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NEWSLETTER



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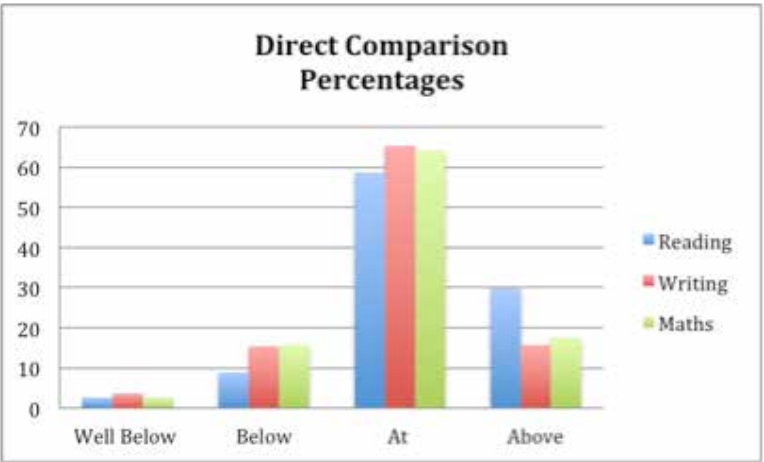
To provide in partnership with home and community the educational opportunities for all pupils to develop into life long learners who actively contribute to society in a positive way.



22ND FEBRUARY 2017

Dear Parents / Caregivers

NOVEMBER NATIONAL STANDARDS ANALYSIS 2016
READING, WRITING, MATHEMATICS COMPARISON



Percentage comparisons of National Standard at a glance						
	Well Below	Below	At	Above	NZ Expected % At and Above	Bell Block School % At and above
Reading	2.6	8.9	58.7	29.8	78.0	88.0
Writing	3.7	15.4	65.3	15.7	70.5	81.0
Mathematics	2.6	15.7	64.2	17.5	75.5	81.7

TRENDS IDENTIFIED
 Reading is the area with the highest percentage of students At or Above the National Standard with 88%. Mathematics and Writing are Similar with 81.7% and 81% respectively.
 Over the last four years the school data is consistently above the national percentage for students At or Above National Standards; Reading, 88%-91%: Writing 80%-82%: Mathematics 80% - 82.4%.
 The teaching staff has completed a very thorough review of the data and has set the following goals for 2017, based on this data which was approved by the Board of Trustees at it's meeting last week.

Reading:
 Increase the number of Year 4 students achieving stanine 5 and above.
 Reduce the number of Māori students achieving stanine 4 and below.

Writing:
 To increase the Year 6 mean to Above the National Standard.
 Accelerate the progress of more Māori students.
 To reduce the percentage of students below the Standard from 19.1%.

Mathematics:
 The 2017 Year 7 group - to increase the number of students At and Above.
 Reduce the gap between Male and Female Students.
 Improve the percentage of Asian students At and Above the Standard.
 A full report, complete with the School Charter including the Strategic Plan, is available at the office.

MEET THE LEADERS
 Kia ora, my name is Tessa Georgeson and I am thrilled to be your Head Girl for the first half of 2017.
 My goal as Head Girl is to help other students experience the same opportunities as I have had in my previous years at Bell Block School. I want to work with children and support them during their journey to achieve their goals.
 I believe that the key to achieving your goals isn't just having a good teacher, it is that you try 'Your Best Always' and strive to be the best you can be.

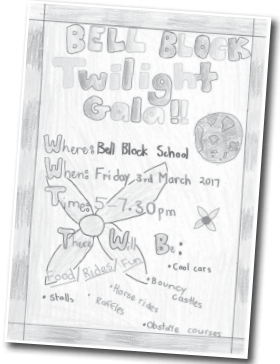


MEET THE TEACHER AND SET GOALS FOR YOUR CHILD/REN
TOMORROW Thursday 23 February
 We hope all our students will have at least one parent or guardian come to these very important meetings to discuss class programmes and to set goals for the first half of the year.
 Interviews will be held in the classrooms between 8.00 - 8.30am and 3.10 - 7.30pm. Interviews must be booked online at www.schoolinterviews.co.nz/code using the event code c255k. Please note that the bookings website will be closed off TODAY (Wednesday) at 3:15pm. After this time you may phone the office to make an appointment.

PTA NEWS
Gala – Friday 3 March 5pm – 7:30pm
 Nine more sleeps and our Twilight Gala will be in full swing! We are looking forward to seeing you all there. We do need more helpers. If you can help please let us know – there will be a Helpers list in the office. Please go in and have a look and find out if there is a suitable time slot for you. We have two cars booked and we are looking for drivers. So please contact us if you would like to drive Herbie or Hummer. Thank you so much for all the donations we have received so far. Keep them coming. The dates for donations you can find below once again. And please remember to tell your friends to come to our Gala!

- Wed. 22nd - Pamper Pack item
- Thu. 23rd - Chocolate item
- Fri. 24th - Children's prize pack item
- Mon. 27th - White Elephant/Garage Sale items
- Tue. 28th - Books/DVD's
- Thu. 2nd March &- Cakes/sweets
- Fri. 3rd March

From the PTA (Gösta - 0223531639 for any queries)



FROM THE SENIOR TEAM
 The Senior Team teachers and students are enjoying getting to know each other and there are lots of positive relationships being built within classes and across the team. A big THANK YOU to whanau (family) at home for helping your children to prepare their "Getting to Know Me" bag which they all shared in their classes recently. Children showed a genuine interest in each others' presentations, not only learning about each other, but also the importance of respecting each other and our differences.

Swimming lessons are well underway and we encourage all students to ensure they bring their togs each day. All levels of swimming are well catered for and extension swimming has now commenced with Mrs Parkinson at lunchtimes. All groups are flexible which allows for movement of children between groups to cater for different swimming skills.

We are again fortunate to have Manuel from Sport Taranaki taking our Skills for Life Programme which is focusing on co-operation, positive communication and thinking skills presented through games in PE.

TE REO PHRASE OF THE WEEK
 Iwi / Larger group of many hapū with a common ancestor eg: Ngāpuhi. Iwi can also mean bones.

TUCKSHOP
THIS WEEK'S SPECIAL - Pizza – Hawaiian \$3, Pizza & Chips \$5, Marshmallow cupcakes \$2
 Afternoon tea can also be ordered. Thank you for your support. Check out our menu: The Tuckshop @ Bell Block School. EFTPOS available.

DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Thursday 23 February	Meet the Teachers
Friday 24 February	Celebration Assembly 2pm in the hall
Friday 3 March	School Gala 5pm – 7:30pm
Friday 10 March	Celebration Assembly 2pm in the hall
Monday 13 March	Taranaki Anniversary Day – school will be closed
Thursday 16 March	Junior School Swimming Sports & Explorers Swimming Sports
Friday 17 March	Y3-8 School Swimming Sports
Monday 20 March	School Triathlon
Thursday 23 March	School Photos
Friday 24 March	Celebration Assembly 2pm in the hall
Wednesday 29 March	ICAS entries close

*On behalf of the staff
 Roz Miller, Principal*