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NEWSLETTER



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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.



12TH APRIL 2017.

Kia ora koutou, jumreap sooa, magándang hapon, nĩn hǎo, hello

It's hard to believe that the end of the term is here already. The holidays give us all more time to spend with family and friends and to take life a little more slowly. It's the little things that matter most. The breakfast in bed, the picnic in the backyard, making tents inside out of blankets, cutting up pictures to make cards, playing a board game. Enjoy the holidays!

It was nice to finish the term by welcoming a new student and their family to school. Happy school days Rosella Donaldson.

EXCELLENCE AWARDS.

The following Year 8 students have been conscientiously working towards achieving their Excellence Awards. There are four different awards all of which must be achieved before a student receives their Honours Badge.

Well done Logan Kerrisk, Aimee Witehira, Daniel Bradburn, Zharn Kidney and Kristian Magon who have earned their Sports Award and to Tessa Goergeson who received her Cultural Award.



PRINCIPAL AWARDS.

Congratulations to the following students who received awards at our recent Celebration Assembly:

Marissa Gordon, Cazmia Corner, Cooper Smith, Flynn Pollock, Caleb Petersen, Laura Sarten, Luka Koning, Lily Watchorn, Hunta McGovern, Kanye Pomana, Viv Benton, Hayden Green, Lexi White, Nico Jordan, Daltonē Koegelenberg, Matthew Hailes, Madison Williams, Lexi McCallum, Kayla McDonald, Kane Christiansen, Macee Williams-Jones, Abby Gardner-Harrison, Ashlee Clemance, Tiana Wright, Gwenith Genji, Blake Hotter, Shion Boyd, Dylan Chilcott, Hannah Bradburn, Riley Davis, Caide Pratt, Tori Radonich, Kodie Sarich.

EPRO8 CHALLENGE

Last week four teams of four students represented our school in the EPro8 challenge. The teams were given a challenge and then had to build a contraption that met certain criteria to earn points. The tasks involved engineering, robotics, electronics, teamwork and lots of hands on building. In the Year 7/8 competition there were twelve teams and our teams finished 2nd and 4th with the BBK Technological Terrors team (Flint Roderick, Arlo Jordan, Kate Henry and Karl Lendib) moving on to the finals. In the Year 5/6 competition, again with twelve teams, our teams finished 2nd and 3rd=. This meant a sudden death challenge where the Bell Block Dominators narrowly lost to Mangorei. The Bell Block Imaginators (Sam Hunger, Hamin Yim, Jesse Leach and Lara Murdoch) will also represent us in the finals next term. Well done to all the students involved as you did the school proud with your efforts.



PARKING SAFETY AROUND SCHOOL

There have been some issues recently with cars being parked dangerously around the school during after school pick up. Please park your cars safely when collecting your children. Do not park across driveways, footpaths or on yellow lines as this jeopardises the safety of our children.

TUCKSHOP.

THIS WEEK'S SPECIAL ... Fish n Chips \$5 & Easter Egg Cupcakes \$2

TE REO PHRASE OF THE WEEK

Taonga / Treasure, anything that is prized.

INTERSCHOOL SWIMMING SPORTS

A number of students did a wonderful job of representing our school at the Interschool Swimming Sports last week.

Congratulations to the following children who were placed in their events:

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| Tyrehse Ruwhiu – | 2nd Y6 Boys Breaststroke, 1st Y6 Boys Backstroke, 2nd Y6 Boys Freestyle, 2nd Y6 Boys 3 Stroke Medley |
| Kate Henry – | 2nd Y7 Girls Backstroke |
| Tayla Fredrickson – | 3rd Y7 Girls Freestyle 2 Lengths |
| Kiera Johnstone – | 2nd Y7 Girls 3 Stroke Medley |
| Dylan Benton – | 3rd Y7 Boys Breaststroke |
| Arlo Jordan – | 3rd Y7 Boys 3 Stroke Medley |
| Campbell Smith – | 2nd Y8 Girls Breaststroke, 1st Y8 Girls Backstroke, 2nd Y8 Girls Freestyle 2 Lengths, 2nd Y8 Girls 3 Stroke Medley |
| Aimee Witehira – | 3rd Y8 Girls Backstroke |
| Chris Hardegger – | 3rd Y8 Boys Breaststroke, 2nd Y8 Boys 3 Stroke Medley |
| Heath Cummings – | 2nd Y8 Boys Backstroke, 2nd Y8 Boys Freestyle |

Triathlon Results Omission: Bryn Emmett-Pene was placed 4th in the Year 6 Boys Individual Triathlon. Well done Bryn!

MEET THE LEADERS.

Hi, my name is Jackie Callander and I am so excited to be one of your Kotuku Whanau Leaders for the first half of 2017. I am able to work with others to help them achieve their goals and show them opportunities to get involved with the school.



READING TOGETHER WORKSHOP.

Last year Bell Block School ran a very successful Reading Together program in the School Library from 2 – 3pm. Reading Together® is a research-based workshop program that helps parents/whānau to provide effective support for their children's reading at home. There are pamphlets available at the school office that go into more detail about Reading Together. If you are interested in this program we are looking at running this again early in Term 2. There are four workshops spread over 6-7 weeks. We are also offering this to other parents in the community whose children have not yet started school. So if you know of any families that may be interested please spread the word! Please put your name and contact details down at the office if you are interested.

We look forward to seeing you!

Roz Miller and Wendy Foster



KIA ORA FROM THE INTERMEDIATE TEAM.

This term has been racing along and we have all been very busy in the Intermediate Team.

Some recent highlights for us have been:

- Weetbix Tryathlon & School Triathlon
- Tech at Manukorihi on Wednesdays. Our students have been cooking, sewing and making some awesome clocks.
- The School Council continues to meet each Tuesday afternoon.
- Our Year 8 Debating team beat Stratford when they convinced us that “Children Should do Household Chores”. Well done, Kaylin, Penny and Tessa.
- Two Year 7/8 teams competed at the Epro8 Challenge last week placing 2nd and 4th.
- We have begun preparations for our Year 7/8 Camp which is being held next term for three nights from Tuesday 23 to Friday 26 May at Te Wera Camp, east of Stratford.
- The Year 7/8 students are also often called upon to help out around the school in various roles. They are all working hard to be the best they can be.
- Amongst all these events we have a full-on classroom programme to keep running. Our days are all very full and very busy which is probably why the term passes by so quickly.

Have a great holiday everyone. Ma te wa.



A REFLECTION BY SOPHIE BOVETT AND KAYLIN PARTRIDGE

I thought the Intermediates did everything. I always looked up to them as leaders with tons of awards. Incredibly nervous would be an understatement and I never really saw myself as an Intermediate student. The year 8s were nervous as well. But that fear quickly turned to excitement as the Gala came up, the Intermediates could do so much more, running food stalls, setting up and having an amazing time.

Now the Gala has been and gone and Swimming Sports are on the way. Neither of us has been very good at swimming but want to give it our all. After all, that is our school value: Our Best Always.

Alongside this, the 23rd of May is creeping up and we're both thrilled because we're going camping at Te Wera from Tuesday the 23rd of May to Friday the 25th of May! I'm not exactly sure what we're doing, but I'm excited all the same.

Lastly, we interviewed Alaina from Room 16 about the Outdoor Academy. “I've haven't been surfing before but my Dad has, he tried to teach me once but I nearly broke a bone. I'm hoping I can learn by the end of it. But I don't know until I try”

As a Senior I was always jealous of the Intermediates - they got to do everything. But now I'm an Intermediate and I get to do everything. And I love it.

DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Thursday 13 April.....Last day of term
ANZAC Service – 11:45am on front lawn
PTA Sausage sizzle at lunchtime

Monday 1 May.....First day of Term two

COMMUNITY NOTICES:

SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMME...Learn Karate while having a heap of fun at our daily themed School Holiday Programme. At the Taranaki Martial Arts Studio in Fitzroy, New Plymouth. Email: jsk50taranaki@gmail.com or Phone Shane on 027 268 0141 for more information and bookings. Check us out on Facebook: JSK5.0 Taranaki Martial Arts Studio.

HOLIDAY HOOPS BASKETBALL CAMP...Basketball Taranaki is inviting all players from the ages of 7-15 to attend a Holiday Hoops Basketball Camp in Taranaki. 27th April – New Plymouth - TSB Stadium. All players must register on the Basketball Taranaki website: <http://basketballtaranaki.co.nz/>. Under Online Registrations. Holiday Hoops.

*On behalf of the staff
Roz Miller, Principal*