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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.



10TH MAY 2017
Kia ora koutou, jumreap sooa, magándang hapon, nĩn hăo, hello.

This week we welcomed a new family to our school and to our area – Kelly, Ada and Daniel Rewa. We hope you all make friends quickly and enjoy being with us.

Winter sports have started with our school fielding seven hockey teams and seven netball teams along with five basketball teams. Thank you to the parents who have stepped up and agreed to coach or manage the teams. Without you we just cannot provide all the children with the chance to play these sports.

Over recent years many of our staff have happily mentored student teachers and teacher aide trainees. Our children benefit from having additional adults to learn with, while our teachers and teacher aides share their skills and knowledge to help grow the next generation of educators.

Mrs Mckey in Room 9 is mentoring Geena Whitham who is in her last year of teacher training with Waikato University while Taryn Pearce from Canterbury University is completing her training with Mrs Foster in Room 5. Miss Bower is providing guidance to Uramatua Mat-apuku in Room 6 as she learns about the role of teacher aides in the classroom. Mrs Henderson is helping Mikayla Payne learn what teacher aiding involves with children with identified needs. Both Uramatua and Mikayla are completing their training through Taranaki Educare.

We are always happy to include others in our learning programmes. We have some parents and grandparents who come in to school regularly to listen to children read, frame art, garden, help make resources etc. If you have any time, on a regular or occasional basis, we'd love to have your help. This week the Rotary Reading in Schools programme recommences when five interested and caring adults come in to school to hear some of our children read.

READING ALOUD

The more adults read aloud to children (of all ages) the larger their vocabulary will grow and the more they will know about the world and their place in it.

Reading aloud introduces the language of books which differs from language heard in daily conversations, on television and in movies. Book language is more descriptive and uses more formal grammatical structures.

If you are unsure about what books may be suitable, picture books are always popular with all ages. Roald Dahl and Paul Jennings are popular authors. Teachers and Ms Jordan, our very knowledgeable Librarian, will suggest titles which your children might enjoy.

One of my greatest pleasures when my sons were younger was reading to them, some of their favourite titles I could almost recite word perfect as they were chosen so often. Even now I still know most of the story for "The Saggy Baggy Elephant". The boys enjoyed their grandparents visiting as they could be confident of many more books being read to them.

MARAE VISIT - WEEK 3

Kia ora tatou. We are all very excited about our Marae trip in week 3 and many thanks to those parents who have kindly offered to help out. Please make sure all permission slips are handed in as soon as possible.

ASSEMBLY

Our first Celebration Assembly for the term will be this Friday at 2pm in the hall. All friends and family are welcome to attend our fortnightly assemblies. We look forward to seeing you there.

TUCKSHOP

THIS WEEK'S SPECIAL ... Meatlovers Pizza \$3 and Pizza & Chips \$5

This Friday 12th is Apple Slinky Friday! Bring along your apple and get it 'slinkied' FREE! This Friday only.

TE REO PHRASE OF THE WEEK

Matapihi (noun) / Window..... Whatitoka (noun) / Doorway

LUCKY BOOK CLUB

The closing date for Issue 3 of Lucky Book Club is Friday 19th May.

SPORTING SUCCESS

Congratulations to Mikayla Robinson who has made the Taranaki squad for Netball and to Mason Childs who came 2nd in his age group at the BMX Nationals and he has the number plate to prove it.



FURTHER SURVEY ANALYSIS.....

For parents of new students in 2016:

I was provided with enough information.

Strongly Agree/Agree 77.77% Don't Agree / Strongly Disagree 22.22% Don't Know

The staff I dealt with were friendly and approachable.

Strongly Agree/Agree 100% Don't Agree / Strongly Disagree Don't Know

For new entrants – My child's school visits were handled well.

Strongly Agree/Agree 90% Don't Agree / Strongly Disagree 10% Don't Know

I was provided with enough information.

Strongly Agree/Agree 77.77% Don't Agree / Strongly Disagree 22.22% Don't Know

My child/children were made to feel welcome and at home.

Strongly Agree/Agree 100% Don't Agree / Strongly Disagree Don't Know

The reasons I came to Bell Block school:

Older children at school 65%

Recommendation from family / friends 45%

ERO reports 20%

Decision made after school visit 50%

It is the nearest school 50%

My child has friends at Bell Block School 25%

The school's reputation 50%

Closeness of school to work / pre school 15%

MEET THE LEADERS

Hello, my name is Samantha Reade and I am proud to be one of your fabulous Takahe Leaders for the first half of 2017. I enjoy dancing, canoe polo, netball, shopping and hanging with friends and family.



FROM THE MIDDLE TEAM

On Monday Room 11 was the first of the Middle Team to work with Manuel from Sport Taranaki. Through these sessions the whole of the Middle Team are going to be focussing on passing and catching using a variety of balls. In the first few sessions the children will be exploring the best ways to throw and catch the specific balls. You could explore some of these ideas at home. For example, would you throw a rugby ball the same way that you would throw a tennis ball?

Over these first few weeks of the term we all have been thinking about the powhiri process and the things we need to do to respect Muru Raupatu Marae. Thank you to those people that have been prompt at paying the \$4 for our Marae visit and bringing back the permission forms.

Some of you may have noticed a new face around Room 11. Alex Thompson has been coming in for some visits to help get to know the children, the routines and how Room 11 is run as she is going to be teaching in Room 11 while Mrs Sarich is away on maternity leave.

Feel free to ask Mrs Sarich when Mrs Thompson is in if you would like to meet her or have a chat with her.

PTA NEWS.....

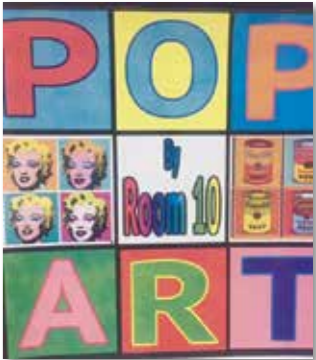
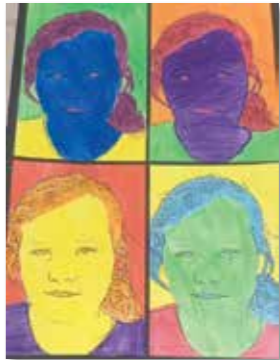
Sausage Sizzle: A big thank you to all the students who purchased sausages, drinks and lollies on the last week of term. We made a profit of \$700 from this which will be added to the proceeds from the Gala and go towards the new sports shed.

Anderson's Pies: The PTA will be selling Anderson's Pies again this year. Order forms will go out midterm, with the pies being delivered the first week of Term 3. So make some freezer space over the next few weeks for some yummy Anderson's Pies to eat over the winter months.

AGM: The PTA are holding their AGM on Tuesday 16th May at 7pm in the staffroom. ALL WELCOME - come along and see what the PTA is all about.

Mothers Day is a special **day** where **mothers** all around the world are recognised and celebrated. The celebration takes many forms but for the most part it is a day where mothers are acknowledged for the work they do, for the love they share and the most important role they play in their family.

On behalf of all our staff, we wish all our mothers a very Happy Mothers Day on Sunday.



DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Wednesday 10 May..... Y7/8 League Tournament at Devon Intermediate

Thursday 11 May..... Senior Interschool vs Westend – BBK School 12:30pm

Friday 12 May..... Celebration Assembly – 2pm in the hall

Monday 15 May..... Young Leaders Conference in Palmerston North

Tuesday 16 May..... PTA Meeting – 7pm in the staffroom

Noho Marae – Junior & Intermediate teams and (Rooms 9 & 10 overnight)

Wednesday 17 May..... Noho Marae – Middle team and (Rooms 7 & 8 overnight)

Thursday 18 May..... Noho Marae –Rooms 7 & 8

EPro8 Finals Y5/6 – 9:30am

EPro8 Finals Y7/8 – 5pm

Friday 19 May..... Lucky Book Club orders close

Tuesday 23 May..... Senior Interschool vs Fitzroy – Fitzroy School 12:30pm

Tuesday 23 – Friday 26 May..... Y7/8 Camp at Te Wera

Friday 26 May..... Celebration Assembly – 2pm in the hall

Monday 5 June..... Queens Birthday – school will be closed

*On behalf of the staff
Roz Miller, Principal*