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17TH MAY 2017

Tena ra koutou ki nga e wha; Greetings to everybody; kia ora, talofa lava, guten tag, konnichi wa, xin chào nēih hoū, choum reap sor; aweh.

I hope all our mothers enjoyed their special day on Sunday.

A very warm Bell Block School welcome is extended to Madeleine Taylor and Peyton Metcalfe this week. Enjoy learning with us.

We were very proud to see the following students receive Principal's Awards at assembly on Friday:
Autumn Felstead, Jekope Ligavatu, Haelym Johnson, Jayden Sahin, Serenity Trinder-Poutu, Yujin Wada-Butcher, Nate Kidney, Frankee O’Brien, Lucy Leach, Karl Lendib, Natalie Smith, Dahntay Friedrich, Ethan Sahin, Nathan Bell, Matai Mauga, Bailey Takerei, Akeisha Hinz, Cole Stevens, Manaaki Young, Braxton Hinz, Kaylin Partridge, Macee Williams-Jones, Lee Renau, Ashdin Tuutu-de Thierry, Gemma Maltby, Jazpa Benny-Pearce, Charlie Goldfinch, Rylee Beard, Ruby Evans, Marley Webb, Steven Roach, Lucy Martin.
Explorers Club Award: Inam Paracha

It was so exciting to see the large number of children dressed up in their national costumes on Friday as we celebrated **Cultural Diversity Day**. The families had provided delicious food from their culture which was enjoyed by all who participated.
I will always treasure the unity necklace onto which each child who took part in sharing their culture contributed a bead. It will always remind me of how much I have learnt about the different cultural groups we have in our school and what makes them special.



CELEBRATING DIVERSITY

Hello, my name is Rachel Song and I would like to tell you what it feels like to come from a different country. Well, I was born in NZ but most of me is Chinese. On Friday my teacher, Mrs. Hunter has invited over 90 boys and girls to come to a feast. But not just any old feast, a special feast. We will be celebrating diversity and those people are from all over the WORLD!!!!!! There are people from NZ, Scotland, China, Fiji, Japan, South Korea, South Africa, England, Switzerland and India. But one thing we have in common is that **We All Bleed Red**. And you may think oh, so you’re all different on the outside but same on the inside like M&Ms. But if you think about it, we are all the same inside and out and all of us are headed towards one goal - peace to the world. I know now you will think Oh, that’s never going to happen but hey, I think on the bright side.

Room 17 has been totally onto it and has been working on lots of different projects such as the group displays and their own slides but they were so excited about it they even did things for their homework! If you would like, you can come into the classroom and check out all the amazing stuff they’ve made.

The little kids are very excited about it and had so many amazing costumes you would think it’s a costume parade! There were platters of delicious food. There was lolly cake with eskimos, haggis, Russian fudge, yum cha, Hawaiian pizza, I just can’t name them all!!!

We all understand that we all smile in the same language and that we can all make the world a brighter place!
Yi Qian Room 17

YOUNG LEADERS CONFERENCE

"I am a Seed born of Greatness." E Kore au e ngaro, he Kakano i ruia mai i rangiatea was the theme of this year’s National Young Leaders’ Conference in Palmerston North. Our Student Council was up early and away by 6am, ready to be inspired, entertained, and energised. We joined 2000 other young leaders to hear some fantastic speakers including Aaron Jackson from Shortland Street, Trina Tamati, former CEO of the Auckland Rugby League 9’s, and Alistair Davis the CEO of Toyota New Zealand. One of the speakers, Matt Brown is a barber, he shared his inspirational message about surrounding yourself with people who will support you, while at the same time cutting a silver fern into the hair of a volunteer from the audience!
A highlight for us was a live performance by the band Nomad - we even got their autographs!
We learnt about the potential that we have inside us, and how we can transform that potential into a valuable life. Our environment is important and we can surround ourselves with people that help us grow, just like a seed. The National Young Leaders Conference was a big day for us, we didn’t get back to Bell Block till after 6pm, but it was worth every second.

COMMUNITY SURVEY

Below is a summary of the ideas parents had for us to focus on in the next three years:

- More music, including a choir
- Increased digital learning opportunites
- Monitoring home learning
- Continue to strengthen the Intermediate team
- Less art; more maths and science for Middle team and older. Perhaps a Science Club
- Participating in AIMS games
- More people joining the PTA
- Increased buddy time between Juniors and Interemdiates
- More te reo
- Better parental communication and inclusion for working parents
- Encouraging students to care for their environment. Litter duty on a weekly basis
- Fewer restrictions in the playground even with the new Health & Safety laws
- Look more into Bring Your Own Device
- Improved standard of sports equipment

FROM THE SENIOR TEAM

Kia ora koutou,
It is hard to believe we have packed so much into the first three weeks of Term 2.
Our inquiry this term is Turangawaewae - A Place to Stand. The children are learning how they can be a positive kaitautoko (supporter) for Te Reo and Tikanga Maori, and are very excited about our noho marae visit. The Senior students are fortunate to have the opportunity to spend a night at Muru Ruapatu to deepen their understanding of tikanga maori (customs and traditions).
We have also hosted our first inter school sports competition for the season this week. All teams competed hard and the children from both schools enjoyed the day. Thank you to all the whanau who provided the delicious baked goods for afternoon tea. Final results were Netball 15-0 Bell Block, Rugby 69-31 West End and Soccer 9-1 West End.
Our classroom programmes are just as busy with a particular focus in each of the key learning areas:
Writing - poetry and recount writing,
Maths - number knowledge and methods of solving maths problems,
Reading - supporting the children to use different ways to gain a deeper understanding of the stories they read.
Noho ora mai

RUGBY LEAGUE TOURNAMENT

On Wednesday 10th May Ashdin, Jackson, Arlo, Maia, Havana, Daniel, Veniana, Heath, Cross, Caleb and Michael travelled to Devon Intermediate to play in a Year 7 and 8 Rugby League Competition. Because we only had 11 players, four boys from Puketapu School joined our team so that we had a big enough squad to enter the competition.
There were only three other school teams in the competition. Devon Intermediate, Highlands and Francis Douglas all had teams which meant the games were going to be very tough for the much smaller schools of Bell Block and Puketapu combined. We lost all three games but were never completely thrashed and managed to score tries in every game. The tournament organisers chose a player from each team to receive an award for their fair play and all round 'goodness'!! They chose Heath from our team who also scored lots of our tries, tackled everything and everyone and ran himself to a standstill. There were a lot of these students with sore bodies the next day because they had worked so hard at the tournament.
Our supporters on the sideline were immensely proud of the way our players never gave up and gave their best always. We were the only team with girls in it and as their confidence grew from game to game they got better and better.
A huge thank-you to the parents who drove us there and supported us during the day. Thanks also to Paula Vakadula who came on the day and coached the team through each game. Your enthusiasm and encouragement and tactics were very much appreciated.
Well done Bell Block and Puketapu. Great effort.

TUCKSHOP

THIS WEEK’S SPECIAL ... Fish n Chips \$5
Check out the Term 2 menu on Facebook: The Tuckshop Bell Block School

TE REO PHRASE OF THE WEEK

Parts of the Wharenuī: Paepae (noun) beam, bar, horizontal board, threshold of a house, door sill, horizontal beam of a latrine. (noun) orators' bench.

LUCKY BOOK CLUB

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

SPORTING SUCCESS

Tyrehse Ruwhiu (Yr 6) competed in an Oceania Kenpo tournament last weekend. Kenpo is a form of martial art. His outstanding effort and performance at the tournament saw him return to New Plymouth with 2 Gold Medals: one for sparring in his weight division and the other gold medal for Self Defence. Well done Tyrehse. What an awesome achievement!
Congratulations also to Anjali Beasley (Room 10) on her Gold Medal for Poomsae at the Gold Coast Taekwondo Open recently.
Anjali also competed at the Oceania Taekwondo Union (OTU) competition in Auckland over the weekend where she received a Gold Medal for the 8-9 years Blue 1 category. Well done Anjali!

DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR
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