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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 NOVEMBER 2017.....

Dear Parents/Caregivers

Amritraj Singh enrolled with us this week. Welcome Amritraj. We know your friends in Room 1 were pleased to see you.

NEW PRINCIPAL APPOINTED.....

In case you missed the extra notice which went home on Monday announcing Mr Conrad Hailes' appointment to the Principal's position, beginning Term 1 2018, I have reprinted it here:

Over recent weeks the Board of Trustees has been engaged in the process of appointing a new Principal. All members of the Board, together with a staff representative and a Principal Adviser have been involved in the process, which concluded on Saturday with interviewing the short listed candidates.

I am delighted to tell you that Conrad Hailes, one of our current Deputy Principals, was successful in being appointed to the position. Conrad made an immediate impact in our school when he was appointed to the Associate Principal's position, with his strong relationships with all members of the community, his ability to analyse student achievement data and use this to inform teaching and learning programmes, and his focus on what is best for students.

Both Associate Principals' positions will be advertised nationally later this week with permanent appointments made to begin in Term 2 2018. For Term 1 Ms Siân Evans will be acting leader for the junior position, left vacant by the retirement of Mrs Knuckey. A fixed term appointment will be made for the position left vacant by Conrad's promotion.

*Greg Watt
Chairman
Board of Trustees*

FAREWELL ASSEMBLY...FRIDAY 15 DECEMBER 2PM.....

On Friday 15 December we will be having a special farewell assembly for Mrs Miller and Mrs Knuckey. All parents are welcome to attend this assembly where we will recognise the contribution these two amazing teachers and leaders have made to our school and the lives of countless students during their careers. It will be a sad time but we want to thank Judy and Roz for everything they have done for our school, the community and most of all the students.

ASSEMBLY AWARDS.....

Special congratulations to Jade Hassall and Amber Jordan who were awarded their Honours Badges and to Logan Kerrisk and Ashdin Tuuta-de Theirry on the awarding of their Citizens Award. Well done also to Gaganpreet Kaur who won the Explorers Award. Ka rawe!



Congratulations to the following students who received Principal's Awards at our last celebration assembly:
Jai Pringle, Braxtyn Maharey, Eva Rangiawha, Tessa Georgeson, Joseph McGee-Frampton, Toby Webb, Jamie Pihama-Jeffrey, Rhia Barlow, Ryan Agarwal, Royden Whitham, Steven Roach, Gaganpreet Kaur, Alizae Takerei, Kiarna-Jay Verstraten-Richardson, Willa Clark, Zuriiah Petera-Maxwell, Milan Coster, Atis Beldham, James Baker, Blake Hotter, Daniel Setoudeh, Inam Paracha, Peyton Frost, Felix Ratahi, Saffron Caldwell, Holly Swiggs, Liam Innes, Jessica Macartney, Baylee Mattock, Hannah Bradburn, Cole Stevens, Bryton Plowright, Kyle Beard.

Please see photos above.

KAPA HAKA PERFORMANCE...22 NOVEMBER AT 1:40PM.....

Our Kapa Haka groups will be performing in the hall on Wednesday 22 November following the Community Lunch. This is a great opportunity for our talented and dedicated Kapa Haka members to share their performance skills. Do join us.

BELL BLOCK LIONS CHRISTMAS PARADE...SATURDAY 2 DECEMBER 5PM.....

Our school will be taking part in this annual event. Ours will be a jungle themed Merry Christmas in which all students are welcome to join in. Watch this space - more details to follow.

ATHLETICS DAY...MONDAY 20 NOVEMBER.....

Times for events are not set in stone and may change slightly due to numbers of competitors but we will endeavour to be as accurate as we can.

9:00	Field Events for Year 1 and 2, followed by track events for Year 1 and 2
10:15 - 11:15	Field Events Year 3 and 4
11:15 - 12:45	Field Events Year 5, 6, 7 and 8
12:45	Lunch
1:10	Year 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 Track Events and Relays

Postponement day is Thursday 23 November

FROM THE INTERMEDIATE TEAM.....

The Creepy Noises I Hear at Night

It's 9pm and I'm off to bed,
Time to relax, to lay down my head.
Tucked under my covers, I hear
The first screech, this house is haunted,
And now I hear speech.
Every night I get this, strange noises
I hear, footsteps are creeping, but
My bedroom is bare.
I try to ignore them, pretend I don't
Care, but then goes more noises!
Someone is here.
Every night I get this, these creepy
Sounds, my house must be haunted.
The night with the hounds.

Penny Hambling Room 16



TECHNOLOGY FEES.....

Technology fees are now overdue. For those who have not paid, accounts were sent home with children last week. Technology fees are paid to Manukorihi School at the beginning of the school year and are an expense which the school has to pay and then recoup from parents. We appreciate your paying \$14 per term so that your child can take part in these additional activities.

Overdue Library Books

The end of the school year is drawing near and there are a vast number of overdue library books outstanding. Please have a really good look around the house for any books to return. Invoices for overdue books will be sent out within the next couple of weeks. Thanks.

Catherine Jordan, Librarian

SCHOLASTIC LUCKY BOOK CLUB.....

Issue 8 is the final issue of 2017 and orders are due back at school by Thursday 23rd November. Thank you for your wonderful support with Book Club this year. We are able to give each new entrant a lovely new book when they begin school because of your continued loyalty. Scholastic Lucky Book Club has many fantastic deals, well known popular titles and new books, plus much more for as little as \$2 per book which is pretty much impossible to find elsewhere. If you have never ordered from Book Club before this is your last chance for the year!

Wanted!

Bamboo sticks and a rhubarb plant for the school vege gardens.

ALSO

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Any questions please see Miss Bower.

TUCKSHOP.....

THIS WEEK'S CHALKBOARD SPECIAL.....Hawaiian Pizza \$3 or Pizza & Chips \$5

This term the Tuckshop will be open after school.

*On behalf of the staff
Roz Miller, Principal*

DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR.....

Monday 20 November.....Athletics Day - 9am Field Events & 1:10pm Track Events and Relay

Wednesday 22 November.....Community Helpers Lunch 12:30pm, Kapa Haka performance 1:40pm

Friday 24 November.....Celebration Assembly 2pm in the hall

Monday 27 November.....Y8 Orientation Visit NPBHS & NPGHS 11am - 12noon

Swimming starts

Thursday 7 December.....Board of Trustees meeting 5pm

Friday 8 December.....Senior Team Christmas Market 4-6pm

Wednesday 13 December.....Reports go home

Friday 15 December.....Farewell Assembly to Mrs Knuckey and Mrs Miller 2pm in the hall

Monday 18 December.....Leavers Assembly 7pm in the hall

Tuesday 19 December.....End of school year 12noon