



Bledisloe School News

Term 2, 13 May 2022



Before the holidays, our staff had been congratulating each other that we were not catching Covid when other schools had been badly affected by staff absences. Well,...never speak too soon, over the holidays and the first few weeks of this term we have had 7 members of our team fall ill.

We would like to thank you for your understanding during this unsettled time at school. There have been a number of relieving teachers helping us out and we would also like to thank them for their work in making sure children's learning was not affected.

The great news is that a week passes quickly and before long we will be up and running again at full capacity.

An exciting highlight of these first 2 weeks was our first staff meeting of the year (that is not often seen as something to celebrate!!). It was great to be in the same room and to learn and share together. The word "Covid" was not mentioned, instead we talked about our Ready 4 Learning programme, Structured Literacy, Place Based curriculum and our expectations around reporting to our whānau. We look forward to a wonderful term of teaching and learning and growing great students!

Winter Sports Season

The sports season has started with various teams representing Bledisloe School in different codes. We have Tag Football, Hockey, Basketball and Netball. The students need to take personal responsibility for turning up at the right place, at the right time, in the right gear, ready to play hard and fair. The draws for these teams should be all available online (at the various websites) and your child will be told here at school about their game for the week. If you are not sure please check in with the teacher who is managing the team.

Vandalism

Over the recent holidays the playground in the middle of our school was vandalised. The metal safety railings around the top platform were forced out and left around the school leaving sharp, jagged edges. The playground has been closed because of this. The other thing that was damaged were the 2 new shade sails. We have lodged an insurance claim and will replace them by Term 4 when they are due to be put up again. The other damage we needed to claim insurance for was our pool covers. These were ripped over the January break. Both of these claims have an excess of \$500, this is money that can't be spent on resources for the children at our school and so is very frustrating.

Jumping June

If you are in our school at break times you will notice many of the children busy with skipping ropes. It is a blast from the past hearing the rhymes I remember from my school days (that's a long time ago!!).

This interest in skipping is because we are participating in the Jumping June programme (some of us may remember it as Jump Rope for Heart). It is a fundraising event for The Heart Foundation, a cause close to many of us! This is not a compulsory activity, but all students can participate in the event which is Tuesday 28th June. Details and sponsorship booklets will be sent home today. The sponsorship they receive will earn points and can convert these to prizes they choose.

Here is a link for so Jumping June:

<https://www.jumpingjune.co.nz/>



Matua Hoani's Unveiling

Some of you may have already put a 'save the date' in your rātaka (calendar) and this is just a reminder to those who may have missed it. Our tamariki have been invited to attend the unveiling of Matua Hoani's headstone on June 4th. This is to be held at the urupa (cemetery) opposite Waiohiki Marae. We have been learning waiata to support this occasion. Be there by 10:45am until about 12pm.

Responsible

Respectful

Resilient

Parent information evening



We are excited to welcome parents to come along to an information evening in Week 4, **Wednesday 25th May, from 5.15pm to 6.30pm**. Pop into the library and have a cuppa and some kai to begin with, while we catch up and our school councillors welcome everyone. Our school leaders will be sharing some general ideas around the new junior programme Ready for Learning, the reading focus of Structured Literacy and information about reading to learn and fostering a love of reading for our tamariki.

Then we will break off into the junior, middle and senior areas and you can find out more about these ideas. Understanding this will support you to help your children with their learning. We are also happy to chat about any areas you want to know more about in regards to our learning programmes! Nau mai haere mai! We look forward to catching up with many of you face to face at last! Can you please RSVP if you are coming so we have an idea of numbers. You can let the office or your child's teacher know.

Uniform Availability



We have been informed that our uniform long trousers are unavailable presently at The Warehouse as they are held up due to Covid overseas. We do have limited numbers of secondhand ones at school.

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
03 0631 0175069 00**

Please put your child's name as a reference and what the payment is for. Thank you.

Hockey Coaching Programme

We have been successful in receiving some funding from Sport Hawkes Bay to have a specialist hockey coach work across the whole school for 6 weeks in Term 3. It will be exciting to use our new turf and is a great chance to introduce all our students and the teachers to the skills of hockey. It is highly encouraged that you provide your child with a mouthguard so they can be part of the games after learning the skills and drills. We are giving you lots of notice that you might be able to buy one for your child.

Kahurangi Dance Theatre

I tēnei wiki we had the privilege of having the Kahurangi Māori Dance Theatre perform at our kura. The whakaari (drama), waiata (singing), akoranga (learning) was outstanding! The tamariki heard pūrākau about Tākitimu, Pania and Karitoki, Kahungunu and Rongomawahine just to name a few! What a way for us to start our day. Ngā mihi ki te kaiako a Joy Makene who organised this for us all.

E kore au e ngaro, he kākano i ruia mai i Rāngiātea (I will never be lost for I am a seed sown in the heavens). Seeing The Kahurangi Māori Dance Theatre perform on stage and share elements of Te Ao Māori with us is one of the ways we can celebrate this.

Mā te wā Kahurangi Māori Dance Theatre. (Until next time). Check them out on Facebook @KahurangiNZ

