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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.



3RD MAY 2017

Kia ora koutou, jumreap sooa, magándang hapon, nín hảo, hello.

While most of us didn't enjoy the sort of weather we expect over the Christmas holidays we certainly couldn't complain about the weather over the last two weeks. I hope you got to spend the time doing some of the things you enjoy as a family.

We enjoyed welcoming Leo Song and Shivaan Kataria to Room 2 on Monday and a new staff member too – Mrs Carol Lopusiewicz has joined our team of amazingly talented and conscientious teacher aides.

LEARNING FOCI

Our Inquiry this term is entitled “**Mana Maori** - Turangawaewae - A place to stand!” (turanga = standing place / waewae = feet)

This theme encourages us to embrace and celebrate all things Māori. The students will learn about our local marae, Muru Raupatu, the local tangata whenua, (home people), Māori traditions and tikanga. While all students will be taking part in the visit to Muru Raupatu, Whaea De, her husband Terry and Mrs McBreen have created a wharenui in Room 4 which not only looks amazing but will provide valuable learning for the children.

The Value for this term is Taking Responsibility, which I linked to our ANZAC service when I talked to the children about the responsibility the soldiers in all the wars have taken and the lessons we can all learn from them about what responsibility means. Our ANZAC service was a fitting tribute to all those who served in the war and especially to the ex pupils of our school who died in either of the World Wars.

Thanks to Mrs Lamb, Mr Hailes, Whaea De, Mr Bilderbeck and some of their children, the beautiful poppy display was created on our school lawn before 25 April and it has been admired by many people.

You might like to look at some small jobs at home your children could take responsibility for.

ASSEMBLY

We encourage all our parents, caregivers and whānau to join us at our fortnightly school assemblies where we celebrate learning and the success and endeavours of our students. This term they will be held in the even weeks beginning on Friday 12 May at 2pm.

PARKING SAFETY AROUND SCHOOL

There have been some issues recently with cars being parked dangerously around the school during after school pick up. Please park your cars safely when collecting your children. Do not park across driveways, footpaths or on yellow lines as this jeopardises the safety of our children.

TUCKSHOP
THIS WEEK'S SPECIAL ... Hotdog Combo \$6 (hotdog, drink & large cookie)
The Term two menu is out now – check it out on Facebook.



FURTHER SURVEY ANALYSIS			
The staff keep me well informed.			
Strongly Agree/Agree	89%	Don't Agree / Strongly Disagree	10.71%
The level and type of fundraising is reasonable.			
Strongly Agree/Agree	89.28%	Don't Agree / Strongly Disagree	7.14%
I am very satisfied with Bell Block School.			
Strongly Agree/Agree	100%	Don't Agree / Strongly Disagree	
The school has clear expectations for students to follow.			
Strongly Agree/Agree	96.55%	Don't Agree / Strongly Disagree	
Students are encouraged to support and care for each other.			
Strongly Agree/Agree	96.55%	Don't Agree / Strongly Disagree	
There are effective processes for dealing with conflict and tensions amongst students.			
Strongly Agree/Agree	62.06%	Don't Agree / Strongly Disagree	
Bullying and violence of any kind is not tolerated and dealt with promptly and effectively.			
Strongly Agree/Agree	65.51%	Don't Agree / Strongly Disagree	
Staff provide positive role models.			
Strongly Agree/Agree	93.11%	Don't Agree / Strongly Disagree	
The school has adopted responsible practices to ensure students are safe in the playground.			
Strongly Agree/Agree	89.66%	Don't Agree / Strongly Disagree	
Systems for checking absences and punctuality are effective.			
Strongly Agree/Agree	93.10%	Don't Agree / Strongly Disagree	

For parents or new students in 2016:
I was provided with enough information.
Strongly Agree/Agree 77.77% Don't Agree / Strongly Disagree 22.22% Don't Know

MEET THE LEADERS

Hi, my name is Jade Hassall and I am proud to be one of your amazing Kereru Whanau Leaders for the first half of 2017. I enjoy shopping with my friends and hanging out with my family. I like to dance (Jazz) and play basketball. My goal as a leader is to set a good example to others.



READING TOGETHER WORKSHOP

Last year Bell Block School ran a very successful Reading Together program in the School Library from 2 – 3pm. Reading Together® is a research-based workshop program that helps parents/whānau to provide effective support for their children's reading at home. There are pamphlets available at the school office that go into more detail about Reading Together. If you are interested in this program we are looking at running this again early in Term 2. There are four workshops spread over 6-7 weeks. We are also offering this to other parents in the community whose children have not yet started school. So if you know of any families that may be interested please spread the word!

Please put your name and contact details down at the office if you are interested. We look forward to seeing you!

Roz Miller and Wendy Foster



FROM THE JUNIOR TEAM

The classes in the Junior Team have got off to a busy start this term with Sport Taranaki coming to help out with our ball skills and also our scooter skills. Rooms 1,2 and 3 had their scooter skills on Tuesday and it was great to see so many children bringing their scooters and helmets to school and learning skills such as fitting helmets correctly, how to stop, how to cross the road safely and watching out for driveways while riding on the footpath. Rooms 4,5 and 6 have their scooter training tomorrow (Thursday).



On behalf of the staff
Roz Miller, Principal

DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Thursday 4 May..... Scooter skills – Junior School
Monday 8 May..... Vision & Hearing Testing
Friday 12 May..... Celebration Assembly – 2pm in the hall
Monday 15 May..... Young Leaders Conference
Tuesday 16 May..... Noho Marae – Junior & Intermediate teams and (Rooms 9 & 10 overnight)
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