



## PRINCIPAL'S KŌRERO

### Tēnā koutou e te iwi!

As you can see to the right, our last four weeks of this year are going to be busy! Be sure to have your Skool Loop App notifications turned on so that you are able to be kept up to date as we steam ahead!

It is with great pleasure that I inform you of a few new staff appointments we have made for 2023. We welcome our new Deputy Principal - Ariana McIntyre, to our Blenheim School Whānau. Ariana comes to us highly recommended and highly skilled, especially in the junior school. We also warmly welcome our fixed-term staff members - Stefanie Ellis and David Edsall. Both Stef and David also come to us with rave reviews, bringing passion and enthusiasm that fits right into our school! Once our management team has finalised our 2023 classroom make-up, we will share our final 2023 staffing update with you. On Thursday 8 December, all 2023 teaching staff - including Ariana, Stef, and David, will meet with their new classes for a transition meet and greet. We also cannot wait for you to meet our new staff.

Upon discussion with the Ministry of Education, they have informed us that unfortunately, we have not been successful in our application to recapitate Blenheim School to Year 7/Year 8. This is not the news many of our whānau are wanting to hear, however, the Ministry have invited us to explore this avenue again in a couple of years.

Finally, I have thoroughly enjoyed being out in the community with our tamariki. Whether it is during an activity with other schools, or being the support committee during after school sports games. It never gets old hearing the positive comments about our students from those we don't know out in the community. In just the last two weeks, I have been tapped on the shoulder and thanked for having such amazing students who show leadership and respect, fairplay and honesty. I am so proud of our students and our awesome school. Thank you e te whānau for working alongside the staff and myself to instill great values into our children. Team work makes the dream work!

**Ngā mihi nui ki a koutou**

**Kellyann Thorstensen - Principal**

Week 5 Term 4 2022

## PĀNUI - NOTICES

### Teacher Only Day

Monday 21 November

### Year 6 Bohally Open Session

Thursday 24 November, 11am-11:45am

### School Assembly - Koru

Friday 25 November, 11:45am

### Gumboot Friday

Friday 25 November

**Sailing (Year 5/6)** Monday 28 November

**Sailing (Year 4/5)** Thursday 1 December

### Ride-On Cycle Safety (Year 6)

Wednesday 30 Nov - Thursday 1 Dec

### Year 6 Bohally Taster Day - 9:30am -12:30pm

Friday 2 December

### Ride-On Cycle Safety (Year 5)

Friday 2 December

### 2023 Class Transition Day

Thursday 8 December

### Gold GRIT Assembly

Friday 9 December, 11:30am

### Year 6 Leavers Dinner and Movie

Tuesday 13 December, 5:30pm

### End of Year Assembly

Thursday 15 December, 11am

### Last Day of Term 4

Friday 16 December, 12pm



# NAU MAI haere mai

Be sure to check your email for your child's SCHOOL PHOTO CODE. If it is not in your inbox, be sure to check your spam folder! Check in with Mary if you are unable to find a code and she will point you in the right direction.



**Exciting times ahead** for our Year 6 students/whānau who are heading off to Bohally in 2023. Please pop these important dates in your diary:

- **Thursday 24 November**, 11:45am - 1pm: Open Session for whānau, Y6 students and their teachers
- **Friday 2 December**, 9:30am - 12:30pm: Tech Taster Day 9:30am - 12:30pm



**Check out our tūmeke GRIT award winners for Week 5. Showing amazing Tenacity inside and outside of the classroom! Ka mau te wehi.**

**Tahn:** Showing a love of learning both at home and at school. Ka pai!

**Wyatt G:** For making good choices in the classroom, working very hard and staying focussed!

**Cadey-Lou:** For being an amazing role model and making sure everyone around you is cared for. Keep up the amazing work!

**TeKoha:** For working super hard, and having such a positive attitude. You are awesome!

**Medilowima:** For ALWAYS showing tenacity and having a positive can-do attitude in everything she does!

**Belle:** For being super helpful and respectful towards others! You are consistently focusing on your learning and showing tenacity when your learning becomes challenging!

**Maddie:** For showing initiative and using her leadership skills to model the expectations of a learner in Harakeke and helping others in their learning!

**Xavier B:** For taking the responsibility at the end of each break to make sure that all of the sports equipment is returned. Thank you for using your initiative and for being helpful around our school!

**Hudson:** Showing respect from Mr Lucas-Quay!

**Iata:** Being an awesome friend to our new students!

**George:** Being an awesome friend to our new students!

**Diogo:** Being a great role model in the community and having those in the community notice this!



The fabulous Mrs George and her awesome juniors have decided to organise a different day for our school to support GUMBOOT FRIDAY since most of us were away at athletics on the official day!

This Friday - 25th November, WEAR YOUR GUMBOOTS TO SCHOOL!!!! Gold coin donations are welcome, but not necessary!

For every pair of gumboots worn to school on Friday, Blenheim School will donate \$1 to the I AM HOPE Foundation!

This includes you whānau - flash those gumboots at your child's teacher and a \$1 donation will be made!



An ENORMOUS **W.E.L.C.O.M.E** to Blenheim School to the following students and their whānau: *Salima, Jeremiah, Toslima, and Hayley M.* We are so happy you are a part of our Blenheim School whānau! We hope you have the most amazing time with us.

Our senior school has a very exciting opportunity to learn how to sail with the Queen Charlotte Yacht Club! Year 4, 5, 6, students will spend a day out in Picton taking part in both on water and on land activities. Students will attend on the following days:

**Monday 28 November:** Year 6 and a split group of Year 5

**Thursday 1 December:** Remaining Year 5s and Year 4



On **Thursday 8 December**, we will be resetting our 2023 classes and having our students spend some time with their new teachers and new classmates. Our newly appointed teachers will also be joining us on this day. 2023 is shaping up to be one heck of an awesome year! If you have any questions or concerns about this transition day, please chat to your child's teacher.

CLASS OF  
**2023**

Teachers only  
Day

Reminder: No School  
Monday 21 November

## Ride-On Cycle Safety

Our Year 5 and Year 6 students will be taking part in a Cycle Safety Programme run by Tasman Sport on the following days:

Year 6s: **Wed 30 Nov and Thurs 1 Dec**

Year 5s: **Friday 2 December**

A notice will be sent home soon.



Grade 1 (off-road training) Year 5's	Grade 2 (on-road training) Year 6's
<p>Grade 1 trainees (balance and bike controlling skills):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Helmet fitting &amp; clothing for cycling</li> <li>• Cycle parts &amp; maintenance</li> <li>• Cycle 7 helmet safety check</li> <li>• Controlled starting/stopping and steering</li> <li>• riding with one hand to signal</li> <li>• look behind skills (balanced and in a straight line)</li> <li>• Left / Right / Stop hand signals and turning</li> <li>• Gears</li> <li>• Emergency braking</li> </ul> <p>They begin to build their knowledge of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• what makes a safe bike and helmet</li> <li>• the legal requirements for cycling on-road</li> <li>• bike control skills and observation techniques.</li> </ul>	<p>Grade 2 trainees: (Theory &amp; practical)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• refine their bike handling skills to be able to 'look, signal, look again, move' when making turns</li> <li>• develop observation techniques and hazard awareness for cycling on-road</li> </ul> <p>They gain knowledge of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• defensive cycling strategies</li> <li>• give way rules, road signs</li> <li>• how to cycle on the road, including the importance of cycling in the appropriate lane position (to 'see and be seen') and in a variety of simple traffic situations.</li> <li>• positive road sharing behaviours and attitudes to other road users. Correct road positioning.</li> <li>• Turns into and out of 'T' and cross-road intersections</li> <li>• Roundabouts (if available within school area)</li> <li>• Group riding</li> </ul>