



Bledisloe School News

Term 1, 1 April 2022



Covid Update

Our school attendance continues to be affected by students either isolating or testing positive for Covid 19. Although we have had several of our support staff who have needed to be at home we seem to have (fingers crossed) been very lucky to have our teaching staff still at work every day. We have been one of the few schools in Hawkes Bay that have not had staffing problems because of the virus.

We don't want to jinx it just yet....maybe we are very healthy or maybe, our turn is yet to come!

Currently we have 66 students at home as a result of isolating or testing positive. This is a drop in numbers from two weeks ago. These students are from across all classes.

The Government announcements regarding mandates and other matters relating to Covid have the following impact for us at school;

- There is **no** requirement for parents to have a valid vaccine pass to be able to help with school trips or be involved in classroom activities as a helper
- There is **no** limit on outdoor activity numbers so parents can come and watch sports games etc.
- The limit of students who can be inside is now 200 but there still needs to be 1 metre between them
- You do **not** need to scan in using the QR code
- Masks **are** required from Year 4 up in classrooms but not outside.
- Parents are required to wear masks on school grounds at all times
- We would appreciate it very much if we could keep to the current drop off and pick up arrangements until our positive COVID case numbers have dropped. We thank you for your support with this.

The following information relates to the home isolation period. Read this carefully as it has changed!

- If a new case develops in a household within 10 days of the first positive case, then other household members do **not** need to re-isolate if they have tested negative on day 3 and 7.
- If a **new case** develops more than 10 days after the first case in the household, then household members who have NOT YET had COVID would need to re-isolate for a period of 7 days.
- Any members of a household that have had COVID previously, do not need to re-isolate for 90 days after their first positive result.

Thank You



A huge thank you to you all for your fantastic response when we had to close the school suddenly last week. We appreciated your support, and the speediness of your response very much. We are currently in conversation with the Ministry of Education and our Property consultants about our next 10 years of property funding. The plumbing infrastructure is on top of the "to do" list, along with the uneven concrete outside Rata (10) and the senior rooms.

Welcome

We warmly welcome two new support staff members, Caroline Mann and Harry Lack. They will be working in the Senior and Junior school with both individuals and small groups.

Daylight Saving

Don't forget Daylight Saving finishes this weekend. Clocks go back an hour Sunday April 3rd at 2.00am. An extra hour of sleep!

Responsible

Respectful

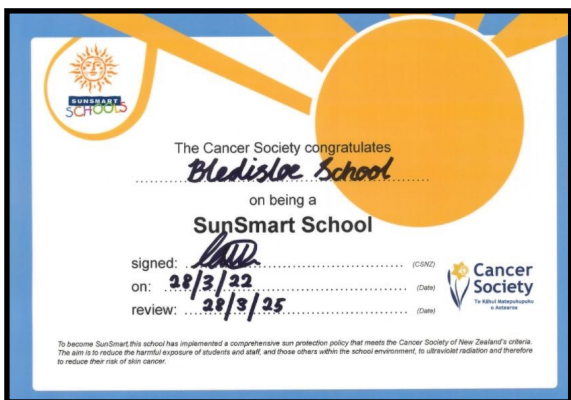
Resilient

Magic Play Boxes

We are so pleased that our application to the Tū Manawa fund was successful. This fund is administered by Sports HB and our grant has allowed us to buy two "Magic Play Boxes". Tū Manawa Active Aotearoa provides funding for programmes or projects delivering play, active recreation and sport experiences for tamariki and rangatahi. These play boxes are filled with 'loose parts' or lovely junk! The aim is to promote student's creativity, problem solving abilities and cooperative skills. Have a look at what some middle and junior school students got up to this week!



If you have a special piece of usable 'trash' that you think would be great for the kids to use please let your class teacher know. It would be great to mix up the boxes with different things over time.



Bledisloe School has been reaccredited as a Sunsmart School. We know we have lost a few of our trees recently but we are working on providing more shade for our students.



Anzac Speech Competition

Congratulations to all the students who took part in the semi-finals for this event. It is challenging to judge, as all students have wonderful stories to share and all have worked hard on their speeches. This year, our finalists were Millie Logan, Jayden Trott and Riley Harrington with our reserve, Juno Komarkowski-Chapman.

They represented our school with pride and mana at the Spirit of Anzac Speech Competition at the Taradale Club.



Turf Update

Last time I wrote the newsletter I was waiting for the ground to be broken on our hockey turf project. This week the ground has been dug, the fence put up and then.....the rain came!

Hopefully things will dry out soon and the base layer can be completed. It is a lesson in resilience and patience!



Teacher Only Day

We will be having a Teacher Only Day on Thursday 14th April (day before Easter Friday). Term 1 will finish for children on Wednesday 13 April. Term 2 begins Monday 2 May.

Internet Payments

Hey families, we are more than happy for you to pay for trips, donations, camp, music, sports fees etc. into our bank account even if the amounts are very little.

Bank Details: Bledisloe School BOT
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Please put your child's name as a reference and what the payment is for. Thank you.