborough will be orange. For our kura, this means:

- School is **OPEN**.
- Parents are encouraged to drop and pick up children only.
- There is no after-school play in the grounds.
- If there is a reason for you to be in school, please scan the QR code and sign in at the office. Please wear a mask at all times while on the grounds, and regular hand sanitising.
- Parents of New Entrants that need to stay can use the gate closest to Kākano to come and go. You must still sign in, scan the QR code, and wear a mask.
- If we have a school event, and can possibly have parents under our limits, you must produce proof of vaccination to attend.
- 1 metre distancing is still required.

I am sure you understand that, with the cases in Nelson, it is so important we follow these rules to keep everyone safe.

## Important Dates

### Pelorus: Tomorrow, Fri, Dec 3

Whole-school trip to Pelorus, departing school at 9.15am and returning to school by 2.45pm.

### Last Day of School

The last day of school for the year is Wednesday, December 15. Students will need to be picked up by 1:30pm. **First day back in 2022 will be Tuesday, February 8th.**

### Dec 8: Year 6 Bohally Tour

Year 6 students are invited to attend Bohally's open day on Wed December 8 at 9am.

### Dec 14: Senior Leavers Event

We will farwell our Year 6 tamariki on Friday, December 10 at 10am at the Clubs of Marlborough. Only the whānau of our Year 6 tamariki and award recipients will be invited.

## New Teacher

We welcome Lea-anne George to our team of staff in 2022 teaching in Koru class. She has written an introduction: Kia ora my name is Lea-anne George. I am currently working at Renwick Primary School in a Year 0/1 class until the end of 2021.

I am excited to become part of the Blenheim School whānau in 2022. I have recently moved up from Central Otago where I was working in a preschool for approximately six years. Before that, I was teaching in the junior school at Witherlea. I am looking forward to bringing my many years of teaching experience to our school, where I will get to know your child, learn 'what makes them tick,' and help them to move forward on their learning journey.

## Organisation for 2022

On Wednesday, December 8, all tamariki will meet their teachers for next year and visit their classroom.

## Staffing for 2022

Mrs Thorstenesen: Years 5-6, Mr Norton: Years 3-4, Mrs George: Years 1-2, Miss Tullet Years 0-1, Mrs Caughey: literacy and special needs.

## Communication 2022

Next year, **Skool Loop** will be our main tool for contact with parents, Filling in permission slips, and booking whānau interviews. If you do not yet have Skool Loop on your smartphone, please download it. If you need assistance with this, please see Mary at the office.



Ngā mihi, Denyse

## Pelorus Field Trip

A reminder that the whole school will be heading to Te Hoiere/Pelorus tomorrow — Friday, November 3. We will be traveling by bus, leaving school at 9.15am and returning to school by 2.45pm. A special thank you to the whānau members who have offered to support us during our trip. Please remind your child to pack their morning tea, a drink bottle of water, school hat, warm top, rain jacket, and comfortable walking shoes. Lunch is provided for students. Parent/caregiver helpers/whānau must bring their own lunch. Please make sure your tamariki also has a school sweatshirt, drink bottle, a rain jacket and a snack.

# Blenheim School Important Dates

Please put this calendar somewhere handy as a reference for the next two weeks:

DAY	DATE	EVENT	NOTES
Friday	3 Dec	Whole-school trip to Pelorus 9:15am departure	Pack a bottle of water and a hearty snack. Lunch is provided for students. Whānau helpers must bring their own lunch. Even if it is a sunny day, please ensure your child has a warm jacket and wears sturdy shoes. Bring a raincoat in your backpack
Wednesday	8 Dec	All students will visit the classroom and teacher they are transitioning to next year	
Wednesday	8 Dec	Bohally & Tech Center tour leaving from school at 9am, Year 6 students only	
Friday	10 Dec	End of Year Celebration, 10am at Clubs of Marlborough	Only the whānau of our Year 6 tamariki and award recipients are invited.
Monday	13 Dec	KiwiCan Wet n Wild and Whole-school Teddy Bears Picnic	We will eat our school lunches with our teddy bears (hope they leave enough for us!!)
Wednesday	15 Dec	Last day of school for 2021	Please pick your child up at 1:30pm