

Kia Ora Tātou Katoa

Kia ora Blenheim School whānau. This week our tamariki have been visiting the Brass Band at their Auckland Street studio with Kevin Mosley and students from Marlborough Boys' College. Our tamariki were amazing and once again showed our kura in a positive light. This week I have been in Koru and Kākano, spending some time with our tamariki and kaiako. We are so very fortunate to have such amazing teachers who just connect with your tamariki and build their mana. When I see this, I feel very privileged to lead the great staff we have at Blenheim Kura....
Oops, not forgetting the amazing whānau as well!

Employment Opportunities

We have two paid positions available that we would like to offer to whānau first. Please let Mary know if you are interested.

We require a gardener for two hours a week. This involves supporting Tracy Holdaway with weeding mainly. This can be done in the afternoon before picking up your child, if that works best. \$26/hour.

We are looking for a responsible parent to drive our Blenheim School vanpool. This is a paid position. Hours are approximately 8am - 9am and 3pm - 4pm daily. The driver will be welcome to take their child with them in the vanpool.

Budgeting Course

Learn how to keep track of spending, save a little every week, and feel more in control of your finances. Blenheim School is planning a budgeting course for parents, to be held on Aug 25 and Sep 8. Each session is one hour long and starts at 2pm. Free childcare is provided. Book before Aug 18 with Mary in the school office.

Lunches

Next week we will go back to eating our lunch together as a school on the deck. We are wanting to encourage students

Important Dates & Events

Marlborough Kids' Duathlon

This fun "have a go" sporting event is Sunday, Sept 26 and is open to all primary school children. It's an easy run-bike-run format. More information is available at www.kidsdu.co.nz.

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Mistletoe Bay Camp

Our senior students' camp will be at Mistletoe Bay, September 15 -18. Watch the newsletter for more information.

to eat a little more, so we will be running a coupon system. This week, I have eaten with the students and have been thrilled that so many of our students are enjoying this kai. However, some of our more fussy eaters are still getting used to new foods. One of the biggest challenges for them is that many of the students eat a big morning tea and are not hungry at lunchtime. This makes trying something new very hard — there's nothing worse than having to eat when you're not hungry. Please support the mahi we are doing and just send two small items in your child's lunchbox.

Breakfast Club

A reminder, Breakfast Club is on Monday and Tuesday mornings at 8:15 in the Hall. It's free, and everyone is welcome, including whānau. Our thanks to the Marlborough Community Development Trust, and to Trish and her amazing team for providing a fun and filling Breakfast Club.

Taiopenga

It's not too late to join the Blenheim School staff to perform in the adult performance section of this year's Taiopenga festival. We need a few more people. Practice is at 8am on Fridays. Please see me if you are interested.

Te Reo Classes

Ko tāku reo tāku ohooho, ko tāku reo tāku māpihi mauria — my language is my awakening, my language is the window to my soul. Our te reo Māori language programme (Fridays 11.00 am to 1.00 pm) is underway. If you would like your child to learn te reo, or would like to know more about this, please speak with Mr Norton.

Ngā mihi, Denyse

Photos

Your child will bring home a key for online ordering school photos, within the next 10 days. Order directly with the company — there is a period of free delivery.

GRIT Awards

Weekly GRIT awards for the week ending July 30 went to:

Kākano: Liam for making an amazing start at our kura. You are a happy, positive member of Kākano and you are always keen to give things a go! Athena for making an amazing start at our kura. You confidently share your ideas and love exploring and making new friends. I can't wait to see how high you fly!

Koru: Taisia for the initiative you show in class. You are ready to learn and put the effort in to ensure you succeed. Teatatu for your motivated learning and sharing more ideas in class.

Rito: Niko, Sina and Lilly for your amazing mahi. Tumeke!

Harakeke: Christian for the amazing work so far this term. Your head is down and your pen is moving. Great seeing you Grow As a Learner, Christian — it really does suit you! Meiah for never giving up when the going gets tough! In the classroom and on the basketball court, you accept your mistakes and learn from them. Kei whea kē mai te pai o te mahi nei!

HOW CAN I



- save some money every week
- keep track of my spending
- budget for unexpected items
- plan my spending
- feel more in control of my finances

Free Budgeting Course
open to all Blenheim School Parents
2pm -3pm, Wednesday, Aug 25

You must sign up before Aug 18. Space is limited. Please see Mary in the school office.

FREE CHILDCARE PROVIDED