

Kia Ora Tātou Katoa

This will be our last newsletter for the year. I would like to thank whānau and our community for their continued support over the past year. We have made it through to the holiday break and we must celebrate that we have all staff back on board and a community willing to work with us together to keep everyone safe.

As we come to a close of the year, we have two small events taking place.

Gold Grit Assembly

The Gold GRIT Ambassador Assembly is still scheduled for Friday, December 10 at 10am, but the venue has been changed to the school hall. All whānau whose tamariki are receiving an award have been contacted to attend. Parents/caregivers, please let Mary in the office know if you are planning to attend so that we can plan for seating capacity. You must have had one vaccination to be on site for this.

Change of Plan to Farewell to Year 6 Students

We've had a change to the plan for farewelling our Year 6 students, so that we can increase capacity for whānau to attend. This will now take place on Tuesday, December 14 at 10am in the hall. Only whānau of our Year 6 tamariki are invited. Parents/caregivers, please let Mary in the office know if you are planning to attend so that we can plan for seating capacity. You must have had one vaccination to be on site for this.

As we farewell our Year 6 students, I would like to acknowledge the leadership they have shown in our school and their willingness to care for others, often stepping up to support teachers and students.

We wish our beautiful tamariki all the best at Bohally. We are so proud of you.

Important Dates & Events

Senior Leavers Event

We will farewell our Year 6 tamariki on Tuesday, December 14 at 10am in the school hall. Only the whānau of our Year 6 tamariki are invited to attend.

Kiwi Can Wet 'n Wild & Teddy Bears Picnic

Invite your teddy bear to lunch at school as we are holding our annual Teddy Bears Picnic lunch at school on Monday, December 13. Students' lunches are provided. Whānau are welcome to attend but must bring their own lunch. This is also the date for KiwiCan Wet n' Wild. Bring your swimsuit!

Last Day of School

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

Holiday Break

I will have the school phone with me over the Christmas break. If you need to make contact, just give me a call. Have a fabulous break everyone.

Ngā mihi nui, Denyse

Kanohi ke te Kanohi Interviews

Interviews between staff and families take place at the beginning of the year where teachers allocate 20 minutes to spend time with their child's teacher to share whānungatunga about themselves. This is very valuable for our kaiako to build strong relationships with our whānau and to get to know parents and tamariki. There will be a separate notice coming out with your child's report on December 14 explaining how to book your Kanohi ke te Kanohi interviews.

Staff Farewell

We have been so very fortunate to have had Amie Campbell working in Koru this term. We have thoroughly enjoyed having her on our staff and wish her all the very best on her new journey.

Kiwi Can Wet 'n Wild & Teddy Bears Picnic

Monday, December 13 is Kiwi Can's Wet 'n Wild day. Bring your swimsuit and a towel and enjoy some very damp fun. We will also have our Teddy Bears Picnic at lunchtime.

School Finishing Early

School finishes at **1pm on Wednesday, December 15**. Please pick your child up promptly.

Skool Loop

Reminder the main form of communication next year will be via Skool Loop, so please download this app onto your phone. Ask Mary to help you if necessary.

Pelorus Field Trip

What an amazing day we had out at pelorus on Friday. It was an awesome day and a bit of rain didn't dampen our enjoyment.

Staffing for 2022

Our staffing has been confirmed for 2022. Due to our roll growth we have very large classes in the senior end of the school. We have put in additional support for this.

Kakano: Ms Sarah Tullet; Koru: Mrs Lea-anne George; Rito: Mr Anaru Norton; Harakeke: Mrs Kellyann Thorstensen; Literacy Support & Students With Additional Needs: Mrs Gill Caughey.

Our wonderful support staff will be with us again in 2022: Rachel, Kim, Robin, Tracy, Nyah, Mary and Nicole.

Communication via Skool Loop in 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

Blenheim School Important Dates

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

DAY	DATE	EVENT	NOTES
Monday	13 Dec	KiwiCan Wet n Wild and Whole-school Teddy Bears Picnic	We will eat our school lunches with our teddy bears (let's hope they leave enough for us!!)
Tuesday	14 Dec	Year 6 Farewell 10am	Parents of leavers are invited to attend; please RSVP to Mary in the office if you intend to do so.
Wednesday	15 Dec	Last day of school for 2021	School ends at 1pm. Please pick your child up then.

