NEWSLETTER

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ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL'S KŌRERO

Talofa lava Blenheim School Fanau

We value Blenheim School's cultural diversity everyday, but it has been wonderful to celebrate Samoan Language Week together in our Kura. I know that the children are enjoying exploring Samoan legends, finding out about siapo, practising dances and songs, and learning new words and phrases. We are lucky enough to have tamariki and their whānau who we are also able to learn from, and who share their knowledge and skills. I'd like to acknowledge the support that Lapu, Mauola Siovaeata and Susana (Fua Creative) are giving us with our build up to the Pasifika Festival.

We are now well and truly half way through Term 2, and it definitely feels like winter is on its way. Unfortunately there have been a few illnesses around and we know many of our whanau have been unwell. We certainly appreciate you keeping your children home when they have been sick, and also being available to collect your child from school when they have become unwell during the day. Thank you. Winter also means that it gets a bit wet and muddy underfoot and our grounds are starting to get a bit soggy. We try to keep our main field open at break times so that the students can still play their games. If you know that your child is a football or touch rugby fan, it may be worth throwing a spare pair of pants in their school bag so they can change if they do slip over.

Teachers are currently busy writing student reports. It is always wonderful reflecting on the progress, achievements and successes each child has had so far this year, and we look forward to celebrating and sharing these reports with you later in the term. Opportunities to book in for a chat with your child's teacher will be available via Skool Loop from today - please be sure to ask your child's teacher or Mary in the office to help book you an interview time if you are a little unsure.

We sadly farewell one of our Teacher Aides - Bill Green, who is moving on to work at the amazing new library. We wish Bill all the best and look forward to seeing him in his new role.

It is nice to be able to break this term with a long weekend. Enjoy the extra sleep in on Monday morning, and we will see you on Tuesday. Take care over the long weekend.

Tōfā soifua

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WĀTAKA - CALENDAR

Whole School Assembly: Fortnightly on Mondays Week 8 - Monday 12 June - 9.15am

King's Birthday Observed - No School Monday 5 June

> **School Cross Country** Friday 16 June

Wairau Cluster Cross Country - Tuamarina Thursday 22 June

> **Student Reports Home** Friday 23 June

Kanohi ki te Kanohi - Whānau Hui Week 10 Monday 26 June (8am-7pm)

End of Term Celebration and Umu Week 10 Friday 30 June

> **Open Classroom Sharing** Week 10 Friday 30 June

Gold Grit Assembly Week 10 Friday 30 June

Last Day of Term 2 Friday 30 June

First Day of Term 3 Monday 17 July

11 Seymour St, Blenheim, New Zealand - 7201

NAU MAI HAERE MAI

We are so pleased to welcome the following super awesome tamariki to the best school in town - Blenheim School: Seij, Ridzuan, Sebastian, and Dawn. We hope you have the best time with us!!

We are super lucky to have a couple of new faces hanging out at our awesome school in the afternoons. We would like to extend a warm welcome to David Woodley and his beautiful dog, ANZAC, who are joining our Blenheim School Whānau. Anzac is the most placid and gentle dog you will ever meet, please be sure to say "hey" if you ever see them around.



Check out our amazing tamariki who received awards at our Week 6 Assembly.

Adelaide - For your kind and positive attitude towards all new learning, social situations and general Whatukura business. You are a taonga my friend, keep being you!

Ishmail - For your positive outlook on learning, you are making great progress and have such an unwaivering belief in yourself, it is admirable. Ka pai tō mahi! **Mako** - For being such a kind and helpful friend to any new children in Kākano. Mako, you have a heart of gold and you are shining.

Hayley - For your beautiful smile. Your 'can do' attitude and for always showing amazing resilience. You are a wee star.

lata - lata, you manage yourself everyday by following instructions and being a focused learner. The progress you are making in your learning is evident because of the effort you are putting in! You take great care in the presentation of your work, and you should be proud of this. Tino pai rawe.

George - George, I have seen you grow in confidence and ability. You try everything that is presented to you, giving 110%, and showing resilience by having another go if you didn't quite succeed the first time. You have become a focused and determined learner, and you should be very proud of your efforts to date.

Samuel - Samuel, wow what a superstar learner you have become! You are showing that through hard wordk and perseverance you are able to fly. Challenges are no longer things to be feared, instead something to work towards! Keep up the amazing work, you should be very proud.

Nova - For being a great role model in Koru. You lead by example by being respectful and hardworking. Ka mau te wehi!

Liam O - for making amazing progress in reading this year. Liam, you are so keen to read, but you do more than just read the words. You are thinking deeply and carefully about the stories, and you always have interesting ideas about what we are reading. Keep up this great thinking, we love hearing your thoughts in our group and class discussions!

Sosilini - For contributing so well to your running log and in our class. You are always ready to take a leadership role and help guide the others. Tino pai!

Lorenzo - For taking pride in your work and contributing so well in class. I can see you making a bigger effort every day and I think it is fantastic!

Faizal - For having an awesome attitude towards your learning. You are really using your resilience to challenge your learning and grow your brain. Keep it up Faizal!

Zaidul - For having a positive mindset towards your learning. You are really giving everything a go and working hard. You are always smiling and showing respect towards others. Keep it up!

We have also had some fantastic students who have received one of our 'Tumeke Awards'. These children receive a Duffy Book in recognition of their successes around our kura.

Maddy - For looking out for other tamariki in our kura during playtimes, and being such a great role model. Thank you for your help in the playground - you've been wonderful at showing others how we do things at Blenheim School! **Kaleigha** - For looking out for other tamariki in our kura during playtimes, and being such a great role model. Thank you for your help in the playground - you've been wonderful at showing others how we do things at Blenheim School!

Mathletics



Gold Medal:

Gasemaninoa - 6462 points

Silver Medal: Zaidul - 3404 points

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Bronze Medal: Chloe - 3212 points

Rugby Training Sessions



We have been lucky this week to have Manu from the Mako come in and take rugby sessions with us. We had so much fun despite the drizzle. We get plenty of opportunities to explore different sports throughout the year, and we love how the different sports codes in Marlborough are keen to to come into our school and teach us! It certainly sets us up to be successful participants in our sports teams.

Kanohi ki te Kanohi / Whanau Hui

In Week 10 - Monday 26 June, our teachers will be meeting with you to discuss how awesome your child is, how they are doing in class, their next steps in learning, and answer any questions you may have. You can book your time slot on the school app **SKOOL LOOP** or pop in to see Mary and she can help you book a time - easy peasy! We look forward to seeing each and every one of you again!!!



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Did someone say UMU?!? Yes we did!! Blenheim School is starting to plan for our end of term 2 celebration, bringing together our learning around Samoan Language Week, Matariki, and all the other cool learning that our tamariki have been doing. Please see attached our first notice regarding our umu and any help you can offer . We do hope you can all join us on Friday 30 June.

WHEELS WEDNESDAY

We love seeing all the wheels being brought to school on Wednesdays. We really do recommend the children wear helmets no matter what the wheels. They only have one precious head that we need to protect! Students **MUST** wear helmets on bikes and motorised scooters, and we **STRONGLY RECOMMEND** helmets on skateboards and scooters etc. Students can only use their own bikes or scooter, however, we do have several school bikes and scooters which can be borrowed on Wednesdays. If you have any spare or unused helmets lying around, we would love you to donate them to us :-)

Toys Stay at Home - PLEASE!

While we know it can be exciting for our tamariki to receive new toys and want to share this with their friends at school, we are needing to gently remind whanau that this cannot happen. We have seen toys and trading cards coming to school and getting lost, broken, causing arguments, and being traded unfairly. Mrs Thorstensen has spoken to most classes about bring toys to school and has let the children know that if toys make their way to school without a parent organising this with the classroom teacher, she will be keeping these toys to gift to her own children.

...and lollies to stay at home, too!!

you have any free time in the mornings between 8am - 9am, we would love you to join our AWESOME Breakfast Club Team! Pleeeeease sign up with Mary in the office!!



















Photos of our latest learning adventures



KIDS SCHOOL HOLIDAY ART CLUB

for 8 to 12 year olds with local artist Paula Kerslake



SATURDAY 8TH JULY

Polymer Clay Creations

9.00am to 10.15am

Arty Wall Hanging
enjoy creating your own decorative wall hanging

11.00am to 12.15pm \$28

All art materials are provided Bookings essential

To book a place go to www.eventspronto.co.nz/artschoolmarlborough

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TOTARA WEEK

Standard Menu

FRIDAY

PUBLIC HOLIDAY MONDAY PIZZA ROLL UP TUESDAY COCONUT CURRY gies. Served with rice & a roti wrap. WEDNESDAY PASTA BOLOGNESE

THURSDAY CHICKEN, GRAVY & MASH

Halal Menu

MON PASTA BOLOGNESE Pasta with beef & hidden veggie-with a garlic roll. PIZZA ROLL UP THE CHICKEN, GRAVY & MASH

WFD COCONUT CURRY Chicken pieces cooked in a mild yellow curry sauce with yearies. Served with rice & a noti wrap

Chicken pieces cooked in a creamy gravy. Served with seasonal veggles & mashed potato.

Gluten Friendly Vegetarian

TUE

MON PUBLIC HOLIDAY

WED Chickpeas cooked in a mild yellow curry sauce with vegries. Served with rice & a roti wrap

LENTIL BOLOGNESE Pasta with lentils & h with a garlic mill

Vegan Friendly

MON

PIZZA ROLL UP TUE Baked wrap with pizza sauce, vegan cheese & super sausie. With veggie sticks & corn chips. COCONUT CURRY WED

Chickpeas cooked in a mild yellow curry sauce with vegoies. Served with rice & a roti wrap. Pasta with lentils & hidden veggie sauce, topped with yegan cheese. Served with a garlic roll.

GRAVY & MASH Mushroom super sausie cooked in vegan gravy Served with seasonal veggies & vegan mash

Grief Matters

Building Family/Whānau and

Rangatahi/Youth Resiliency

Dr Chris Bowden has been invited to our community to help acknowledge the impact of suicide and help resource the community to enhance resiliency and connectedness.

PUBLIC HOLIDAY

TUE

Baked GF wrap with pizza sauce, ham & Served with carrot sticks & corn chips. WED Chicken cooked in a mild yellow curry sauce wi veggies. Served with rice & a GF wrap.

THU PASTA BOLOGNESE GF pasta with beef & hic with a GF SF roll.

CHICKEN, GRAVY & MASH

Dairy Friendly

MON

PIZZA ROLL UP TUE Baked wrap with pizza sauce, ham, vegan cheese & super sausie. With veggie sticks & com chios.

COCONUT CURRY Chicken cooked in a mild yellow curry so veggies. Served with rice & a roti wrap.

Pasta with beef & hidden veggie sauce. Served with a garlic roll.

CHICKEN, GRAVY & MASH FRI Chicken cooked in gravy. Served wit vegnies & mashed notato.

Building Family/Whānau Resiliency Events Centre 7.00-8.00pm

Events Centre 8.30-9.30pm

Events Centre 9.30-11.30am

Friday 30 June

and 1.00-3.00pm

Family/Whānau Supporting Rangatahi/Youth through Grief

Gagana Samoa Samoa Language Week





Mitamita i lau gagana, maua'a lou fa'asinomaga

Be proud of your language and grounded in your identity

















Wednesday 28 June Rangatahi/Youth Hui only

share their experiences/advice and what they need. (Food and drink provided so please RSVP everylifematters@nmdhb.govt.nz)

Supporting School Students/ Ākonga

Events Centre 4.00-5.00pm Self-care for Teachers/Staff/Kaiako

Events Centre 5.00-6.00pm

ASB Theatre 5.00-7.00pm Provide a safe forum for youth to

Thursday 29 June





All sessions facilitated by Dr Chris Bowden - lecturer in Child and Adolescent development and mental health, suicide bereavement and trauma researcher from Victoria University









Resilience

Means coping

with challenges and bouncing back.

THE KIWI CAN CORNER

This week in Kiwi Can we are learning more about goal setting – specifically how to set effective goals so we can achieve more. Older tamariki will also be exploring what keeps us motivated to achieve our goals.

- one conversation starters for this week... Who around you can help support you with your goals? What are some of the ways they can help you without doing it for you? Who is someone in your life who is a role model and encourages you to
- do your best?

 How can you support other people (like your friends, your siblings etc) to
 'try, try again' when they are facing a challenge?

 There is a saying that "failure isn't final until you quit". What do you think
 that means? Do you agree, or not? Why?

 When we believe we can achieve our goals and we work hard to achieve
 them what happens?

 How can you stay motivated to achieve your goal? do your best?

- - Follow @GraemeDingleFoundationMarlborough to stay up to date









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