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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.



15th MARCH 2017

Kia ora koutou, jumreap sooa, magándang hapon, nǎn hǎo, hello.

A warm welcome to Walter Henderson and Austin Haydon who have started school this week.

Our Friendship Seat is being well utilised. If you are unsure about how it works check out our Facebook page where you will find a video the senior students put together and showed at assembly.

RESPECT – our Value for the Term

Our students frequently display respect for others, which is commented on by members of the public. The five school Values have been part of our school’s mission statement for many years and our teachers teach what each of the Values mean. After all, if we want our children to learn maths or reading or writing we model and teach them, if we want them to learn manners we model what good manners look like and teach them and the same goes for our Values.

Some children are riding their bikes on the lawns and gardens in our village – not necessarily from our school but please can you talk to your children about showing respect for the property of others and we will reinforce it here at school?

Congratulations to the following students who received Principal’s Awards at our recent Celebration Assembly:

Tai Gilbert-Barlow, Baylee Mattock, Mahliek Clark, Jack Yates, Jayde Mcleman, Summer Taylor, Connor Mischeski, Cassidy Bhana, Caylen Blake, Adam Chilcott, Inam Paracha, Jed Williams-Jones, Aleisha Cooper, Tyler Bisson, Kyan Marsh, Aimee Gunther, Lihini Moratuwage, Sophie Quickfall, Baljyot Kaur, Aaliyah Green, Yi Qian Song, Ishaan Kataria, Nathan Macartney, Havana Verstraten-Parekura, Kyani Waitere, Lani Johnstone, Amy Henry, Charlotte Bradburn, Gaganpreet Kaur, Ryman Song.

SCHOOL PHOTOS.

A reminder that School Photos will be taken on Thursday 23 March. You should already have received an envelope with which to order photos. Sibling photos must be ordered in a separate envelope which is available at the office by request. THE DEADLINE FOR PHOTO ORDERS IS **WEDNESDAY 22 MARCH** – please ensure your orders are placed by this date.

SWIMMING SPORTS

THIS THURSDAY AND FRIDAY!!!

Please come and watch our swimming showcases. It is expected that all students will take part in this event, so please make sure that your child has their togs on the day.

Explorers Showcase	- Thursday 16th March, 1-1.30pm (inside pool)
Junior Swimming Showcase	- Thursday 16th March, 11:30am (outdoor pool, weather permitting)
Swimming Sports Year 3-8	- Friday 17th March (inside pool) - Years 3/4 starting at 11:30am
	- Years 5/6 -12.15pm
	- Year 7/8 - 1.15pm
	- Relays - 2.00pm

We look forward to seeing you there!

FURTHER SURVEY ANALYSIS

Bell Block School room environments and displays of work are stimulating.

Strongly Agree/Agree	96.55%	Don't Agree / Strongly Disagree	3.45%	Don't Know	
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Bell Block School integrates Te Reo and Tikanga (Māori language and culture) successfully.

Strongly Agree/Agree	65.86%	Don't Agree / Strongly Disagree	10.34%	Don't Know	13.79%
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School Camps for Year 5-8 students provide an appropriate level of challenge and are enjoyable for the students.

Strongly Agree/Agree	62.07%	Don't Agree / Strongly Disagree		Don't Know	37.93%
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Home learning is relevant and set at the correct level for my child.

Strongly Agree/Agree	79.31%	Don't Agree / Strongly Disagree	17.24%	Don't Know	3.45%
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The school grounds/playgrounds are attractive and inviting.

Strongly Agree/Agree	100%	Don't Agree / Strongly Disagree		Don't Know	
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MEET THE LEADERS.

Bula, my name is Heath Cummings and I am one of your Kereru Whanau Leaders for the first half of 2017. I love to help other kids and teachers in need. I like to make people laugh, smile and be happy. So if you see me in the playground please come and say “hi” to me.

PARENT INFORMATION SESSION

Today – 9.30am and 5.30pm. Do join us in the staffroom for an informal chat about how we are assessing children’s learning.

SENIOR TEAM OUTDOOR ACADEMY – SURFING.

The Senior team students were very excited to get the opportunity to apply for the Outdoor Surfing Academy recently.

Students who gained a place in the academy arrived at school last Wednesday morning filled with a mixture of excitement and anticipation about what lay ahead. After arriving at Fitzroy Beach, and being briefed by experienced surfer Daisy Day, the children wasted no time in choosing a board and hitting the surf.

To begin with, most students (and adults) experienced ‘overbalancing’ issues, which resulted in most people spending time in the chilly water. Techniques improved during the course of the morning however, and everyone managed to either stand up on their board or surf confidently.

We were very proud of the way every student tried their hardest and persevered to learn new skills. It was particularly pleasing to have the instructors compliment our school on the students’ positive behaviour and the way everyone helped each other.

“I managed to stand up lots and I would LOVE to do it again!” (Sam)

“It was a great experience and I will definitely apply to go again!” (Charlotte)

“I hadn’t done much surfing before I went but I learned new things and I would love to do it again!” (Mia)

FROM THE JUNIOR TEAM.

The Junior classes have got off to a great start for the year with lots of activities and learning. We have been learning about our school value of RESPECT and what it means both in and out of school.

The children are enjoying their swimming lessons during the current warmer weather and are very excited about participating in our fun Swimming Sports this week. They are also loving the new playground markings (special thanks to the PTA for raising the funds).

NETBALL.

If any Year 7 or Year 8 netball players have a goal of playing representative netball in 2017, it is important that you attend a ‘Preparing for Reps’ training session. These sessions are being held at different venues around Taranaki with one at the Waiwakaiho Courts on 16th March from 3:30-5pm. The cost is \$10. Please choose your preferred venue and register your child on the Netball Taranaki website.

TE REO ME NGA TIKANGA MAORI

We are currently in the process of planning our school wide visit to Muru Raupatu Marae and would be very keen to hear from our school whanau who are experienced in the protocol of whaikōrero (males speaking on the marae) and karanga (women calling). Please contact Mrs Miller, Mrs McKey or Whaea De Welch if you can help or guide us with this.

We are also **looking for helpers** to make smaller sized poi for our junior kapa haka roopu. Please contact Whaea De as soon as possible so that we can organise a workshop to make these.

TE REO PHRASE OF THE WEEK

Hui / A gathering or meeting of people. On a marae this was often done in the Wharenui or Whare Rūnanga.

TUCKSHOP

THIS WEEK’S SPECIAL - Hotdog Combo \$6 (hotdog & drink & large cookie)

Afternoon tea can also be ordered. Check out our menu: The Tuckshop @ Bell Block School. EFTPOS available.

DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Wednesday 15 March	Parent Information sessions - Assessments - 9:30am & 5:30pm
Thursday 16 March	Junior School Swimming Sports – 11:30am start
	Explorers Swimming Sports – 1pm - 1:30pm
Friday 17 March	Y3-8 School Swimming Sports – 11:30am start
Monday 20 March	School Triathlon
Wednesday 22 March	Last day to return photo orders
Thursday 23 March	School Photos
Friday 24 March	Celebration Assembly 2pm in the hall
Wednesday 29 March	ICAS entries close
Wednesday April 5	Orientation Morning for prospective new families

COMMUNITY NOTICES:

TARANAKI YEAR 5 & 6 SURFING COMPETITION 2017 at NP SURFRIDERS CLUB – FITZROY BEACH

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Please contact Mrs McKey if you are interested. Entries to be in no later than 20th March.

Bell Block United Junior Football Club... Registration forms are now available from the school office.

For more information please contact Jo Daken (0273852936).

Bell Block Rugby Club is holding Junior Rugby Registrations on Saturday 18th March, at 1pm at our clubrooms on Hickford Park. There will also be a free sausage sizzle for everyone. For further information parents can contact the club at bellblockclub@gmail.com 06 7550674 or 0204801335.

On behalf of the staff
Roz Miller, Principal