



Bledisloe School News



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

Term 1, 19 February 2016

As Paul and I prepare for what seems to be our annual trip to Wellington to move our daughters into flats for the year, I have been thinking about the importance of resilience. This life skill is one of our school's cornerstone expectations along with respect and responsibility. In parenting our 3 daughters I have come to realise the absolute importance of developing a sense of resilience. This helps them cope with what life throws at them. I do believe that it is a 'game changer' for our children. The ability to pick oneself up and try again, to see obstacles as learning opportunities and to have a glass half-full attitude can make all the difference to life outcomes. For my girls at the moment, that might include dealing with dodgy landlords, unreliable flatmates, moving furniture with no car, carting stuff up very steep steps and having to furnish rooms with very little money! For our students at school, resilience starts to develop in Room 1 when children have to say goodbye to family and spend the day at school, dealing with games that don't go according to plan and finding learning tough and sticking it out. Later on children may be challenged by activities which are out of their comfort zone. Our senior school 'Camp Caithness' is a great example of this. For many of our seniors it may be their first time sleeping in a tent or being on a farm. The senior team aim to give children a chance to build their resilience in a safe and supportive environment. Next newsletter we will share some pictures and stories from this wonderful experience. We extend our thanks to Di and Mark Harris for allowing us to be guests on their farm and to the senior school team for their wonderful organisation.

Kind Regards, Carol

Classroom Environments

I was showing a parent around our school earlier in the week and she commented on how wonderful it was to see student's learning displayed in classes so early in the year. We are proud of our classroom environments and students are too. Please feel free to come and have a look around and see what your children have been up to.



A group of our students took part in the Weetbix Triathlon yesterday. Thanks Mr Hollaway for your training for this event. Well done team!

Swimming



All classes are well into their swimming programme. Teachers have received training over the holidays and are feeling confident to deliver high quality lessons to your children. Keeping our pool

running safely is a huge job and we are very grateful for Mr Lister's wonderful work with this. It is vital that children learn to swim and survive in water and we have been made even more aware of this over summer with the terrible rate of drowning deaths. We expect every child to be bringing their togs every day.



Responsible

Respectful

Resilient

Kid's Café

Our lunchroom has started today and thank you to the parents who have offered to help run this. The more helpers we have, the less you will need to be rostered on! We will be open for Friday combo day this term and juices and moosies will be sold Tuesday, Thursday and Fridays.

An up to date menu for the lunchroom will be sent home today.

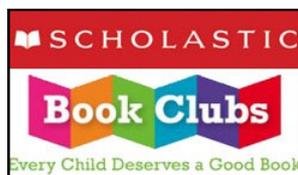


Scholastic Book Orders

It's great to see so many people using the online ordering and payment system. There is no need to fill in a paper order or return anything with your child. Your books will be delivered to school in the usual way. You can choose to order under your child's class or order as a gift to be held at the office.

Visit: mybookclub.scholastic.co.nz

Of course you can still send in an order form and money with your child and we will process it here. If you are paying by cheque, remember that the cheque should be made out to Scholastic NZ Ltd.



LOOKING AHEAD

Wed-Friday	24-26 February	Year 5/6 Camp Caithness
Friday	25 March	Good Friday
Mon/Tues	28/29 March	Easter Monday and Tuesday
Friday	15 April	Last day of Term 1

Child's name, room number and reason for absence
The school cellphone number is: 027 872 2333
The absence line number is: 844 2392

Board of Trustees News



At our BOT meeting on Monday night;

- the strategic focus was on looking at our Charter and Strategic plan for the year. This is due at the Ministry of Education on March 1st. It will outline our school's direction and goals for the next year
- we also discussed the data results for 2015 which showed an increase in student achievement across literacy and numeracy
- the BOT was pleased to have received positive comments from our regional property manager concerning our building projects and the thoughtful way that the BOT has maximized our available resource
- under Health and Safety we discussed several issues around the school that will need to be addressed and these were prioritized in importance
- the finance report included information about a small surplus carried over from 2015, the news of \$8K worth of successful grant applications for sports uniforms, a library management system and a report on a successful audit carried out in January. A big thank you to Sharyn and Adrienne for their accurate and careful accounting practices.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

IN-HOME CHILDCARE - PORSE

Spaces available for in-home childcare in Taradale.

Contact Vicki Campion on 027 7125 069.

PIANO LESSONS

Individual piano/keyboards lessons available in Taradale.

Please phone Nicki Shaw 844 5232 or 027 632 1526.



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 office. Credit Union Baywide, trading as NZCU Baywide, savings are shares secured by a first ranking registered Trust Deed. Current investment and disclosure statements are available on request from the Credit Union. NZCU Baywide is proud to be a credit union and not a registered bank.



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