



Bledisloe School News



Tena Koutou ngā whanau me ngā tamariki o Parerihirau,

Term 3, 2 September 2016

Greetings to the families and children of Bledisloe School;

Both Di Harris and I have been lucky enough to attend Professional Development opportunities in the last week and we have both come back to school feeling very positive about what we are doing and where we are going as a school. For me, one of the key messages of my conference was to look after our staff in times when we are increasingly pressured to achieve higher and higher results in a narrowing curriculum of reading, writing and maths. We were reminded of finding, and holding on to the joy of teaching with a broad, rich curriculum which takes in The Arts, Health and PE, Science, Social Science and Technology. Di came back from Wellington after having spent the day with Professor Carol Dweck who is an expert on having an 'open mindset'. Key messages for us there was the need for students (and adults!) to develop resilience around the challenges of learning, to know how to keep on trying and the importance of teachers being able to give the right kind of feedback to encourage this 'stickability' and persistence. We are looking forward to making these ideas part of next steps for things we are already doing in our school in 2017.

"He aroha whakatō, he aroha puta mai"

A kindness giving is a kindness received.

Our whakatauki in action at Bledisloe School;

Kind Regards, Carol



**HAWKE'S BAY
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT
GROUP**

Last night's earthquake was a wake-up call for many of us! At school, it has made us think about our procedures for earthquake and tsunamis.

If there was a major earthquake during school time your children would remain at school with the staff until families came to collect them. We

have a duty of care to our students and would not let them leave school without someone we know (or they know) coming to collect them. This is why it is **very** important that we have up to date information about contacts and emergency contacts too.

In the case of a **tsunami warning (civil defence sirens being activated)** teachers would immediately collect children together, get their bags and walk down Puketapu Road to the Dolbel Reserve which is our closest high ground.

At all times we will follow the advice of our local civil defence.



A reminder that students can buy their disco tickets from the library, every morning before school. A combination pack of entry, glow stick, drink, lollies and chippies costs \$6.

Entry = \$2. All items will be able to be purchased on the night but if you want to avoid sending your child with money you will need to purchase a ticket in advance.

Thanks for your support of this event.

Book Fair

The Bledisloe School Book Fair in association with Scholastics will be held from Wednesday 15th - Tuesday 20th September in the library. There will be a late night on Thursday 15th of September during the time of the disco and parents are welcome to come in and have a browse, buy some Christmas presents and enjoy a cup of coffee and a muffin for a gold coin donation. We will also be open on Saturday morning from 9.30am-12.30pm.



Responsible

Respectful

Resilient

Camp Wellington

Thank you to all the Year 4 and 5 families who responded to our Camp Wellington survey. We had 77 notices returned and of those, 97.4% supported the camp going ahead in 2107 and 2.6% didn't. We have taken this as a very positive sign that families support this camp and so we will proceed with the huge amount of planning this event requires. There is a notice coming home on Monday with further camp details and will include a bank account number where you can start making payments.



Maths Quiz

Please have your name on your answer and how you solved the problem in the 'Maths Quiz' box in the office by Wednesday morning. Winners will be drawn out at Thursday's assembly. Don't forget there are some great prizes!!

Junior School

It costs \$2 each to go to the disco. I'm going with 3 of my friends. How much will it cost for all of us to go?

Middle School

For my birthday I got \$236. What notes and coins might I have?

Senior School

At the disco 154 glow sticks were sold (\$1 each) and 84 POP drinks (\$1.50 each). How much money is this in total?

COMMUNITY NOTICES

GREENDALE TENNIS CLUB OPENING DAY

Saturday 10 September (if wet following week)
 Juniors times: Beginners 8.30-9.30am ages 3-7
 Beginners 8.30-9.30 ages 8-12
 All others 10.30-11.30 ages 12-19
 For more info contact Ian Smith 844 3732

HOLIDAY PROGRAMMES

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

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Tutaekuri River Scientists

Mrs Devine and a group of budding scientists from the senior school spent an afternoon at the Tutaekuri river last Tuesday. Thank you to the group of parents that accompanied them



to support this learning. I know everyone is looking forward to their next visit on Monday 5th September.

Racing Ahead with Writing

Congratulations to our wonderful Accelerating Literacy Learning writing group from the middle school. They have worked very hard with Mr Hodgetts over the last 15 weeks to improve their writing. It has been exciting to see their wonderful attitudes and the learning that has happened for these students. We are going to celebrate their success with fish and chips at the park with their pen-pal buddies from Lucknow School in Havelock North.

Getting Prepared for 2017

It's not long and we will be needing to create classes for next year. As you can imagine this is a difficult job as we have a large number of children that we have to put amongst a given number of classes. So... Are you moving out of the Bay? Do you know of anyone new to the area that will be coming to our school?

To make our planning easier we would appreciate it if you could either ring or pop into the office and let us know of your comings and goings. We do not need to hear from Year 6 families as we know your children are moving on to intermediate.



Events Coming Up Term 3

Monday	5 September	Library stocktake - hunt out those books!
Tuesday	6 September	Inter-School Cross Country
Wed-Fri	7-16 September	Life Education in School
Wed-Mon	14-19 September	Scholastic Book Fair in Library
Thursday	15 September	School Disco
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

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