

## Hello from Us

Kia ora tātou katoa. It's been a busy two weeks with a field trip, guest speakers, the blessing of the on-site food prep room and the Korororero me te Hapori Māori consultation with the voices of our Māori whānau. Ngā mihi, Louisa and Kellyann.

## It's Lunch Time

The Ka Ako Ka Ora healthy lunches programme begins this Monday, May 24, for Blenheim School. You are, of course, still welcome to send lunch for your child if you prefer to provide lunch yourself. If you intend for your child to enjoy a school-provided lunch, please still make sure you send a healthy morning tea every day.

## Student-Led Conferences

Student-led conferences will now be in Week 8, on **Monday, June 21 and Wednesday, June 23, from 1:30 - 7:30pm**. Your tamariki will bring home an envelope in Week 7 containing a brief summary report. The report will give you a snapshot about your child's learning, meeting of GRIT expectations, and attendance, and will be discussed at the Student-Led Conferences. Please book online at [www.schoolinterviews.co.nz](http://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz), using **Event Code SSH8Y** or book through the office (03-577-5542). If you're booking for more than one child, please allow a 15-minute gap between teachers to allow time to move between classrooms. The Staffroom will be open during this time for a cuppa and a chat.

## Biodiversity Studies

The weather tried hard to slow us down, but our field trip to Grovetown Lagoon took place on May 17. In-school studies around this also included study workshops in bee-keeping, identifying native flora, medicinal and therapeutic use of native flora and bird and insect life. Be sure to ask your

## Important Dates & Events

### Queen's Birthday Closure

Blenheim School is closed Monday, June 7 for Queen's Birthday holiday. Students will also have Tuesday, June 8 off (Week 6), as the school is closed that day.

### Samoan Language Week

Please take a moment to say Talofa! to our Samoan families this coming week (Week 5). It's Samoan language week and our Pasifika families will appreciate your efforts. Faafetai!

### Student-Led Conferences

Student-led conferences have been postponed and will now take place on June 21 and 23.

### Heroes Music Concert

Tamariki will attend the Heroes @ ASB Music Concert at 11am on June 15.

tamariki about the amazing learning and loads of fun we have had with this unit.

## Assembly

Rito will host tomorrow's GRIT assembly (Friday, May 21). Come and watch your little superstars taking the lead. Koru is hosting next week's assembly, in Week 4.

## Chess Club

Chess Club is up and running, Monday lunchtimes in the old staffroom. Bring your lunch and come to the old staffroom (next to the office). Parents with a reasonable knowledge of chess are invited to come and assist for an hour. Please contact teacher aide Nicole (027-461-8775) to let her know if you are willing and able to help.

## Netball Season Underway & Draw Information



Netball games started last Friday for Years 3-4 and start this Saturday, May 22 for Years 5-6 at Lansdowne Sports Hub at the end of Hutcheson Street. Check the draw through the website (<http://www.marlbroughnetball.org.nz> each week to see what court you will be playing on. Go to Draws & Results; select Blenheim School in the second drop-down menu. Select your grade in the next drop down menu; check you have the right date.

## GRIT Awards

Weekly GRIT awards for the week ending May 14 went to:

**Kākano:** Tia for making such a fabulous start at Blenheim School. You come to school every day ready to learn; you are a great friend and you love confidently sharing your ideas with others. Keep it up superstar!! Aayla for making an amazing start at Blenheim Kura. You are growing in confidence, give things a go, and always try your best. Keep it up Aayla!

**Koru:** Tiaki for your focus in maths and literacy — you are really Growing Your Brain and helping others to learn; Taisia Manila for your cooperative learning in maths where you and your buddy used tenacity and thinking skills to solve problems.

**Rito:** Bridginiah and Sina for the amazing effort you put into your learning and for the ideas you share with other members of your class and groups.

**Harakeke:** Caitlin for having a positive approach to learning and supporting other GRIT Guardians to be on duty. Your quiet positivity is appreciated by us all; Afega for growing as a learner and continuing to develop your social and oral skills when interacting with adults and your peers. Thanks for always being polite and supportive.

**Caught Being Good:** Damon for being extra kind to your friends in your Little Talkers group.