



# Bledisloe School News



Tena Koutou ngā whanau me ngā tamariki o Parerihirau,  
Greetings to the families and children of Bledisloe School;

**Term 3, 8 September 2017**

Well, camp fever has nearly left the building!! We have had a busy term of building up for this special event with our senior students and then a massive week away in Wellington. We returned some very tired, happy and hopefully satisfied children to their whanau on Friday afternoon. As always, the success of the camp depended on the fantastic organisation done by staff back at school; a huge thanks to Sharyn, Adrienne and the senior team for all their work. The other element of success to our camp is the wonderful support of the camp parents. Thank you all for your commitment to all the children in your care, your willingness to start very early in the morning and work all day until the children were in bed; it is certainly no holiday! A big thank you to parents back at home for trusting us to take your children away for the week and we hope that you saw the benefits that the camp provides in experiences gained and possibly some life skills taught too. My final thanks goes to our students who never fail to make us feel so very proud. Their behaviour was great, they were engaged and respectful everywhere we went and, as always, we received some nice compliments from members of the public. Sharyn received a phone call from someone who was at the Te Papa Gallipoli exhibition with our classes and felt they needed to ring to school to say how impressed they were with the very respectful way our students engaged with the exhibits, each other and their adult helpers. How wonderful! Your children will be looking forward to sharing their camp learning with you before the end of the term.

Kind Regards, Carol

## Social Media

We have become aware that some students are using the "Snap Chat" app. Please read the attached link which outlines some of the issues and concerns around the use of social media, particularly at Primary School age. As parents, you must monitor this as it is happening outside of school.:

<http://bit.ly/2xT6GWQ>



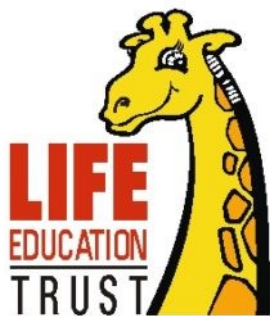
## Whanaungatanga Week

In Week 9 (18th September) we will be beginning our special week of learning where the children are mixed up into whanau classes. This means your child may not be with their normal class or teacher for most of the day. If your child has been at school for a couple of years they will have already experienced this. For new children, it will be something different. We will have a 'get to know you' afternoon on Monday so that children can meet their 'new' teacher and classmates. They will begin and finish each day in their own rooms. The theme for this special week of learning is Maori Myths and Legends. We have the Kahurangi Dance Theatre performing on Tuesday morning to start off our learning and on Wednesday and Thursday we will be preparing and cooking a hangi for our school. There will be more information about this coming home later. We will also be having a library quiz with a special trophy to win. We are looking forward to an exciting week and say a big thank you to Mrs Claire Smith, Mrs Joy Makene, Mrs Stephanie Lowe and Ms Bridget McKennie for their part in the organisation.

**Responsible**

**Respectful**

**Resilient**



It is wonderful to have Harold the giraffe and his good friend Anne back in the school. The students are enjoying visiting the caravan and participating in learning sessions based on the Health and PE Curriculum. These sessions range from topics such as the human body to positive self esteem and personality differences. It is a wonderful resource

to kick start learning in the classroom and we are pleased that the BOT chooses to fund this for all our students.

## Spoooner Shield

Spoooner Shield was held in lovely sunshine and for the first time the hockey was played on the turf at Taradale Intermediate. Bledisloe was pleased to come 3rd for the second year running and will definitely be looking to raise that placing next year! Congratulations to our rugby team who were unbeaten on the day and who took home the rugby trophy for the tournament and the fair play award. Ka Wani Ke tamaiti tane!

## School's Out Changes

We wish to congratulate Carol Della Barca on accepting the new challenge of starting up a large after school/holiday programme in Hastings. At this time, we would also like to acknowledge the fantastic work she has done for the families of our school in providing the wonderful programmes that keep your children entertained and cared for after school and in the holidays. Carol and her team work closely with us here at school and we value the relationship we have very much. We wish her every success and welcome her replacement, Chloe, warmly.

## Scooters and Playground

This is just a small reminder that children are not to use their scooters until they have left the school grounds. They must push them please. There have been a few incidents recently with people being run into.

The Junior teachers are noticing after school a large number of children on the middle playground. We wish to remind parents that you are meant to be supervising your own children for safety reasons. This means watching them carefully please.

## Successful Grants for our School

We wish to kindly acknowledge New Zealand Community Trust and First Sovereign Trust Limited for grants recently given to our school.

## Science Rules in the Middle School



Our favourite experiment was with the fizzy drink and mentos. We dropped the mentos down a tube and pulled the string. It went into the bottle and the fizzy came out in a fountain. The coke went the highest.

*Tawhiri and Brooklyn*

## Coming Up

Wed-Friday	13-22 Sept	Life Education
Friday	29 Sept	End of Term 3
Monday	16 October	Start of Term 4

**Child's name, room number and reason for absence**

**The school cellphone number is: 027 872 2333**

**The absence line number is: 844 2392**

## COMMUNITY NOTICES



**Jimmy J Brings His Savings Club to Bledisloe Primary School.** Jimmy J says start saving now and you'll get \$5 to start you off and other cool stuff as well as raising money for your school. An information pack is available at the school office. Credit Union Baywide, trading as NZCU Baywide, savings are shares secured by a first ranking registered Trust Deed. Current investment and disclosure statements are available on request from the Credit Union. NZCU Baywide is proud to be a credit union and not a registered bank.



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