



Bledisloe School News



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

Term 1, 4 February 2016

Welcome to the 2016 learning year at Bledisloe School. It has been lovely to catch up with your children and you and to also meet our new students and their families. We welcome you warmly to our school and hope that you will enjoy your association with Bledisloe.

The start of the year can be a nervous time for us all! I have been very impressed with the positive attitude displayed by all our students as they meet their new classmates and teachers. Thank you for your support of this process too. In life it is necessary to be able to get on with lots of different people and the process of changing year groups at school is a good starting point to develop these skills.

As I walk around classrooms each day I am seeing the groundwork being laid for great learning routines and exciting programmes. Children are being encouraged to be thinking about their learning goals and you can help this process by talking at home; ask your children about their hopes for the year and what they see as their most important goals. We will look forward to talking more with you about this at our Learning Conferences starting after Easter.

My door is always open, feel free to come in and have a chat.

Kind Regards, Carol



The AGM of the PTA will be held in the staff room on Thursday March 10th. We would love to have some new members for this group as families have moved on to Intermediate.

We meet once a term (on average) and are a lovely friendly group. Our focus is on doing the best we can to support the children and staff at Bledisloe. Our fundraising supports programmes and activities and sometimes the purchase of equipment. If you would like to make a positive difference to our children and to have a bigger role in our school community we would love to see you!

Parking

Thank you to families who remembered our new systems from last year. Here is a reminder!

In the morning:

The front courts are **DROP and GO** only. If you wish to park, you must use Lee Road Bowling Club, Windsor Terrace or Peddie Street.

After School:

You may park on courts but leave a 'walkway' down the middle for children and parents to return to cars. This will be marked by cones. Children must be collected from the assembly area outside Rooms 1 and 2.

This is a Health and Safety issue and we thank you for your willingness to support us in keeping your children safe.



Text Message Service

Sign up to our message service to make sure you never miss out on important notices. Follow the instructions below.

Text to : 8987

With the message: *follow bledisloeschl*

If you are a Vodafone customer you are not able to access this service



Responsible

Respectful

Resilient

Uniform

We still require second hand uniform particularly Size 10 and up. You may be able to swap for other sizes if they are in good condition.



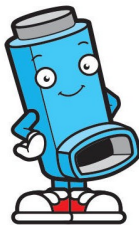
New uniform can only be ordered from Kooga's online site. It will be delivered to school and you may pick it up from the office.

Concerns and Complaints

As always at the start of the year, it is timely to outline our policies around concerns and complaints.

From time to time you will have queries or issues with class programmes or school policy. In the first instance it is very important that you talk with your child's class teacher (if that is appropriate). Often a chat will solve problems quickly. Teachers are always happy to do this although it is best if this occurs before or after school. If this is not successful the team leaders in each area of the school are happy to help also. They are Claire Watts (Juniors), Barry Hodgetts (Middles) and Diane Harris (Seniors). Carol is also available in the office. A copy of our official Complaints Policy is found on our website and that outlines clearly the process.

Medication



If your child needs medication during the school day, this needs to be kept in the school office and a form filled out by the caregiver that gives staff permission to administer it. This is to prevent other children around the school accessing your child's medication. This is a Health and Safety requirement.



Kid's Cafe

The lunchroom can only operate if we have parent volunteers to help. We will only be open on Friday at this stage and hope to start on Friday 19th. A pricelist will be sent home closer to the time.

Please come in and see Sharyn if you would be able to help us out in the 'Kid's Café'.



Student Contact Details

If any contact details have changed over the holidays (address, phone numbers etc.) please advise the office at your earliest convenience.



Bledisloe School Website

Thank you to Kerry Marshall for designing our new school website. Hopefully you will find the new website user friendly and informative. We would love any feedback!

www.bledisloe.school.nz

LOOKING AHEAD

Monday	8 February	Waitangi Day holiday
Wed-Friday	24-26 February	Year 5/6 Camp Caithness
Friday	25 March	Good Friday
Mon/Tues	28/29 March	Easter Monday and Tuesday
Friday	15 April	Last day of Term 1

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

IN-HOME CHILDCARE - PORSE

Spaces available for in-home childcare in Taradale. Contact Vicki Campion on 027 7125 069.



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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