



Bledisloe School News



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

Term 3, 19 August 2016

As you may have heard, the government is reviewing the way the education system is funded. The review is not looking at increasing funding but rather changing the way schools are funded using a model called 'global funding'. Teacher Unions, the New Zealand Principal's Federation and EDUCANZ (the re-named Teacher's Council) have all said that this is not a good thing and feel that it is a return to the failed 'bulk funding' of schools.

The changes would mean that schools are given their operational funding on a per student basis in the form of cash and 'credits' which would go towards paying teachers' salaries and support staff salaries. Principals and BOTs would then decide how this money and 'credits' would be spent. Any unused credits could be cashed up at the end of the year. Currently salaries are paid by government; Groups that are against this 'global funding' model believe that it could lead to;

- Fewer teachers and bigger class sizes in an effort to save money
- The loss of consistent teacher/pupil ratios that currently exist (bigger classes)
- Removal of certainty about funding to keep up with cost increase or population growth
- Further pressure on support staff salaries which currently don't reflect the skill of the work these staff do and can't afford to be any lower
- Employing less experienced or untrained staff to save money.

So, I hope that our families will understand that staff will be attending the upcoming Secondary and Primary Schools Unions joint meeting to be held on Wednesday 14th September from 9-11am.

This means the school will be closed for instruction during this time. We would ask that parents and families think about ways of managing this so that our staff can attend this very important meeting. There will be more information sent home closer to the time, but I hope that by giving families lots of notice it will minimise disruption.

Kind Regards, Carol

Taradale School Transition Visit

Our Year 6's spent part of Wednesday morning exploring the exciting environment of the Intermediate on the first of their transition visits.



These visits are a great way of introducing students to their new school and will help make their start next year more positive.

Olympics Whanaungatanga Afternoon

Our student councillors and Mrs Colliss organised an exciting afternoon of Olympic Sports for our whanau classes on Thursday afternoon. Competition between countries was fierce but more importantly, the Olympic spirit and the spirit of whanaungatanga was evident. Children supporting each other, older students looking out for their younger buddies and lots of fun and laughter were part of the activities.



Spoooner Shield

The sun shone on us for a wonderful day of winter sport. We thank Mrs Sue Dingle and her team for their great organisation of this big day. Mr Lister worked very hard to prepare the grounds for the different sports and the rain made this particularly difficult. He did a great job! The PTA put in a big day's work selling food and drink and raised a total of \$1800 for our school and children. Thank you to all those who helped out and donated baking on the day.

Responsible

Respectful

Resilient

Email Addresses

The current situation in Havelock North has highlighted again the need for schools to have current, easy ways to communicate important information to families. Thank you to all of those people who have sent their email addresses to the office. We have just over half of the school now.

Please send an email to; amarshall@bledisloe.school.nz or call into the office to write down your address.

Accounts

Thank you to families who have started to make part payment of their accounts or paid in full. We still have significant amounts outstanding and those families will have received a letter about this. As we move into the third term, it is very important that we minimise debt so that our budget can remain on track.

SCHOLASTIC

Book Fair

The PTA and School Library are excited to announce that we are bringing the Scholastics Book Fair back to our library from Wednesday 14th through to Monday 19th September. Books will be available to purchase before school and after school and we will have a late night on Thursday 15th while the disco is happening. This is a great chance to purchase Christmas presents so make sure Grandparents and Aunties and Uncles know about it too!!



Entry = \$2
Glow Stick= \$1
Chippies= \$1
Pop Drink= \$1.50
Small bag of lollies= \$1
Combined pack of everything= \$6

Tickets for this event will be sold from the library before school from the **29th August**. There will be different prices available which include drinks, snacks, glow sticks and entry. If you are happy for your child to bring cash they can purchase these things on the night. If you would prefer to pre-purchase to avoid lost/dropped money you can do this and we will keep a record of your child's purchases which they can pick up on the night.

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

I have \$2 in my pocket. List lots of different ways that this could be made using coins.

Middle School

Ms Bevis has \$950 to buy 2 new bikes. List a range of prices they could be.

Senior School

My friends and I shared an amount of money equally between us. We each got \$1.20. How much money was there and how many friends might I have?

School Cross Country

Our school cross country is going to be held on Tuesday 23rd of August at school.

Juniors - 11am
Middles - 11.30am
Seniors - 12pm



I apologise for the late notice of this event but it was changed to allow more time to prepare a squad for the Interschool tournament. I have included in this newsletter a list of upcoming events this term to try and help families be aware of what is coming up. This should have gone in the last newsletter and was an oversight on my part; too much going on in my head!

Events Coming Up Term 3

Tuesday	23 August	School Cross Country
Thursday	25 August	Seniors Aquarium Visit
Friday	2 September	Whanaungatanga Classes afternoon
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

COMMUNITY NOTICES

LOCAL BODY ELECTIONS

Meet the Candidates, public meeting to be held on Monday 5 Sept, 7.30pm in the Taradale Primary School hall. Candidates for NCC at large, Taradale Ward, HBRC (Napier Ward). Candidates will speak to the meeting and answer questions.

SOCIAL ACTION PROJECT

We are Lucy Chittock and Caitlin Menzies, Year 10's from Taradale High School working on a social action project towards poverty in Hawkes Bay. We are asking for donations of clothes to give to the Salvation Army. Thank you for considering helping people in poverty.