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NEWSLETTER



WHATS INSIDE THIS WEEK

- Meet the Teacher
- Farewell Assembly
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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.



6TH DECEMBER 2017
Kia ora, hello, namaste, nia hao, chum reap suor, wai

MEET THE NEW TEACHER
On Friday December 15 at 9.30am children will spend time in their 2018 classroom, meeting the teacher and their new classmates. Children moving into our school have been invited to join us at this time too.

FAREWELL ASSEMBLY...FRIDAY 15 DECEMBER 2PM
On Friday 15 December we will be having a special farewell assembly for Mrs Miller and Mrs Knuckey. All parents are welcome to attend this assembly where we will recognise the contribution these two amazing teachers and leaders have made to our school and the lives of countless students during their careers. It will be a sad time but we want to thank Judy and Roz for everything they have done for our school, the community and most of all the students.

SPORTS ASSEMBLY... MONDAY 11 DECEMBER AT 9AM IN THE HALL
A special Sports Assembly will take place next Monday to present ribbons for Athletics Day placegetters. Please do join us.

END OF YEAR ARRANGEMENTS

Final Assembly in the Hall - Monday December 18, starting at 7pm: We expect all students to attend the final assembly which is a celebration of the year's learning when each teacher will present one student in their class with the Endeavour Award. The recipient is someone who always displays our School Values and tries their best with all learning.

Please arrange for your child/ren to meet in their classroom at 6.45pm and collect them from their classroom after the assembly, at approximately 8.30pm.

Kapa Haka students will meet in Room 15 at 6.15pm.

We know sometimes it is difficult to get babysitters for your pre school children, and if this is the case for you and you bring your pre schoolers with you, please keep them seated with you. You may be best to sit near an exit downstairs so that if they become restless you are able to leave easily. If they are allowed to walk or run around this can be a distraction for the students who try really hard to sit still and listen during what is our most important assembly of the year.

Upstairs in the hall is reserved for adults over 17 years of age unless accompanied by an adult.

SCHOOL CLOSING DAY AND TIME

School will close at 12 noon on Tuesday 19 December. **The school bus does not run on that day.** Some parents find their children are tired after the assembly and choose to keep them at home. **If you do that please advise the school, to save a large number of phone calls being made.**

EXPLORERS CONCERT

Our Explorers Club, a group of 12 children either with Special Needs or who are still learning to speak English, have been preparing a gorgeous musical play called "How the Grinch Stole Christmas" which they will perform twice this Friday morning in the Bell Block Hall. The show takes half an hour, the first performance starts at 11.45, then again at 12.30. The children have made some massive progress with their development in preparing for this show, and again we are very proud of their achievement. Great costumes, set and props. Do join us.



ATHLETICS RESULTS...please see attached notice.....



GREETINGS FROM THE SENIOR TEAM

Christmas Market...This Friday at 4pm

Senior students have been working really hard on creating their products for our Christmas Market stalls. There has been a high level of engagement as children attempt to make the biggest profit they can from their 'business'. The whole idea was for the costs to be kept to a minimum so that 'business owners' could think of ways to maximise their profits. The money will be pooled into a Senior Team Fund after the market to assist in keeping senior camp costs as low as possible in 2018. Our current Year 4 students have been asked to provide home baking and to run the bake stall at the Christmas Market. This is a fabulous way to contribute! If you are able to help on your child's stall, please contact your child's teacher. We will be running a ticket system to buy items at the market which will make it easier for children to handle.

Room 8 would like to introduce Murphy! He is the newest member of Bell Block School. Murphy is a life-sized anatomically correct skeleton. Room 8 has been studying the skeletal system and have been taking lessons with other classrooms. We welcome friends and whanau to pop in to Room 8 and meet him. One of our friendly class members would be happy to teach you all about the bones in your body!



SCHOOL COUNCIL LEGACY PROJECT

The School Council had much pleasure in wrapping the gifts they had fundraised for, to give to children who are less fortunate than themselves. They raised in excess of \$400 and will present the gifts on Wednesday to Ria Julian, our Family Worker from Tu Tama Wahine, who will distribute the gifts. We acknowledge your effort and work, Councillors. Take a bow – we are proud of you.

Thank you to Noel Leeming who generously donated \$126.60 to our school as a result of their recent Friends and Family promotion.



TUCKSHOP

THIS WEEK'S CHALKBOARD SPECIAL.....Mac n Cheese \$5. The Tuckshop is open after school for ice blocks!

LOST PROPERTY

Please have a look through the Lost Property (at the end of the corridor next to Room 4) and encourage your children to do the same. At the end of the term all remaining items are donated to charity.

DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Thursday 7 December.....Board of Trustees meeting 5pm
Friday 8 December.....Explorers Christmas Concert 11:45am and 12:30pm in the hall
Senior Team Christmas Market 4-6pm
Monday 11 December.....Sports Assembly 9am in the hall
Wednesday 13 December.....Reports go home
Thursday 14 December.....Y8 Celebration Dinner at Marbles
Friday 15 December.....Meet the Teacher 9:30am
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
Wednesday 31 January.....Term one begins 8:55am

COMMUNITY NOTICES

New Plymouth Basketball Association has trials for Easter rep teams Under 11's to Under 19's - they are being held on 10th December. For further details and to register go to: www.newplymouthbasketball.co.nz
Enquiries to: development@newplymouthbasketball.co.nz. You must register and trial for NPBA to be considered for a Basketball Taranaki rep team which is invite only.

*On behalf of the staff
Roz Miller, Principal*