

N E W S L E T T E R

TE KURA O WAIHARA KEKE

Blenheim School Term 1, Week 5

March 5, 2021

## GRIT Focus: Respect

Kia Ora, Talofa Lava, Malo e Lelei and Namaste! Our GRIT focus for this term is Respect. The need to treat teachers with respect is usually easily understood by students, but respecting other students can be more challenging when playground or classroom issues arise. Our goal in focusing on this important aspect of GRIT is to expand students' respectful interactions to everyone around them, no matter how angry or disappointed they might feel in the moment. Outside, student GRIT Guardians are the first point of contact for neutral problem-solving input; inside, teaching staff are talking with students about what respect looks, sounds and feels like. The success of this focus comes down to individual willingness to engage and respond. Louisa Linterman has been doing some wonderful training of our GRIT guardians and they have been absolutely amazing out there in the playground. Our GRIT Guardians are Denyce, Afega, Malaetia, Eden, Bridget, Caitlin, Tiomai, Adam, Aroha, Zarleah, Jesiah, Christian, Aylay, Komal, Meiah, Grayson, Atlanta, Maddie, Ryan A, and Ariana.

While we remain at Alert Level 2 please remember to drop off and pick up your tamariki at the gates. If you enter the school, please sign in digitally on the app or physically outside the classroom. If collecting students you need to exit the grounds quickly after school.

Have a great week with friends, whanau and this amazing weather we've been enjoying!

Thank you and nga mihi, Denyse

## Important Dates & Events

### Easter Break

Friday, April 2 - Monday, April 5  
See you back at school on Wednesday, April 7. Please note this is a correction from last week's newsletter.

### Assembly Next week

March 5, Koru will be running Assembly.

### A Musical Break

March 12, The NZ Symphony Orchestra is playing for us at 12.30pm

### Swimming Sports

March 19, Y1-Y6

# Swimming Sports

We know the end of Summer is near when it's time for the Blenheim School Swimming Sports day. Please join us on Friday, March 19 for a prompt start at 11am. This is a big day for the school — all students have a chance to shine in the various events and parents and/or staff are invited to participate in an adults race. Students and supporters are encouraged to wear whanau group colours and dress up for fun (please no face or body painting).

# Mind Your Beeswax!

Reusable beeswax snacks and lunch wraps are for sale at the school office. These last for years and make a wonderful alternative to environmentally-unfriendly plastic wrap. Sale of the beeswax wraps is a fundraiser for the school, so please consider purchasing some as gifts or for your own use.



# Garden Fun

Kakano and Koru are in the edible garden this term and are enjoying the fresh produce. This is our zucchini omelette recipe:

## Zucchini Omelette

1 zucchini, grated • 3 eggs, beaten • salt and pepper to taste

Combine ingredients; heat a small amount of oil in a frying pan, pour ingredients into the pan. Cook for 3-5 minutes on one side then put the pan into the oven and grill the top side until cooked through. Enjoy!

# GRIT Awards

Last week's GRIT Awards: Misha and Hayley, for being a great role model in Koru and Kākano, showing respect and tenacity; Lilly P, for growing her brain in writing by learning. Whaowhia te kete mātauranga; Diogo, for focusing on his learning and helping others; Grace Lousiale for stepping out of her comfort zone and being brave; Ben, for always striving to be the best you can be and lending a helping hand.