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NEWSLETTER



WHATS INSIDE THIS WEEK

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OUR VISION

To provide in partnership with home and community the educational opportunities for all pupils to develop into life long learners who actively contribute to society in a positive way.



1st MARCH 2017

Kia ora, Bula, Anyoung Heseyo, Talofa, Goededag, Grūezi, Marbaa

Welcome to Eva Rangiawha who has recently joined the children in Room 1. Happy school days Eva.

We had the highest number of parents/caregivers attend parent interviews last week – more than we have ever had before – 91% of our children had one or more adult come to speak with the teachers and set goals for the year. Thank you all! We know successful education is like a three-legged stool – each leg cannot work without the other two – child, parent/caregiver, teacher.

Congratulations to the following students who received Principal Awards at our recent Celebration Assembly:
Imogen Paris, Daniel Bradburn, Amelia Lea’ana, Summer Aiono, Marissa Gordon, Alizae Takerei, Riley Smith, Summer Mattock, Mason Coombs, Logan Metcalfe, Cassidy Corner, Ashley Goodin, Issiah Bhana, Jayden Sahin, O’Connor Lea’ana, Tyra-Lee Tahau-Lane, Codey Campbell, Libby Newman, Joel Quickfall, Alicia Cheav, Tyler Reade, Caleb Avery, Charlize Duncan, Deacon Rawson, Ava Waswo, Wyatt Vinsen, Brendan Angadiya, Chloe Keighley, Bella Owens-Thomason, Kahurangi Emmett-Pene, Hailey Duncan.

SURVEY ANALYSIS

Thank you to all those parents who completed the Board of Trustees Community Survey at the end of last year. The BOT and staff are currently working through the results, identifying areas of strength and suggestions for improvement.
We were heartened by the overall positive feedback we received, some of which is below. I will publish parts of the survey as space allows in the newsletter and when the survey is analysed a full copy will be available for you to read.

Bell Block School:				
Sets high expectations for student achievement:				
Strongly Agree/Agree	93.94%	Don't Agree/Strongly Disagree	0%	Don't Know 6.06%
Promotes positive student attitudes and values:				
Strongly Agree/Agree	100%	Don't Agree/Strongly Disagree	0%	
Student effort and achievement is recognised in a variety of ways:				
Strongly Agree/Agree	90.11%	Don't Agree/Strongly Disagree	3.45%	Don't Know 3.45%
I am satisfied with the quality of my child's learning programmes:				
Strongly Agree/Agree	93.11%	Don't Agree/Strongly Disagree	3.45%	Don't Know 3.45%

- What are the strengths of Bell Block School?**
- A very positive, encouraging and inclusive learning environment where academic, sporting, cultural and social values are all promoted well. A strong sense of community.
 - I love the passion of the teachers, they seem to know my children and understand how to teach them.
 - Some great teachers, generally an inclusive atmosphere. Restorative Practices.
 - The caring and responsible attitudes of the older students. The vege garden and fruit trees. The rewarding of good behaviour. Sports and activities.
 - So many! It is a positive environment for children with balance between learning, sporting, cultural. Clear defined guidelines for behaviour, card system is awesome. Children are rewarded for good behaviour too, so makes them want to be good. Teaching staff and Principal all friendly and approachable, Principal goes out of her way to interact with children during class time and going to sporting events, facilities are awesome at school, well maintained.
 - The staff. The many opportunities available to students. Attractive grounds & good facilities (pool, hall, playgrounds, gardens, library etc).

MEET THE LEADERS.
Hi, my name is Daniel Bradburn and I am the Head Boy for the first half of 2017. I enjoy sports, especially cricket, rugby and basketball. As Head Boy I will always do my best and I am looking forward to the rest of the year.



PTA NEWS
Gala News – THIS FRIDAY 3 March 5pm – 7:30pm
Thank you everyone for putting your names on the roster. However, we do need a few more helpers so if you could put your name down that would be great. Is anyone interested in driving Herbie on the field from 5 – 6.30pm? Please double check the roster in the school office for the agreed times and activities. We will also have a copy ready by the ticket selling table on Gala day. We have had a lot of people donating items over the last few weeks - thank you so much! Also, if anyone is keen to help us set up for the Gala please contact Gösta on 0223531639. We will be on the school grounds from 12pm onwards. And last but not least, don't forget to bring in your baking on Thursday and Friday.
Gather your family and friends and bring them over for a fun afternoon at BBK School. The weather looks promising! See you all on Friday 5pm!



FROM THE INTERMEDIATE TEAM.
The Intermediate Team has been enjoying a great start to Term 1 and 2017. In Week 2 we had our Overnight Camp. Here are one student's thoughts on the event:

"The overnighter was amazing. I got to learn a lot about my new friends and that cold (not cooked) hash browns don't taste nice. We went on a bike ride to Ngamotu Beach and back which was 20km - WOW!! Luckily I brought my bike because my brother said to skate because it was easier but I thought biking was because I bet I would have fallen over and hurt myself. When we got to school we had about 1 hour and a half until dinner. For dinner we made bacon, hash browns and eggs, only the bacon and eggs were cooked, which was a bit of a shame because mainly I was looking forward to the hash browns. That was such an amazing sleepover but I wish I had got a bit more sleep."

By Kate Henry

BELL BLOCK SCHOOL LOST PROPERTY.
In an effort to combat lost property Room 15 has created the Lost Property Blog.
Each week we will take photos of all lost items and upload them to our blog.
Be sure to check the blog if your child has misplaced an item.
www.bbklostproperty.blogspot.co.nz

TE REO PHRASE OF THE WEEK.
Rangatira / Leader or leaders of a hapū. Chief, Chieftainess.



TUCKSHOP.
THIS WEEK'S SPECIAL - Fish n Chips \$5 also Popular last week: Five Fruits Fruit Salad \$3
Afternoon tea can also be ordered. Thank you for your support. Check out our menu: The Tuckshop @ Bell Block School.
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ROAD SAFETY AROUND SCHOOL.
With the increase in traffic around the school and in the car park in recent times, it is timely to remind parents to be vigilant when dropping off and picking up your children from school. Please be careful to look for pedestrians and cyclists before reversing or pulling out into traffic. Please see the below safety tips from Roadsafes Taranaki:
Cycle Safety

- Pass cyclist slowly; leave 1 metre between your car and the cyclist when in town, and 1.5 metres on rural roads.
- When turning left and a cyclist is approaching from behind let the cyclist go through and always use your indicators.
- Watch for cyclists turning in front of you without looking or signaling, especially children.
- Be extra vigilant in school zones and residential neighbourhoods.
- Watch for bikes coming from driveways or behind parked cars.
- Check your side mirrors before opening your door.

DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR	
Friday 3 March	School Gala 5pm – 7:30pm
Friday 10 March	Celebration Assembly 2pm in the hall
Monday 13 March	Taranaki Anniversary Day – school will be closed
Thursday 16 March	Junior School Swimming Sports & Explorers Swimming Sports
Friday 17 March	Y3-8 School Swimming Sports
Monday 20 March	School Triathlon
Thursday 23 March	School Photos
Friday 24 March	Celebration Assembly 2pm in the hall
Wednesday 29 March	ICAS entries close

COMMUNITY NOTICES:
Waitara Soccer Club MUSTER/Registration FUN DAY - Junior /Youth Ages 5 to 16 years. Saturday 4th March 1.30 – 3.30pm. At Manukorihi Park Clubrooms - \$10 Part Registration fee payable on day.
Bell Block United Junior Football Club - Registration forms are now available from the school office.
For more information please contact Jo Daken (0273852936).

On behalf of the staff
Roz Miller, Principal