



Talofa lava, Malo e leiei, Namaste, Kia ora,

We have had a great week at the Stadium this week with the fundamental skills programme. Check out our facebook page to see what fun the students have been having. The students have been introduced to a range of new sports and skills. No doubt you will have some pretty tired tamariki at the end of the week.

Cyber safety Workshops- thank you to the whānau who attended these workshops. Although we only had a few parents turn up the information was really informative and relevant to what our students are being exposed to.

It is therefore of great concern for me that we have been contacted by the **MOE about a highly disturbing video** about suicide that has been recorded and distributed via major social media platforms such as Tik Tok, Facebook, Instagram. The video is horrific and has been hidden behind other content such as pictures of puppies and kittens to lure the younger viewers. Advice given to us suggests parents do not ask their children if they have viewed this video as this is likely to trigger their curiosity. We strongly recommend that your child/ren do not access any social media for the next 24-48 hours to give time for this content to be removed. If you have any concerns please visit <https://www.netsafe.org.nz/upsetting-content/> and <https://www.netsafe.org.nz/parental-controls/> to find out how to support your child and please let the school know.

Fun Day Out at Pine Valley- In previous years when our middle school goes to camp at Pine Valley the whole school visits on the first day. We again are very keen to do this however under level 2 we are unable to invite whānau to join us. This means that we can't take any parents who are not already working in the school.

I feel that the students would really benefit from a day out in the fresh air and away from town. Pine Valley is such an awesome centre and it will be nice to take our tamariki out of Blenheim. If we remain in our school bubble we meet the requirements needed to do this. Students will not be required to wear masks on the bus as we are a bubble. Therefore if the weather is on our side we will be heading out to Pine Valley on Monday 21st September for an amazing fun day. <http://www.pinevalleyoutdoors.org.nz/>

When: Monday 21st September

How: By Bus - leaving school at **9.30am returning at 3pm**

Who: All students

What Students need: Lunch, sunhat, raincoat, polar fleece, drink bottle filled with water, and suitable shoes for running and climbing.

Pine Valley has an amazing confidence course and we will be rotating the students through this equipment. Because this is an EOTC activity for the day we do require permission from Whanau. Rito class already have their permission completed through their camp forms.

Circle which room Kakano Koru Harakeke

Please complete the form below giving permission for your child to attend.

I give permission for my Child/ren _____ to attend Pine Valley

Parent/s Signature/s _____



Maururu koe ki o matou kaiawhina katoa tenei wiki

We would like to thank Quest for the delicious soup they have been bringing in on Thursdays this has now stopped was awesome to have this.

I would like to thank the Lions Club Blenheim for their amazing support for our tamariki to attend the Fundamental skills programme. They have donated \$880.00 to pay for this programme for our Tamriki to attend.

I would like to Thank APL property for funding the buses for the week to get us to and from the Stadium.

I would like to Thank the Pelorus Trust for the grant which enables us to purchase our new Kapa Haka Uniforms

Extra support- We have been successful in accessing some extra funding to accelerate students literacy levels in the junior school. We will be running an intensive reading and writing programme for 10 weeks and have been very fortunate to be able to employ Libby Mcdonald to work in the classes. Libby currently relieves in both Kakano and Koru so the students know her. She will be based in Koru but a small group of Kākano students will also be moving through to spend the morning in Koru for this acceleration programme. This is such an opportunity for our little learners who haven't been able to get the momentum they need in reading due to COVID. Please talk to your class teachers if you have any questions.

Last day of term we will finish at 1.30 on Friday 25th September.

Exciting news- We have a new website that has just been launched. Check it out

<https://www.blenheim.school.nz/>

Next BOT meeting Monday-5.30 in the Library- Parents welcome to attend

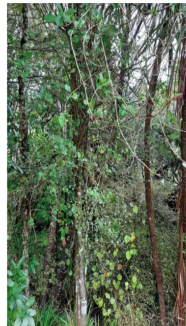
Check out some of the students' writing from Camp and Fundamental skills

Harakeke- Mistletoe bay Camp

Afega

I chose this picture because it reminded me of Mistletoe Bay and how you can create fire to keep us warm and cozy. This tree is really special to us because it makes fire to keep us warm when it gets cold. It reminds me of the hot sun at Mistletoe Bay.

The name of this plant is kaikomako and I think Mistletoe Bay is my home because it reminds me of my home at Samoa because of the hot sunshine. Mistletoe Bay is so hot at same time went it is reallv cold and hot.



Alexia J

The thing I liked about this photo is that I learnt a lot about sea creatures from Richard De Hamel, like the chiton with a metal tongue, the hairy legged crab, the sea sponge, and the starfish. The starfish isn't a fish it's real name is sea star, I know that because I learnt it from Richard De Hamel and he is also great at drawing.



