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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.



18TH OCTOBER 2017

Tēnā koutou kātoa

Welcome to the following students who started at Bell Block School this week: Regan Martin, Aaron Lim, Ryan Agarwal, Troy Armstrong, Trinity Zimmerman, Fien Koning, Diederick Pansegrauw and Rakaii Black. We hope you enjoy learning with us.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT FOR STAFF

The holidays were a great time for our staff to rest and reenergise themselves too, although as is often the case, a number of staff undertook professional development to ensure we all keep up to date in our practice and can therefore offer the very best to your children. Six teachers spent three days at an ICT conference in Hamilton, one teacher attended a one-day Literacy conference in Palmerston North and ten teachers and administration and support staff renewed their First Aid certificates or did the full training to qualify as a first aider. I attended a Principals' Conference in Auckland.

NEW DIRECTION

As the BOT Chair, Greg Watt mentioned in a previous newsletter, I will be leaving my position as Principal at the end of the year, as I begin a new position as a Leadership Advisor for Beginning Principals in 2018. I have been working part time in this position over the last six months.

It was with mixed feelings that I gave the BOT my resignation, as I have always thoroughly enjoyed my work here, and Bell Block School is a very special place for me.

Unfortunately the local news media have made some huge generalisations about the reason some principals are leaving their positions. When the reporter from the Daily News rang me I told her I would only speak about my own situation as I was aware my feelings were different to some others as I am very happy in my role but a new challenge is always an exciting opportunity. The reporter didn't separate my reason for leaving from that of other principals and the writer in the Midweek didn't even make any contact with me at all!

PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS

Congratulations to the following students who received Principal's Awards at the final Celebration Assembly of last term: Jaeda Wensor, Milla Ellis, Ayden Waswo, Mia Waruhia, Ada Rewa, Summer Mattock, Lucas Lyford, Karl Lendib, Christina Lee, Kupa Walden, Bryn Emmett-Pene, Peyton Watt, Lara Murdoch, Isabel Thomas, Alaina Maltby, Penny Hambling, Cornelius Te Pau Konui-Jacobs, Lacey Sole, Ocean Felstead, Kara-Lee Henry, Amy Ellis, Sol Lee, Manaaki Young, Tyler Roderick, Layken Stevens-Rapana, Taituha Anderson, Jai Pringle, Antonia Jury-Wilson, Mikayla Robinson, Steven Henry, Jekope Ligavatu, Ava Waswo.

Excellence Awards were received by:

Cultural	Jade Hassall		
Academic	Caleb Petersen	Madison Paris	Penny Hambling
Sports	Jade Hassall		
Services	Kristian Magon		

Aimee Witehira was presented with her Honours Badge after earning all four of the Excellence Awards.

Otago Problem Solving Challenge certificates were awarded to:

Madison Paris, Arlo Jordan - Merit
Caleb Petersen, Flint Roderick - Excellence

The following students received certificates for ICAS English:

Merit: Dylan Chilcott, Abbie Daken, Daniel Bradburn, Caleb Petersen
Credit: Delavan Mackey, Jorja Castles, Jesse Leach, Lexi McCallum, Hamin Yim, Tessa Georgeson, Aimee Witehira
Distinction: Jamie Clark

Well done to you all.

MEET THE LEADERS

Hi, my name is Kodie Sarich and I am your ICT Student Leader. I can help you with your technology queries, for example: fixing your computer/iPad or if you get stuck and don't know what to do I can help you. I am friendly and if you need a friend I am here to help you. I am hardworking and my favourite subject is reading.



At Bell Block School Library 2nd – 7th November, 8.40am – 3.30pm
Grandparents' Lunch and "Dress as your Favourite Character" Day – Friday 3rd November
Any parents wanting to help with book sales between 11.30am – 2.30pm on Friday 3rd please leave your name and contact details at the office.

GREETINGS FROM THE INTERMEDIATE TEAM

Taekwondo Victory

"Be less predictable," Coach said as I breathed heavily, two rounds have passed and I was already breathing heavily with my hands on my knees, extra fitness training would have been nice I thought to myself. The ref called us up, "one more minute" I said to myself, the round started and I threw some kicks at my opponent and he threw some back at me. The ref then stopped the fight and said that the match was over. I sighed in relief as I made myself go back to the middle of the mats with my opponent. The ref was about to declare the winner but I was too tired to even listen. The ref shouted "Blue wins!" and lifts up my hand, even though I only fought one person because there were only two people in our division (yes that means I came first), I was still happy that I got to fight.

By Karl Lendib

TARANAKI PRIMARY SCHOOLS CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS 2017

This event was held in Hawera on Wednesday 27 September. A group of 29 Bell Block School runners travelled down to Hawera in the morning, walked the course and then waited for their turn to run. Most races had about 150 runners from all over Taranaki.

Our Bell Block runners were:

9 year old girls = Bailey Wallace, Cian Flannagan, Lexi White, Emma Hale and Lucy Martin.
9 year old boys = Sam Hunger, Caylen Blake, Cade Johnstone, Dylan Chilcott, Riley Daken and Nate Kidney.
10 year old girls = Lara Murdoch, Mia Padrutt, Kaylee Campbell and Zahna Frost.
10 year old boys = Jayden Sahin, Royden Whitham, Tyler Reade and Tyrehse Ruwhiu.
11 year old girls = Abby Gardner-Harrison, Tiana Wright and Kiera Johnstone.
11 year old boys = Flint Roderick, Arlo Jordan and A-Jay Plowright.
12 year old girls = Campbell Smith.
12 year old boys = Issiah Bhana, Elijah Daken and Zharn Kidney.

Our top performance went to Campbell Smith who came third in her 12 year old girls race. Campbell received a medal for her effort and stood up on the dias with the other placings.

Thanks to all the parents who provided transport to get all the students down to Hawera and thanks to the students for running as hard and as fast as they could. It was a great day and even the weather played its part with beautiful sunshine.

GYMSPORTS COMPETITION

Congratulations to Mia Waruhia who won gold at the Gymsports competition last term.
Charlize Duncan and Saffron Caldwell were also placed 1st in Vault for the Springers (Year 3 &4).
Emma Hale was placed 6th out of all of the Year 3 & 4 competitors.



SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB

Book orders close on Friday 27th of October. Please return orders and money to the office by this date.

TUCKSHOP

THIS WEEK'S CHALKBOARD SPECIAL.....Fruit faces \$2.50 and a new term menu!

This term the Tuckshop will be open after school. There will be a few healthy snacks (eg: iceblocks) available for "after school only".



DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Monday 23 October.....Labour Day – school will be closed
Tuesday 24 October.....Pet Day 12:30pm
Thursday 26 October.....Puanga Festival 9:15am at Waitara War Memorial Hall
Friday 27 October.....Scholastic Book Orders close

Celebration Assembly 2pm in the hall

Monday 30 October.....Parihaka Storyteller Y5-8
Thursday 2 – Tuesday 7 November.....Scholastic Book Fair
Friday 3 November.....Dress as your Favourite Character Day and Grandparents Lunch
Friday 10 November.....Celebration Assembly 2pm in the hall

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Light Party (a positive alternative to Halloween)...Tuesday 31st October from 5:30-7:30pm at Northpoint Church, 116 Mangati Road
Lots of fun activities, bouncy castles, face painting, balloon animals and food. \$2 donation per family.

Food tickets available to buy at the gate, or food ticket pre-sales (\$1 per ticket) from Tues 24th October-Friday 27th October from 8:30-9:30am and 2:30-4:00pm at Northpoint office. Dress-up in your favourite costume (no scary costumes please).

For more information contact Jo Daken 0273852936.

2017 PRIMARY SCHOOLS TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS - This is an open competition for players up to and including Year 8 on Friday 27th October (postponement day Monday 30th October). There are two grades: Open (7 & 8) and Year 6 & under grade. Each player is guaranteed 2 games. If interested please pick up an entry form and info from the office. <http://taranakitennis.org/>

Fitzroy Surf Lifesaving Club 2017/18 Season - Our family friendly club would like to welcome new and returning members to our registration evening and first club day of the upcoming season. If you are interested in finding out what our club has to offer, come along and check us out. Our Junior Surf programme aims to provide children with the opportunity to have fun and gain confidence and skills in beach and water safety. **Opening Day and Registration:** Saturday 4th November 2017 at Fitzroy SLSC.

Please email junior@fitzroyslsc.co.nz for further information.

On behalf of the staff
Roz Miller, Principal