



Bledisloe School News



Tena Koutou ngā whanau me ngā tamariki o Parerihirau,

Term 1, 18 March 2016

Greetings to the families and children of Bledisloe School;

Cold weather couldn't dampen the enthusiasm and competition for the middle and senior school swimming sports. There were great races and wonderful support and encouragement from the sidelines. I heard a parent commenting on how great it was to see the children supporting each other with words of encouragement, clapping and cheering. It is always wonderful to see and even better that it happens **without** reminders from teachers or adults.

Congratulations to the following champions!

Year 6 Boy; Te Hata Ngapera

Year 6 Girl; Scarlett Stephens

Year 5 Boy; Elliot Dunning

Year 5 Girl; Alyssa Lee

Senior School Class with the best average time; Room 13

Year 4 Boy; Astin Jones

Year 4 Girl; Ruby Cotter

Year 3 Boy; freestyle; Wade Howes, Backstroke; Edmund Every

Year 3 Girl; freestyle; Kymani Wairiki, Backstroke; Isabelle Dunning

Kind Regards, Carol



Absences



It is a Ministry of Education requirement that we fill in a code for every child's absence every day. We are not being nosy or difficult, but rather saving your child from being an 'unexplained truant' on the system. This code will generate an automatic alert and a possible visit from the truancy service. Every day our office staff spends up to an hour chasing up unexplained absences. We appreciate the families who notify us by 9.30am of their child's absence with a brief explanation. You are welcome to ring **844 2392** text **027 872 2333** or email admin@bledisloe.school.nz

Easter Break

Easter is falling during the school term this year which is quite unusual. School will be closed on Good Friday, Easter Monday and **TUESDAY**. School's Out will be open for families on the Tuesday and you will need to talk to them about bookings if you have not done so already. We will look forward to seeing everyone back again on Wednesday 30th March.

Parent Teacher Conferences

These very important conferences start on Wednesday the 30th March. You will have received a note home from your child with the details for booking on-line. Please check the website if you have mislaid this or not seen the note (sometimes notes get lost in the transition from school to home!). It is important that bookings are made as soon as possible so teachers can plan their timetable.

Students will be joining in with the interviews from Year 3 on. In Years 1 and 2 children are welcome to come along and be in the classroom but will not be part of the interview process. There is one interview time available for each child. Parents who are separated can elect to attend the interview together, split the time between them or, we can arrange to send a copy of the report form home to the parent who is unable to be there. Log in details are;

www.schoolinterviews.co.nz

The school events code is: **C4299**

PARKING

Thank you to families who have supported our new parking 'rules'. The car park is a much safer and calmer place in the mornings and the 'drop and go' system is working well. We now have road patrol monitors on duty to make sure that children are walking through the cones and across the courts safely.

In the afternoon you will see that we have put out a cone 'walk-way'. This is to be used by parents and children to create a safe way to get to cars. Please use it, rather than walking behind cars across the courts with your children. It is a much safer option.

Responsible

Respectful

Resilient

Second Hand Uniform

We are desperate for second hand uniform in all sizes. If you have any uniform you no longer need please bring it in to the office.

Some Sad News

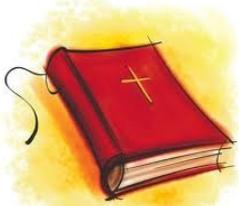
We have received a report from an arborist who has been looking at the two elm trees on the field behind Room 8. Unfortunately these trees have many weakened branches and some evidence of rot. We have been told that in high winds they would be dangerous and we cannot guarantee children's safety. The BOT has supported the decision to chop these trees down. We will be looking to replace them with some mature native trees that will be able to give us good shade and will not lose their leaves in winter.



PTA NEWS

At the annual general meeting of the PTA last week it was wonderful to welcome some new faces. We are looking forward to a great year with some good ideas for fundraising opportunities (1 per term). Our long standing chairperson Bridget Ball stood down from her role after a very successful time in that position. Bridget was thanked by the group, the school and Carol for her amazing contribution to supporting all children at Bledisloe through her commitment to the PTA. We hope she enjoys a bit of a break from the leadership role and we look forward to someone stepping up to take on this rewarding position!

Religious Education at Bledisloe School



We have completed our 2 yearly review which asks if families support the continuation of the Christian Education programme for 30 minutes a week for our Year 5 and 6 students. You may choose for your child not to be involved in these sessions, but if we do not receive your

survey back we will assume they can attend. We received 54 responses; of those, 41 supported the programme continuing and 13 did not. With this result we will continue providing this option for families until we next survey at the beginning of 2018. You are very welcome to have a look at the website www.cec.org.nz to see an outline of the topics covered.

Kid's Café Reminder

The Kid's café is open on Fridays **only**.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

PIANO LESSONS

Individual piano/keyboard lessons available in Taradale. Please phone Nicki Shaw 844 5232 or 027 632 1526.

BLUELIGHT TAKE A KID FISHING

Saturday 19 March 9.30-12noon, Iron Pot Wharf, West Quay, Ahuriri. Prizes to be won. BYO rod and tackle, bait provided. Free sausage sizzle. Rain or shine!

MARIST FOOTBALL CLUB

If you want to play football for Napier marist then please go to www.maristfc.co.nz and register for a team in 2016. Registrations for 2016 season will close on the 9th of April.

LOOKING AHEAD

Friday	25 March	Good Friday
Mon/Tues	28/29 March	Easter Monday and Tuesday - school closed
Friday	15 April	Last day of Term 1
Monday	2 May	First day of term 2

Child's name, room number and reason for absence

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

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



Jimmy J Brings His Savings Club to Bledisloe Primary School. Jimmy J says start saving now and you'll get \$5 to start you off and other cool stuff as well as raising money for your school. An information pack is available at the school



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