



# Bledisloe School News



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

**Term 3, 16 September 2016**

Another busy term is coming to an end and learning teams have been celebrating successes and highlights they have had over the past 9 weeks. Sometimes we get so caught up in focussing on our teaching strategies, reviewing data and planning interventions that we forget to stop and enjoy the achievements of our students and our teaching programmes. This week we had a very special phone call from ERO that helped us feel very good about the effort, care and thought that goes into making Bledisloe a great place to work and learn. ERO have asked if they can come and make a special visit to us in the first week of term because our school data is showing an upward trend over the last few years. They want us (as one of 40 schools chosen nationwide) to talk about our Board's strategic planning, how that translates into classroom practice and what we do to make a difference for our students. This will form part of a new publication that they are creating for all schools in the country. What a wonderful affirmation for our Board of Trustees and our wonderful staff.

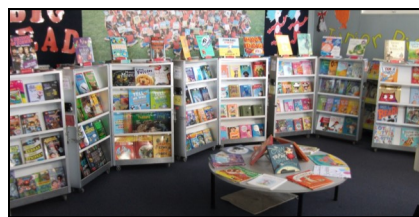
Kind Regards, Carol

## PTA

Thank you to our wonderful PTA for their efforts in organising the disco and the book fair. The disco was enjoyed by all the children, these things are always a learning curve and we will work on improving things for next time. The PTA has also recently catered afternoon tea for a Hawkes Bay Literacy Association event which was another successful fundraiser. We are very pleased to announce that we have a Chairperson and Vice Chairperson for our group so look out for more information about upcoming events for our school.

## Book Fair

We have a great selection of wonderful books and other stationery items for sale as part of our Scholastics Book Fair. A percentage of sales comes back to the school to spend on books for our library so it is an important event for our school. The book fair will be open morning and afternoon on Monday and Tuesday of next week and also this Saturday from 9.30am-11.30am.



It is a great way for parents and grandparents to get Christmas presents sorted. Come along and help support our school and library!



## Fairhaven School Driveway

A reminder that Bledisloe School families are not permitted to use the Fairhaven driveway. This is a very important health and safety issue for Fairhaven as they require ambulance and emergency vehicle access at all times and their parking is VERY limited. Children and families leaving our school to go down Windsor Terrace alleyway must go around by Room 5 not through the carpark. Again, this is a safety issue with cars coming and going.

**Responsible**

**Respectful**

**Resilient**

## Life Education Caravan

"I learnt that we have to eat healthy food because we end up being what we eat. So if you eat healthy you will be healthy."

*Amelia Weekley*

You don't have to be friends but you always have to be friendly."

*Chayse Eden*

We learned about friendship and filling up people's buckets with kindness. We practised at circle time."

*Neelah Stevens*



**School photos are here  
and will be given out  
to your children on  
Monday.**

## COMMUNITY NOTICES

### LEARNING DIFFICULTIES

Spelling, reading, writing. Come along to the Taradale Library on Fridays from 1.30pm and join other parents in a discussion led by a specialist teacher, a member of Learning Difficulties Association, NZ.

For more information [www.ldanz.org.nz](http://www.ldanz.org.nz)

### WAREHOUSE STATIONERY FUNDRAISER

Shop at Warehouse Stationery and nominate Bledisloe School at the till. 5% of everything you purchase will go to our school.

### HOLIDAY PROGRAMMES

These are starting to arrive in the office. Check out the office window by Room 1.

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## Paid Union Meeting

Our staff wishes to thank families for the support you showed us by keeping your children home on

Wednesday morning until 11.30am. The meeting was very well attended with a full house at the Napier Municipal Theatre. There were speakers there from the NZEI, PPTA, Support Staff union members and the Early Childhood sector also. The discussion focussed on the "Better Funding not Bulk Funding" message about the government's proposal to fund schools under a system they are calling a 'global budget'. The global budget means that all staffing and school operational funding would be delivered to schools on a per-student basis in the form of cash and "credits" for staffing. Principals and Boards of Trustees would determine the split between cash and staffing credits, and any unused credits could be "cashed up" at the end of each year.

This would mean Boards would have to make trade-offs between the number of teachers they employ and other non-teaching costs. This could result in:

- fewer teachers and bigger class sizes
- the loss of any nationally consistent teacher/student ratios for year levels
- increased casualisation of teacher jobs which could undermine quality of teaching
- further downwards pressure on support staff pay
- removal of Government's responsibility for issues such as class size and curriculum breadth
- removal of certainty about increases in funding to keep up with cost increases or population growth.

This change will create huge challenges for BOTs, Principals and teachers. For families it could mean the difference between quality teachers and cheap teachers, large classes or class sizes kept to a smaller size and school funding not keeping pace with inflation. I urge all parents to keep up to date with what this will mean for you and your children.

## Events Coming Up Term 3

Wed-Mon	14-19 September	Scholastic Book Fair in Library
Tuesday	20 September	Regional Cross Country
Wednesday	21 September	Ngati Kahungunu Festival Whanaungatanga Classes 9-10.30am
Thursday	22 September	Whanaungatanga Classes all day
Friday	23 September	Last Day Term Three
Monday	10 October	First Day Term Four
Mon-Fri	10-14 October	Optimist Yachting Year 6's

**Child's name, room number and reason for absence  
The school cellphone number is: 027 872 2333**