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NEWSLETTER

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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.



29TH MARCH 2017.....
Kia ora koutou, jumreap sooa, magándang hapon, nĩn hão, hello.

Monday was an especially busy day with the school triathlon and an especially busy one for three new students to start school. Lacey Sole and Serena Wong were welcomed into Room 1 and Chris Evans to Room 14. Chris didn't take long to get involved competing in the triathlon when someone had to withdraw. We are pleased to have you all at our school, Lacey, Serena and Chris.

Congratulations to all the competitors in the school Triathlon and special thanks to Mr Bilderbeck for his superb organisation. We are grateful to Anna Duncan, NZ Police for organising the traffic safety management plan and supporting personnel, for the biking part of the event.

SPORTS ASSEMBLY – MONDAY APRIL 10TH 9.15AM.....
A special assembly will be held to present the Year 3-8 Swimming Sports ribbons and the certificates for the Triathlon.

ANZAC SERVICE.....
We welcome you all to join us for our short ANZAC service on the last day of the term at 11.45am, on the grass area outside the staffroom or in the hall, if it is wet (how unlikely!).
Following the service and to celebrate the end of the term the PTA will be cooking sausages for lunch and selling cold drinks and sweets. An order form for sausages will be included in next week's newsletter so the PTA has an idea of approximately how many will be required.

BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL.....
Our children are doing very well in remembering to wait in the Room 1 bay if they arrive at school before 8.25am. Thank you for helping us with this.
After school is not working so well. There is a very small number who are picked up later than 3.15pm and who do not go to Kelly Club. We cannot have them playing around in the Kelly Club area. Parents pay for their children to be supervised at Kelly Club and it's not fair for them to have non paying students to supervise as well.
If you need to pick your children up after 3.15pm please remind them that they need to be on the playground or court area outside the junior block.

COMMUNITY HEALTH.....
We have been advised that there is Whooping Cough in the Bell Block Community. If you develop a cough and are at all concerned please see your GP. Pregnant women in their third trimester should seek advice from their Lead Maternity Carer.

BELL BLOCK SCHOOL FACEBOOK PAGE.....
Just a little reminder that our school Facebook page is another means of sharing information with our community. Many parents have been messaging our Facebook page wanting additional information - we cannot guarantee replying to your messages so the best thing to do is contact the school office or your child's classroom teacher. Not everything is posted on here because our school newsletter publishes the relevant information for our families (remember if your child has forgotten to bring a newsletter on a Wednesday it is available on the school website).

MEET THE LEADERS.....
Hi, my name is Ashdin Tuuta-de Thierry and I am one of your Piwaiwaka Whanau Leaders for the first half of 2017. I love helping little kids and like to have fun. If you ever see me in the playground please come and say "Hi".



TE REO PHRASE OF THE WEEK.....
Wharenuí / Whare – house and nui – big. A wharenuí is the gathering place on a marae for hui.

TUCKSHOP.....
THIS WEEK'S SPECIAL..Hawaiian Pizza \$3 or Pizza & Chips \$5
This is the last week to enter into the draw to be in to win two lunches valued at \$6. Check out our Facebook page.

SCHOOL TRIATHLON 2017 RESULTS

Mixed Teams

Year 3

- 1st Jack Jones, Joey Te Pau Konui-Franek
2nd Taj Taogaga, Noah Hooper, Kupa Walden
3rd Frankee O'Brien, Luka Koning, Benjamin Whiteley
4th Amelia Plowright, Summer Taylor

Year 4

- 1st Riley Daken, Lukas Morgan, Kahurangi Emmett-Pene
2nd Jasiah Berge, James Aitken, Arana Shone
3rd Steven Henry, Jessica Macartney, Jamie Clark
4th Hayley Tito, Jazz McLeod, Jaeda Wensor

Year 5

- 1st Isikeli Ligavatu, Aiden Morgan, Wyatt Vinsen
2nd Daltonē Koegelenberg, Steven Roach, Cade Johnstone
3rd Caylen Blake, James Baker
4th Kaelyn Osborne, Charlotte Hambling, Lucy Ireson

Year 6

- 1st Luca Ward, Lyam Robertson, Lucas Besley
2nd Amelia Bishop, Jorja Castles, Keeley Taylor
3rd Emma Petersen, Sophie Quickfall, Ashanti van Beveren Tumai
4th Alexa Hale, Macee Williams-Jones

Year 7

- 1st Nathan Macartney, Karl Lendib, Ishaan Kataria
2nd Yi Qian Song, Alisha Cheav, Shanae Cameron
3rd Michael Hatcher, Tori Radonich, Jordan Landman-Busby
4th Kate Henry, Kiera Johnstone, Jamie Pihama-Jeffrey

Year 8

- 1st Heath Cummings, Zharn Kidney, Jackson Kilgour
2nd Liam Hunger, Kristian Magon, Ashdin Tuuta-de Thierry
3rd Mahliek Clark, Caleb Petersen, Chris Hardegger
4th Devon Cameron, Heino Jansen van Rensburg, Kodie Sarich

The results of the Individual Triathlons will be published in next week's newsletter.

SURFING

By Lucy

I squeezed into my wetsuit and then put on a tight rash-top. After I had finally got into them I ran upstairs with everyone else. It was now time to choose our surfboard. I chose a yellow one. We took them down to the beach and practiced our pop-ups. We ran and then some-one yelled "drop" and we got to the ground and did a pop-up.

Now it was time to start surfing. We grabbed our boards and ran into the water. Some people who had surfed before were up in the first five minutes, but I had never surfed before so decided to start by just catching a wave while lying on my board. That was so fun! I was now onto trying to stand up. The first attempt did not work and I fell off as soon as I got onto my knees. "Practice makes perfect," I thought as I stumbled through the waves.

I tried again and again and finally after about ten attempts I was finally standing and riding already broken waves. By the end of the first day I was out in chest deep water catching waves that had already broken and getting smashed by a lot of them too.

The second day had come and my goal was to be able to catch waves that had not broken. But first I rode some broken waves to recap what I had already learnt. Then I went out deeper. The waves were bigger today so I had to hold onto my board to float over some of them. But with others I had to throw my board back to stop the fins from hurting me.

But I completed my goal of riding unbroken waves. I was happy when it was time to pack up. I was also very tired. I am looking forward to next time I get to surf.S

DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

- Wednesday 29 March..... Weetbix Tryathlon
ICAS entries close
Hockey registrations close
Tuesday 4 April..... Interschool Swimming Sports
Wednesday 5 April.....Orientation Morning for prospective new families
EPR08 Challenge Y7/8
Thursday 6 April..... EPR08 Challenge Y5/6
Immunisations Y7/8 - 11:30am in the Library
Friday 7 April..... Celebration Assembly – 2pm in the hall
Monday 10 April..... Sports Assembly – 9:15am in the hall
Thursday 13 April..... Last day of term
ANZAC Service – 11:45am on front lawn
Friday 14 April..... Good Friday

COMMUNITY NOTICES:

TSB Community Trust Community Funding Sessions: Are you involved with a voluntary community group? Keen to chat about funding and find out more about TSB Community Trust community grants? Need help with an application?

Our Staff are heading your way! From March to November 2017 we are holding regular informal chats at Hawera, Opunake, Stratford and Waitara Libraries. To find out when we're in your area visit the Trust's website: <https://www.tsbtrust.org.nz/News-and-Publications/>
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*On behalf of the staff
Roz Miller, Principal*