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## NEWSLETTER



## WHATS INSIDE THIS WEEK

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- Shoe Box Christmas
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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.



22ND NOVEMBER 2017 .....

Dear Parents/Caregivers

Again this week we offered a very warm Bell Block welcome to new entrants – Karan Singh and Ethan Hughes. With athletics, swimming and end of year activities there’s lots to look forward to, including some great learning in Room 1.

PROJECT BASED LEARNING .....

The Year 7/8 students in Room 15 are involved in Project Based Learning where they design a project they are passionate about. This project has to benefit others. The students go through all steps of the project from its inception to completion, including design, planning etc and gaining support from me for the project. There are currently four groups underway, one visiting Maida Vale on a fortnightly basis, one planning to provide food and blankets for the homeless and one decorating the Intermediate toilets. The entire project is student driven, including raising the funds to purchase any resources they need. One group organised a sausage sizzle to raise the funds they require to complete their project.

SHOE BOX CHRISTMAS .....

Alongside the Room 15 projects, the Student Council also cooked a sausage sizzle to fund the purchase of their “legacy” project – providing Christmas gifts for children who would otherwise not receive them. Their gifts will be distributed through our family worker, Ria Julian, who works for Tu Tama Wahine.

It is very satisfying to see our students putting a lot of thought into making life better for others. Ka rawe – we are proud of you.



SWIMMING STARTS NEXT WEEK .....

Please check the attached timetable and remind your children to bring their togs on their swimming days. We welcome parents to help us at swimming. No experience needed – you will be asked to help change smaller children or take a little group. You will be given a card with exactly what to ask them to do written on. Please see your class teacher if you can help.

FROM THE JUNIOR TEAM .....

The Junior classes enjoyed Athletics Day on Monday morning. They had a try at some jumping, throwing and other field events before their running races. It was great to see them all trying their best and having fun. Thank you so much to all the parents and grandparents who came to support their children. Over the past few weeks the classes have been planting seeds and watching them grow. We are planting sunflowers in the gardens outside Rooms 1-4 so hopefully they will put on a great show later in the summer.



Reading books will not be sent home in the last two weeks of term as we have to collect them all in and get them sorted ready for next year.

SPORTING SUCCESS .....

Congratulations to Tayla Fredrickson who has been selected for the Taranaki U15s Girls cricket team. We are proud of you.

PTA - SUNBLOCK .....

The PTA will be providing sunblock again this summer season. Please be aware that the sunblock that is supplied to the classrooms gives your children the normal SPF 50+ protection. If your child is sensitive to this sunscreen please have them bring their own. Bring on Summer!

SCHOLASTIC LUCKY BOOK CLUB .....

Unfortunately, we have had to close the book orders early. Apologies for any inconvenience this may cause. 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!

ATHLETIC SPORTS FUN .....

The enthusiasm of the athletes, whānau support, the weather and the organisation of Miss Bower, Mr Bilderbeck and Mr Rutherford combined to make it a very happy and successful day. Congratulations to all our place getters and all who took part in such good spirits. Next week we’ll have the track events results.

Athletics Results 2017 - Sprint Events (Year 3-8)

Event	Age group	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>
100 metres	Year 3 Girls	Viv Benton	Teegan Watt	Milla Ellis
	Year 3 Boys	Coredae Wipiiti-Boylan	Curtis Peters = Frankee O'Brien	Nico Jordan 4 <sup>th</sup>
	Year 4 Girls	Charlize Duncan	Ruby Evans	Lexi White
	Year 4 Boys	Riley Daken	Troy Armstrong	Ollie McCallum
	Year 5 Girls	Lara Murdoch	Kelly-Ann Lockley	Samara Lester
	Year 5 Boys	Tyler Reade	Ayden Waswo	Sam Hunger
	Year 6 Girls	Abby Gardner-Harrison	Peyton Watt	Kaylee Campbell
	Year 6 Boys	Kaiden Lyes	Tyrehse Ruwhiu	Cooper Pringle
200 metres	Year 7 Girls	Kate Henry	Imogen Paris	Tiana Wright
	Year 7 Boys	Dylan Benton	Karl Lendib	Flint Roderick
	Year 8 Girls	Aimee Witehra	Madison Paris	Campbell Smith
	Year 8 Boys	Heath Cummings	Jackson Kilgour	Ashdin Tuuta-de-Thierry
	Year 3 Girls	Viv Benton	Adele Keighley	Teegan Watt
	Year 3 Boys	Coredae Wipiiti-Boylan	Jack Jones	Frankee O'Brien
	Year 4 Girls	Charlize Duncan	Ruby Evans	Lexi White
	Year 4 Boys	Riley Daken	Kyle Beard	Ollie McCallum
	Year 5 Girls	Lara Murdoch	Kelly-Ann Lockley	Samara Lester
	Year 5 Boys	Tyler Reade	Caylen Blake	Isikeli Ligavatu
	Year 6 Girls	Abby Gardner-Harrison	Melody Robertson	Kaylee Campbell
	Year 6 Boys	Kaiden Lyes	Tyrehse Ruwhiu	Cooper Pringle
	Year 7 Girls	Kate Henry	Imogen Paris	Alaina Maltby
	Year 7 Boys	Dylan Benton	Flint Roderick	Karl Lendib
	Year 8 Girls	Aimee Witehira	Madison Paris	Campbell Smith
	Year 8 Boys	Heath Cummings	Caleb Petersen	Zharn Kidney

Whānau Relay – Each whānau had a runner from each Year level:

1<sup>st</sup> Kereru      2<sup>nd</sup> Takahe      3<sup>rd</sup> Piwaiwaka

Team Relays:

Middle      1<sup>st</sup> Room 11      2<sup>nd</sup> Room 12      3<sup>rd</sup> Room 13  
Senior      1<sup>st</sup> Room 9      2<sup>nd</sup> Room 10      3<sup>rd</sup> Room 7  
Intermediate      1<sup>st</sup> Room 16      2<sup>nd</sup> Room 15      3<sup>rd</sup> Room 17

TUCKSHOP .....

THIS WEEK’S CHALKBOARD SPECIAL.....Mini mince combo \$6 (3 mini mince pies + drink + large cookie)  
This term the Tuckshop will be open after school.

DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR .....

Friday 24 November.....Celebration Assembly 2pm in the hall  
Monday 27 November.....Y8 Orientation Visit NPBHS & NPGHS 11am - 12noon  
Swimming starts  
Friday 1 December.....Tough Kids Challenge at Yarrow Stadium  
Saturday 2 December.....Bell Block Christmas Parade  
Thursday 7 December.....Board of Trustees meeting 5pm  
Friday 8 December.....Explorers Christmas Concert  
Senior Team Christmas Market 4-6pm

Wednesday 13 December.....Reports go home  
Thursday 14 December.....Y8 Celebration Dinner at Marbles  
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

COMMUNITY NOTICES .....

Have fun at a Tennis Hot Shots Tournament on Sunday 19 November - 9.30am-1pm at Waiwaka Tennis Club (Chilman St, Lower Merrilands, New Plymouth) - Play lots of short matches. Have heaps of fun! - Spot Prizes  
Text details to 021 1736760, OR email yschamberlain@gmail.com. Cost \$10. See you there! (If wet is postponed to following weekend).

On behalf of the staff  
Roz Miller, Principal