



PRINCIPAL'S KŌRERO

Ngā mihi maioha ki a koutou katoa

Welcome to Term 2! Would you believe we have started the term with a hiss and a roar, and no signs of our tamariki having been away for two weeks. Attendance is looking really good so far with almost 90% of students attending school this term – let's work hard together to get this number over 90%. We cannot do this without you, so thank you for the support you have given us.

It was an absolute pleasure to attend the Blenheim ANZAC Day Service with students and whānau who proudly represented our school. What a special event to attend with our young tamariki who, as always, showed the utmost respect when out in the community. Staff have been working hard to help our younger generation be curious and deepen their understanding of history so important to many New Zealanders. We look forward to continuing our attendance at the ANZAC Day Services as a school.



A warm welcome to our fabulous new caretaker – Mr Andrew Clearwater. Andy is one of our enthusiastic superstars who can often be seen with a huge smile on his face and the leaf blower in his hand! We know that our Blenheim School Community will make Andy feel extremely welcomed as one of our very own whānau members.

We ended term one with a very successful Open Class Day and showcased the amazing teaching and learning our tamariki – your children, had been exposed to throughout the term. We cannot wait to do that again a couple of times this term, especially as classes continue to fill with laughter, excitement, engagement, and colour. Keep an eye out for dates.

It is great to see all of your faces again. Thank you for being present and popping in to say hello at every chance you get. You know the drill – we are here to wrap around and support you and your children – they mean the world to us! If anything is ever on top, please be sure to let us know!

Ngā manaakitanga

Kellyann Thorstensen - Principal

Week 2 Term 2 2023

WĀTAKA - CALENDAR

Whole School Assembly - Fortnight Mondays

Next Hui: Week 4 Monday 15 May, 9:15am

Gymnastics Festival

Friday 12 May

Pink Shirt Day

Friday 19 May

King's Birthday Observed - No School

Monday 5 June

Student Reports Home

Friday 16 June

School Cross Country

TBC

Kanohi ki te Kanohi - Whānau Hui

Week 9/Week 10

Wairau Cluster Cross Country, Tuamarina

Thursday 22 June

Gold GRIT Assembly, 9:15am

Friday 30 June

Last Day Term 2

Friday 30 June

First Day Term 3

Monday 17 July

NAU MAI haere mai

An ENORMOUS W.E.L.C.O.M.E to Blenheim School to the following students and their whānau: Ollie, Lily, Kahziel, Lukaiah, Felix, Remi, Rocco, Amari, Sebastian, Echo, and Titan. We are so happy you are a part of our Blenheim School whānau! We hope you have the most amazing time with us.

TERM 2 VALUES FOCUS:

RESILIENCE

Thank you to our community for helping us raise over \$1500 in our Easter Raffle - you guys are A.M.A.Z.I.N.G Congratulations to our prize winners (all prizes have been collected).

1st Prize: Shirley Roberts

2ns Prize: Frederick Olivier

3rd Prize: Mike Rangī

4th Prize: Shane Middlemiss

...and our most important prize goes to this beautiful young man and his whānau who sold the most tickets!!



Easter Raffle - Congratulations

Pink Shirt Day

Spread aroha and kindness and end bullying.

Pink Shirt Day is about working together to stop bullying by celebrating diversity and promoting kindness and inclusiveness.

We encourage our students to come to school dressed in PINK on **Friday 19 May**. Classrooms will be filled with discussions and activities that support **Pink Shirt Day**.

Friday 19 May



TERM 1 Gold GRIT Ambassadors

RESPECT

BLENHEIM SCHOOL

Te Kura o Waiharakeke

Showing **RESPECT** throughout the whole term. The following students have deservingly received the Gold GRIT Ambassador Award for Term 1 - Ka pai tō mahi tamariki mā!!

Whatukura: Allies-Junior and Adelaide

Kākanō: Hayley M and Arya

Purapura: Zavier and Tupu-Junior

Koru: Isla and Connor M

Rito: Havana and Charlie

Harakeke: Lily and Tenesey

Week 2 Winners



Gold Medal:

Eli N - 1045 points



Silver Medal:

Aiden - 740 points



Bronze Medal:

Connor M - 660 points

Breakfast Club

Currently we have our fabulous team of volunteers from the Marlborough Community Development Trust (MCD) running our Breakfast Club every Monday and Tuesday morning. All whānau welcome - School Hall, 8am-9am. We would REALLY love to offer more Breakfast Club mornings to our tamariki but we need your help! If you are available to volunteer your time in the mornings, between 8am - 9am, please let Mary in the office know! Thank you in advance



Check out our amazing tamariki who received awards at our Week 2 Assembly.

Toloa: For your positive attitude to learning. Your enthusiasm during literacy is outstanding. Ka rawe koe, you are AWESOME!

Keara: You have such a kind and inquisitive mind! I love the way you support the other children in Whatukura and always strive to do your very best. Keep on being you, you are a taonga.

Oscar: What a fantastic start to this term Oscar. You have such an interest in the world around you, and you love to share this with us. Oscar, you try so hard to do the right thing too, both in and out of class. You make me proud! Tino pai.

Leo: Wow, you have come back to school with such a positive and interested mind towards all your learning. I am so impressed with how you just go back when I ask for more. Tu meke!

Wyatt: You have such a positive mindset. You give everything a go, often sharing your thinking with the class. You love opportunities to work closely with your friends. Ka pai Wyatt! You are rocking this term already.

Aotearoa: Wow Aotearoa, I have seen you grow in your abilities. You have worked so hard both in Purapura and with Mrs Caughey, and your confidence is blossoming! Keep working hard, and watch the successes continue.

Aiden: For an absolutely outstanding start to Term 2. Aiden, you are able to confidently contribute your wonderful ideas, often taking a lead in teaching and learning opportunities. You are a thinker, have a great general knowledge, and you look for ways to solve problems. This all means that you are always growing and learning. Keep it up Aiden - you are an asset in Koru, and we are all learning from you!

Tekoha: For a positive start to Term 2. Tekoha, you tackle every learning opportunity with a smile and a positive attitude. Every challenge is seen as an opportunity to grow and we love how you never give up! Keep aiming for the stars, Tekoha, you will go far!

Ally: For showing resilience in your work. I can see that you are making an effort to change the way you do things in class. Karawhiua!

Medilowima: For all round resilience. Whenever you get some task that is not going to be easy, you give it a go and come back with a positive attitude. Holo pe tu'u he ko e ngalu e fasi / Stand your ground and the waves will break around you.

Lilly P: For continually challenging yourself and your learning mindset. You are always ready for learning and using your tenacity when your learning becomes challenging. Kei runga noa atu koe!

Hunter D: For showing initiative and using your leadership skills to model the expectations of a learner in Harakeke and helping others in their learning. Ka pai tō mahi!

Heath: For pushing yourself when your learning becomes challenging. You are really showing respect for your learning and we look forward to you continuing this focussed learning mindset. Kei runga noa atu koe!

HAIR AND NAILS

Please check your child's hair and nails at the start of each week. Tamariki should have relatively short nails as this helps with keeping them clean and prevents the pain of breaking or bending backwards when playing. Please also tie any long hair up to prevent the spread of headlice - thank you for helping us out!



Policies and Procedures

Our school uses SchoolDocs as a website for our policies and procedures. To view any of Blenheim School's Policies and Procedures visit:

<https://blenheim.schooldocs.co.nz/>

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PASSWORD: grit2811



As the days start to get a little colder, please ensure your child has the correct uniform on which is **NAMED**. A school jersey is available for purchase from the school office - if you would like to start up weekly payments, Mary will happily chat with you to get this started. Students are able to wear:

- Black or navy thermals under their school shirt
- Black or navy tights or long pants which do not have any visible logos - no jeans!

Please do not put us in the position of having to ask your child to remove coloured hoodies or incorrect clothing etc. We are a school with a uniform which we expect your child to be in every day.



Congratulations Board of Trustees

Introducing Blenheim School's Board of Trustees

- Jack Feavers - Board Chairman
- Rosina Jones - Deputy
- Nora Blowers - Parent Rep
- Intikhab Khan - Parent Rep
- Tim Oughton
- Lisa Dunn
- Sarah Tullett - Staff Rep
- Kellyann Thorstensen - Principal

Congratulations Grocery Voucher

How awesome! Over 70% of you returned your updated contact forms by Friday and went into the draw to win a \$100 grocery voucher - you guys rock!!

Congratulations Machin whānau on having your name drawn out on Friday.



NETBALL:

Starts this week - Friday 5 May, for our juniors. Saturday 6 May for our seniors. Any cancellations for Future Ferns games will be made by 1pm on Fridays, and by 7:30am for Saturday games.

HOCKEY:

Funsticks starts on Monday 8th May at 3.30 pm. The venue for Funsticks is College Park Stadium on Stephenson Street. Remember to take warm clothes, a drink bottle and wear sports shoes. Hockey is played outside, so if the weather is doubtful you will need to check the [Marlborough Hockey Facebook](#) page for cancellations.

Senior hockey starts on Tuesday 9th May. Each week the draw will be posted on the [Marlborough Hockey Website](#). You will need to check this each week. Please be at the hockey turf 15 minutes before the game to warm up and get ready to play.

GYMNASTICS FESTIVAL:

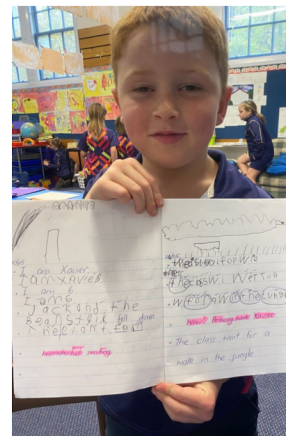
Students from Blenheim School will be taking part in the annual Primary Schools' Gymnastic Festival. We are excited to be sending a large group of enthusiastic tamariki this year. Massive thank you to Mrs Caughey, Miss Tullett, and all our superstar whānau and friends who have supported the group on Fridays at the Blenheim Gymnastics Club.

When: Friday 12 May

C Grade: 9:15am - 11:15am

A and B Grade: 12pm

Location: Marlborough Lines Stadium 2000
Kinross Street, Blenheim



Sing Sing Sing Sing Sing

Love to sing? MCY Theatre are running a youth choir. Available for ages 8 - 16, the MCY Choir will have fun singing a range of songs from different genres while developing a basic knowledge of singing technique from a classically trained tutor. This is a non audition choir, so if you love to sing get in touch to secure your spot. Classes held on Wednesdays 5pm @ St Ninians Hall 1 Riley Cres. Fees are \$75 per term.



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NETBALL 2023

BLENHEIM SCHOOL

MAY 2023



DATES

The Netball season starts this week:
 Friday May 5th
 Year 1,2,3,4
 Saturday May 6th
 Year 5 & 6
 The last games are at the end of July.

LOCATION

Sports Hub at Landsdowne Park at the end of Hutcheson Street.

Please arrive 15 minutes before the game.

This is a team sport and if you turn up late or don't turn up you let the team down.

UNIFORM

Year 1 & 2 and boys wear school uniform.
 Year 3 -6 girls will be issued with a netball uniform, please look after it.

GAME TIMES

Draw - this is posted on the Marlborough Netball Website each week, <http://www.marlboroughnetball.org.nz/>

Select draws and Results
 Select ANZ Future Ferns Netball, in the first drop-down menu
 Select Blenheim School, in the second drop-down menu
 Check you have the right date

Games times are the same each week for the Friday games:

Years 1 & 2 will always play at 3.40 pm

Years 3 & 4 will always play at 4.20 pm

GOING TO BE AWAY

If you can't make a game, please let your coach or Mrs Caughey know as soon as possible (021845415). The more warning the better.

If you don't show up we might not have enough players and you let the team down.

OTHER

- Cut your fingernails short, tie up your hair
- bring a drink bottle
- wear suitable sports shoes
- bring something warm to put on
- remove all jewellery

LUNCH BY LIBELLE

TOTARA WEEK

SOUTH ISLAND

Autumn 2023

15/05/23 - 19/05/23

Standard Menu

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| MAC N CHEESE Pasta with vegful cheese sauce, ham, mixed veggies & white beans | MONDAY |
| PIZZA Ham pizza. Served with carrot sticks, corn chips, an optional BBQ mayo dip & baked treat | TUESDAY |
| BUTTER CHICKEN Creamy & mild curry sauce with chicken & veggies on rice | WEDNESDAY |
| CHEESEBURGER Burger bun with beef pattie, cheese, salad & sauce. Served with carrot sticks & baked treat | THURSDAY |
| PASTA MEATBALLS Beef meatballs with pasta, vegful tomato sauce & cheese sauce | FRIDAY |

Halal Menu

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| MAC N CHEESE Pasta with vegful cheese sauce, mixed veggies & white beans | MON | VEGGIE BURGER Plant based burger with cheese, salad & sauce. Served with carrot sticks & rice | THU |
| PIZZA Chicken pizza. Served with carrot sticks, corn chips, BBQ mayo dip & a baked treat | TUE | PASTA AMAZEBALLS Plant based amazeballs with vegful tomato sauce & cheese on pasta | FRI |
| BUTTER CHICKEN Creamy & mild curry sauce with chicken & veggies on rice | WED | OTHER DIETARY ALTERNATIVES TO THE RIGHT > | |

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Vegetarian

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| MAC N CHEESE Pasta with vegful cheese sauce, mixed veggies & white beans | MON |
| PIZZA Tomato & cheese pizza with falafel. Served with carrot sticks, corn chips, BBQ mayo & baked treat | TUE |
| BUTTER CHICKPEAS Creamy & mild curry cauce with chickpeas & vegies. Served with rice | WED |
| VEGGIE BURGER Plant based burger, cheese, salad & sauce. Served with carrot sticks & a baked treat | THU |
| PASTA AMAZEBALLS Plant based amazeballs, vegeful tomato sauce & cheese | FRI |

Vegan Friendly

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| LENTIL BOLOGNESE Pasta with lentil & hidden veggies sauce with veg-an cheese. Served with a garlic roll | MON |
| PIZZA Pizza with vegan cheese & falafel. With carrot sticks, corn chips, vegan cookie, & BBQ mayo dip | TUE |
| BUTTER CHICKPEAS Creamy & mild curry sauce with chickpeas & vegies on rice | WED |
| VEGAN VEGGIE BURGER Plant based burger with vegan cheese, salad & sauce. Served with carrot sticks & vegan cookie | THU |
| PASTA AMAZEBALLS Plant based amazeballs with vegful tomato sauce & vegan cheese on pasta | FRI |

Gluten Friendly

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| GF MAC N CHEESE GF pasta with vegful cheese sauce, ham, mixed veggies & white beans | MON |
| GF PIZZA GF ham & cheese pizza. Served with carrot sticks, and a GF cookie | TUE |
| BUTTER CHICKEN Creamy & mild curry sauce with chicken & vegies on rice | WED |
| GF VEGGIE BURGER GF burger bun & plant based pattie, cheese, salad & sauce. Served with carrot sticks & GF cookie | THU |
| GF PASTA AMAZEBALLS GF pasta with vegful tomato sauce, plant based amazeballs & cheese | FRI |

Dairy Friendly

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| PASTA BOLOGNESE Pasta with beef & hidden veggies sauce. Served with a garlic roll | MON |
| PIZZA Ham pizza with vegan cheese & falafel. Served with carrot sticks, natural corn chips and a baked treat | TUE |
| BUTTER CHICKEN Creamy & mild curry sauce with chicken & vegies on rice | WED |
| BEEF BURGER Burger bun with beef pattie, DF cheese, salad & sauce. Served with carrot sticks & a baked treat | THU |
| PASTA AMAZEBALLS Plant based amazeballs with vegful tomato sauce & vegan cheese on pasta | FRI |

Please visit our website of more information. Meals are prepared in a non-allergen controlled environment. If you have low tolerance towards certain allergens please notify the school immediately. Items may vary subject to supply.