

Blenheim School Term 4, Week 4

Nov 12, 2021

Kia Ora Tātou Katoa

Pasifika Performance

Today our Pasifika group performed and was filmed at the ASB Theatre as part of this year's Pasifika Festival. Thank you to Tina, Kaiama, Lapu, Rita, Peniaminia, Sarah and Mrs Thorstensen for their support and guidance around this work. Due to the unusual times we currently find ourselves living in, the tamariki are not able to perform for an audience. Filming this work was a way to celebrate and share their mahi. I can't wait to see this film!



Important Dates

Late November Field Trip: Steadfast Sailing Ship

We will take the Steadfast sailing ship to
Kaipupu Point to learn about biodiversity
Whānau support will be needed.
Harakeke: Friday, 26 November
Rito: Tuesday, 30 November

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 that day.

First day back in 2022 will be Tuesday, February 8. Please put these dates in your diary.

Dec 8: Year 6 Bohally Tour

Year 6 students are invited to attend Bohally's open day on Wed December 8 at 9am. Watch this space for more information closer to the date.

End-of-Year Celebration

Many of the events we have planned for the remainder of the year are also being impacted by Level 2 COVID guidelines. Sadly we cannot hold our traditional end of year celebration evening this year. Instead, we will hold an afternoon event to farwell our Year 6 tamariki with only the whānau of our Year 6 tamariki and award recipients invited. This will be held on Tuesday, **December 14 at 1pm at the Clubs of Marlborough**. We will be filming this to share with whānau.

Vaccination Mandate

As the debate around vaccination continues to play out in the media and in communities around the motu, I need to keep our whānau informed of what this mandate means for our kura. As of the 16th of November, staff that are not vaccinated cannot be on site while tamariki are present. The Board of Trustees and I are working to support staff. Two classrooms will be affected by these changes.

Please be mindful that, in the near future we will require vaccination Status for all whānau who attend school trips.camps

Please be respectful of each other's status.

New Whānau

We welcome a new whānau to our community with Heath and Payton joining our kura.

Ngā mihi, Denyse

Whānau Hui

Our Māori whānau are invited to attend a hui on **Wednesday November 17 at 9.30am**. Bring your tamariki and enjoy a kōrero and social time with other families.

Steadfast Sailing Ship Field Trip

Thanks to Port Marlborough for once again providing us with the opportunity to be part of an amazing field trip. Harakeke and Rito will be going out on the *Steadfast* sailing ship and visiting Kaipupu Point. The *Steadfast* is a replica of a famous 1913 gaff-rigged pilot cutter. The students will sail out to the Kaipupu Point sanctuary and disembark there to learn about biodiversity. Back on the *Steadfast*, they will go further out into the Sounds and participate in a range of science experiments. We will require some whānau support for these trips.

Dates are Harakeke: Friday, 26 November, Rito: Tuesday, 30 November

