



# Bledisloe School News



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

**Term 2, 12 May 2017**

We are excited to see the progress of the building development happening at Waiohiki Marae. For many years our school has had a close association with this marae and we consider it to be a taonga of our community. Our school pepeha speaks of our connection to our mountain; Otatara, our river; Tutaekuri and our marae; Waiohiki. You can see a visual representation of this in the wonderful new mural which has been painted in the entry to our school. We thank Claire Holmes for turning our vision into such a wonderful artwork.

We are hoping to be able to develop a closer connection with Waiohiki Marae as it continues to develop and become operational once more. On the back of this newsletter is a flier advertising a planting day on Saturday 10th June which will take place along the banks of the river behind the marae. It would be wonderful to see Bledisloe School whanau and our students helping out at this, I know that some staff will be attending too. This is a way that our students can be an active part of our local community, hapu and iwi

Kind Regards, Carol



## Anzac Day Service



Our students represented our Bledisloe School proudly at the Anzac Day service in Taradale on April 25<sup>th</sup>. We received many positive comments on our beautiful wreath which was created by the senior school and school councillors.



## Peace Run

On Monday we were visited by the New Zealand team of Sri Chimney Peace Runners. This run has been happening since 1987 and runners travel the world with an Olympic style torch promoting peace and harmony. They inspired our students with a simple message, "Peace begins with me". I have already seen this being thought about and talked about as a means to solve conflict in the playground. A powerful message and one that is very relevant in our world today.



## Illness at School

The Public Health Nurse advised there are a lot of different illnesses doing the rounds at the moment. It is very important to keep your child at home until they are well to help stop the spread of these.

We have an immunosuppressed child who has returned after a lengthy break because of illness. This is a reminder that when you phone/text school we **do** need a reason please as this child may need to be sent home.

From July 1st the chickenpox vaccine will be funded for all children as part of the childhood immunisation schedule. We do have chickenpox in the school at the moment.

### Rheumatic Fever

- A sore throat can lead to rheumatic fever.
- Rheumatic Fever is very serious and can cause heart damage.
- Every time your child has a sore throat it could be serious. Don't ignore it, take them to a doctor or nurse straight away to get it checked, or call Health line on 0800 611 116 to find out more.
- If your child is given antibiotics, it's important they take them for the whole 10 days, even if they feel better, to stop the sore throat turning into rheumatic fever.
- Some families get rheumatic fever more than others. So if a member of your family has had rheumatic fever, it's even more important to get your child's sore throat checked.



**Responsible**

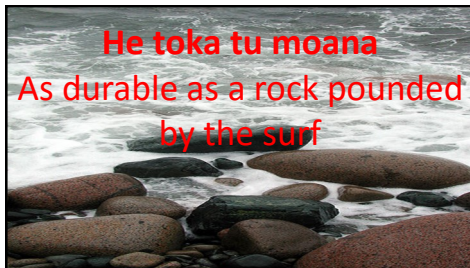
**Respectful**

**Resilient**

# Whakatauki for the Term

## “He toka tū moana”

The whakatauki (or proverb) that we have adopted for this term is about **resilience**. This is one of our 3Rs and we believe it is a very important life skill that can make a huge difference to our children. The ability to stand firm when things happen around you, to keep trying when things are tough, to persevere with



learning even when it is tricky, to forgive and move on positively are all part of being resilient. Please talk to your children about this and ask them about the whakatauki.

## Term Two Sport

Thank you to families for supporting your children with their commitment to the sports teams they have joined this term. Please remember that sports subs are due to the office and we are happy if these are paid by internet banking over time. We expect children to be dressed in their correct uniform ready to play. Thank you also for your help with transport. We **must** have your help with this as it is not possible for teachers to always take transport and we certainly can't fit a whole team into one car!! We have 3 Year 5/6 Netball teams on a Thursday, 2 Hockey teams on Saturday morning, a Year 4 Netball team on Tuesday and a netball skills group here at school. On Wednesday there are 2 Ripa Rugby teams playing. We have wonderful support from our staff and also from some parent coaches. Our students are very lucky.

## Dates to Remember

Here are some important dates for families and students this term. These are also available on our website;

16 <sup>th</sup> /17 <sup>th</sup> May	Middle School to MTG
18 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 5 & 6 Kiwi Sport Field Day
	Senior Kapa Haka Whanau evening
22 <sup>nd</sup> May	BOT meeting
25 <sup>th</sup> May	Rugby Sevens (selected teams)
29 <sup>th</sup> May	Rooms 1/3 to Planetarium
30 <sup>th</sup> May	Rooms 4/5 to Planetarium
31 <sup>st</sup> May	Room 2 to Planetarium
5 <sup>th</sup> June	Queen's Birthday
7 <sup>th</sup> -9 <sup>th</sup> June	Safe Cycling Senior School
10 <sup>th</sup> June	Planting morning at Waiohiki/Tutaekuri River
15 <sup>th</sup> June	Soccer Field Day Senior School
22 <sup>nd</sup> June	Matariki Evening

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

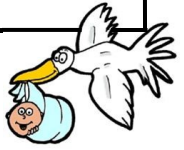
The school cellphone number is: **027 872 2333**

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

## PTA Meeting

Our Bledisloe School PTA will be meeting on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in the school staffroom. We would love to see you come along; we are a friendly group who work hard to support all children and our school environment. Please do think about being part of this group!

## Baby News



We congratulate Mrs Theresa Stephens and her family who have welcomed baby Ronan during the holidays. We are also very happy for Mrs Di Harris who is celebrating the arrival of her first grandchild, a lovely little girl, Addison. A special time indeed.

## COMMUNITY NOTICES

### ROTARY READERS NEEDED

Do you believe that EVERY child has the right to be able to read? Do you have ONE regular spare hour each week, during school hours and term time? Would you like to play a part in building the literacy of NZ children? Many of our Rotary Readers report that they find these sessions the highlight of their week. We welcome parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, retirees – anyone who has a sincere desire to help our children improve in literacy.

Please contact Kate Rowntree or Marlene Hema on: **843 1373** and leave a message if we are unavailable, or Email [rotaryreadersnapier@gmail.com](mailto:rotaryreadersnapier@gmail.com) expressing your interest.

Please note: you will have to undergo a police check. You **DO NOT** have to be a Rotary member to join.

### BURLINGTON MARCHING TEAM RECRUITING

Burlington Marching teams are recruiting for the new season. We have teams in all age categories

Open Non competitive 5 to 10 years

Under 12 Competitive 7 to 12 Years

Under 16 Competitive 10 to 16 years

Seniors 16 and over

If you are interested in moving to music, travel and making new friends then this is for you. All gear is provided. Please contact Jennie 027 283 7661 or Kellie 021 270 6070.

Ngā Hapū o Tūtaekurī invites you to participate in the

### Te Wai Mauri Waiohiki Planting Day # 2

To restore and revitalise our native bush in Waiohiki along the Tūtaekurī Awa

**When: Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2017 9am – 1pm**

**Where:** Between Waiohiki Marae and Tūtaekurī Awa, beside the cycleway.

Parking near Waiohiki Marae, 44 Waiohiki Road, Waiohiki.

**What to bring:** boots, gloves, hot flask drink

All are welcome to support and contribute in caring for our whenua, our awa, our environment.

Toi tū te whenua, toi tū te awa, toi tū te tātau taiao.

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