



Kia ora e te Whānu,

Over the next 4 weeks we have a number of exciting celebrations taking place as we head towards the end of the term.

Our first celebration is our mini musical called “**Get the Connection**” Tina Connor, our musical Director has been working all year with our tamariki to learn their dances and songs. We do hope you will come and be an amazing audience for the students. There is nothing worse than not having an audience to perform to. Please bring all the whānau. This is free.

Date: Tuesday 1 st December

Time: students 6.30

Start 7.00

Duration 45 mins.

Where: Clubs of Marlborough

Taylor River Clean Up and unveiling of our EnviroSchools sign.

On Tuesday 24 November 11.30am, we will be taking part in a river clean up. We will start by sharing our new sign on the Taylor River and then we will walk the river looking for rubbish. We will then finish at school where we have a free sausage sizzle. Looking forward to seeing you all there.

Thank you to Tracy Holdaway who has been leading the Enviro schools Team this year.

GRIT focus is tenacity- Tenacity means to show perseverance and to keep trying when things get tough, and to dig deep when you are facing challenges. We have been talking about Tenacity in our classes, what this looks like and sounds like. I have included the poster our tamariki constructed about Tenacity, at the end of this newsletter.

Staffing for 2021

We have confirmed our staffing for 2021 which we can now share with you.

Office Administrator - Mary Powell

Teacher Aides - Robyn O'Hara, Tracy Holdaway, Rachel Ellis and Kim Sabbiston

Caretaker David Churcher

Year 0-1 Sarah Tullett, Ms Poz

Year 1,2 Petra Carruthers

Year 3,4 Anaru Norton

Year 5,6 Kellyann Thorstensen, Deputy Principal

Reading Recovery, Sports, Student support - Gill Caughey

We are excited to have Sarah Tullett from Renwick School joining our new staff along with Kellyann Thorstensen from Whitney Street School. They have filled permanent positions within the school.

At the end of the year we will farewell Louisa Linterman as she has made the decision to finish so that she can spend time with whānau. Louisa will be back in the school in a relieving capacity. She has agreed to fill the role of Acting Principal alongside Kellyann Thorstensen in term 2 while I am away. We also farewell Ana Woolf, Megan Shearer and Bex Healy. We have been incredibly fortunate to have had Louisa, Ana, Megan and Bex involved in our Kura and have appreciated the commitment and passion they have shared with us.

We have loved having them as part of our Kura and I all wish them all the best in their new endeavors.

Aquatics Programme - The year 3-6 students will be participating in Swimming lessons at the Stadium the week of the 7th of December-11th. The school will be funding these lessons.

The students will be walking to the stadium and walking back to school. This programme takes place from 1 - 2.30 daily.

School Gates and Office door. Recently we have had a couple of incidents where students have been let out of the school grounds at the end of the day by other students or by whanau. Please don't let students out without an adult. We have a number of students at school with additional needs, who don't have road sense. For everybody's safety please ensure gates and doors are shut behind you. If you notice a problem with any of the gates and doors please let us know immediately. The safety of our tamariki is foremost. We have spoken to the tamariki about not letting other students out of the school when they leave. It is hard as they are only being kind but aren't able to understand the danger this poses. Many thanks

Building Projects - Over the holiday break we will be transforming our Library into our staff room. As our staff have grown we have outgrown our little staffroom and have made the decision to turn the Library into our new staff and meeting space. We have relocated the Library to the Mahi Mara room where Robyn O'Hara will continue to open on Tuesday and Thursday lunchtimes for our tamariki. The senior students will continue to use the town Library and eventually once the new Library is operational we will all be using this.

Vandalism - It saddens me that over the past 8 weeks we have had a number of incidents occur in the school involving vandalism. It began with the destruction of the boat then the art display of the pencils and now the Pasifika mural has been torn off the wall. Please if you see anything or have seen people in the grounds late at night please let me know a time frame so I can let the police. Vandalism has been so few at Blenheim Kura and it makes me sad when I see this pointless vandalism that affects our tamariki.

Library Books- Please can we have all Library books returned to school so that we can do an audit.

BOT - We recently notified the Community of a vacancy on the BOT. We had one applicant for the position. Congratulations to Jack Feavers on your appointment to Blenheim School Board of Trustees.

Laura Smith- At the end of the year we will farewell Laura Smith who has been our current BOT Chair over the past 7 years. Laura's commitment, dedication and understanding of our Kura and community has been the driving force that has helped Blenheim School grow from a roll of 39 students when I started to 98 today. I personally would like to thank her for her continued support throughout these 7 years. Laura and her family have shifted to Motueka to live. We wish her all the best in this new adventure.

The current BOT consist of: Denyse Healy - Principal, Petra Carruthers - School Representative, Peter Stace - Community, Lynda Pederson - Parent representative, Richard McDonald - Parent Representative, Deanna Gleeson - Parent representative and Holly Fry - Parent representative.

Toasted Sandwiches - The students have been loving the toasted sandwiches that we provide on Thursdays and I would like to say a big thank you to Ms Poz for organising this and her trusty helpers, Mrs Holdaway and Mrs O'Hara - Yum Yum.



Events coming Up

24th November	Whole School	Tuesday River clean up
26th November	Year 6 Students	Visit to Bohally
1st December	Whole School	School Production <u>Get the Connection</u> 7.00pm Clubs Marlborough.
7th - 11th December	Rito Harakeke	Swimming Programme Year 3-6 Stadium
10th December	Year 6 students	Leavers Dinner 6.00pm at the Taylor Restaurant Marlborough Convention Centre
14th December	Whole School	End of year awards and school celebration farewell to the year 6 students and shared supper
15th December	Whole School	Last Day of School

Edible Garden-

Yum! We have been enjoying so much fresh produce from our edible garden this term.

This week we made vegemite or marmite, and lettuce sandwiches. We have also harvested four huge cauliflower over the past two weeks, which a lot of students enjoyed as cauliflower rice today. This recipe is so quick and easy....give it a go!

Recipe

One whole cauliflower

Any type of oil to cook

Pinch of salt

Lemon juice and parsley to taste



Cut the cauliflower into small pieces and put into a food processor, blend to a rice consistency.

Put oil into a frying pan and heat then put cauliflower in. Add salt. Cook for 3-5 minutes on high heat, stirring all the time.

Remove from the pan, put on the lemon juice and enjoy.

