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Dear Parents and Carers,

Over the past year, we have developed and supported a wide range of community opportunities at Bligh, from the Bligh Food Pantry and Dad's Place, to activities for Young Children, a Youth Club for Year 6, Family Events, partnerships with local organisations and opportunities for families to connect with one another, in direct response to what families wanted to see a year ago.

We have also continued to build stronger relationships across Strood West, working alongside local services, organisations, the council, and community partners. This is something that might not always be seen, but is fundamental to the development of our community offer.

As we look ahead to this year, I want to hear from families again. A lot can change in a year, and we want to make sure that we continue to respond to the needs of our Bligh families.

What is working well for your family? What is missing? What would you like to see happening at Bligh? What could make life a little easier, bring people together, create new opportunities or make our community an even better place to live?

I am inviting all Bligh parents and carers to take part in our Bligh Community Listening Campaign 2026. The survey will take around five minutes to complete. Your responses will help shape the community work we focus on over the coming year, ensuring that what we deliver is in direct response to the people who know our community best, the families who are part of it.

There are no right or wrong answers. Whether you have a big idea, a small suggestion, something you think we should do more of, or simply something you feel our community needs, I would love to hear from you. Survey Link: https://forms.gle/vxfpcSqjJPpGmN5z8.

Your feedback will help us understand not only what support families need, but what kind of community we want Bligh to be.

If surveys aren't really your thing, that's absolutely fine! Come and find me at the school gates, or pop into school on a Monday or Tuesday morning and ask for me at the office. I'm always happy to have a chat, hear your ideas, listen to your experiences or simply have a conversation about what matters to you and your family. You can also contact me directly at: b.ross@bligh-maritime.org.

There's no right or wrong way to have your voice heard. I'm always open to listening to our community.

Kind regards,
Benjamin Hooper-Ross
Bligh Community Ambassador