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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.



8th MARCH 2017

Kia ora, Bula, Anyoung Heseyo, Talofa, Goededag, Grūezi, Marbaa

What an exciting event the Gala was. The PTA has a report later in the newsletter but I want to say what an amazing group of people they are. They were hard working, well organised, full of good ideas and prepared to put in long hours to ensure we enjoyed a fabulous community event, while raising funds at the same time. The PTA was well supported by the teaching staff and their classes who each organised an activity. My thanks to everyone who took a role in organising the event and those who supported it in any way.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

A reminder that School Photos will be taken on Thursday 23 March. You should already have received an envelope with which to order photos. Sibling photos must be ordered in a separate envelope which is available at the office by request. THE DEADLINE FOR PHOTO ORDERS IS **WEDNESDAY 22 MARCH** – please ensure your orders are placed by this date.

FURTHER SURVEY ANALYSIS.....

Teachers are friendly and willing to discuss my child’s individual needs.

Strongly Agree/Agree	95.55%	Don’t Agree / Strongly Disagree	3.45%	Don’t Know	
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There is a strong focus on literacy and numeracy.

Strongly Agree/Agree	86.22%	Don’t Agree / Strongly Disagree	6.90%	Don’t Know	6.90%
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I am satisfied with the amount and variety of Sport and Physical Education included in class programmes.

Strongly Agree/Agree	96.55%	Don’t Agree / Strongly Disagree		Don’t Know	3.45%
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The use of computers, the internet and other digital technologies are all used effectively to enhance teaching and learning.

Strongly Agree/Agree	67.97%	Don’t Agree / Strongly Disagree	0.34%	Don’t Know	20.29%
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- Strengths of Bell Block School cont.**
- I feel that it has a very positive environment. My children are very happy there and thriving which to me is a clear strength. You have a team of dedicated teachers who have the child at the centre of their teaching.
 - Kids from different cultures and with special needs and all others mixed in same classroom and learn.
 - Communication, environment, approachable teachers, sports activities, swimming
 - Your rewarding of good behaviour as well as addressing poor behaviour. I love the click card system. The use of DT in class is good. The opportunities that are offered to the students both inside and outside the class are amazing.

SWIMMING SPORTS

SWIMMING SPORTS ARE NEXT WEEK!!!


Please come and watch our swimming showcases. It is expected that all students will take part in this event, so please make sure that your child has their togs that day.

Explorers Showcase	- Thursday 16th March, 1-1.30pm (inside pool).
Junior Swimming Showcase	- Thursday 16th March, 11:30am (outdoor pool, weather permitted).
Swimming Sports Year 3-8	- Friday 17th March (inside pool)
	- Years 3/4 starting at 11:30am
	- Years 5/6 -12.15pm
	- Year 7/8 - 1.15pm
	- Relays - 2.00pm

We look forward to seeing you there!


OUR WONDERFUL NEW PLAYGROUND FEATURE:

Thank you to the PTA for their fantastic support with fundraising for our new court. It is one of only three in New Zealand. Not only is it bright and colourful, but the children have already had a lot of fun playing games on it.



MEET THE LEADERS.

Hi, I’m Campbell Smith and I am your Takahe Whanau Leader for the first half of 2017. I really enjoy swimming, running, biking and spending time with my family. My goal as Whanau Leader is to help others and to set the right example for others to follow.



PARENT INFORMATION.....

We are looking at having some sessions for parents to help you understand the new assessments we are using at school. During these sessions we will be going over the assessment sheets that your child will be getting in Mathematics and Reading this year. It will help you to know how your child is going, what their strengths are and identify areas that need improvement.

This will be an informal gathering over a cup of coffee or tea so please come along to learn a little more about the system the teachers are using to focus your child’s learning.

To try and suit as many parents as possible we will run two sessions on Wednesday 17 March at both 9:30am and 5:30pm. Both groups will meet in the staffroom and hopefully we will see you there. If you have any questions please don’t hesitate to call.

Regards
Conrad Hailes


PTA NEWS.....

Well, what a night on Friday - it was awesome!!! Thank you so much for all your help, we could not have pulled this off without all our wonderful teachers, sponsors, parents and children. We were extremely lucky to have lots of products, vouchers and money donated by over 100 sponsors of the event (we will be publishing a list very soon on Facebook). You can also find the sponsor list on the school’s office window. Please take a moment to read all the sponsors’ names. Also a special thank you to all the families of the school who donated products for the raffles, 2nd hand items, baking and their time to make the gala successful - we could not have done it without you.

We hope to be in a position to publish the grand total of our fundraising efforts in the next newsletter.

To everyone who attended and spent money, thank you and I do hope you enjoyed your evening, we certainly did!

From a very happy PTA



HEAD LICE.....

Unfortunately, head lice are currently a problem at school. Please be vigilant about checking your child/ren’s hair weekly to prevent the spread of head lice. Should you require support or further information on treating head lice please contact the school office.

BELL BLOCK SCHOOL LOST PROPERTY.....

In an effort to combat lost property Room 15 has created the Lost Property Blog. Each week we will take photos of all lost items and upload them to our blog. Be sure to check the blog if your child has misplaced an item. www.bbklostproperty.blogspot.co.nz

TE REO PHRASE OF THE WEEK.....

Tangata whenua / People of the land – indigenous local people, the hosts. Sometimes used to refer to all people of Māori descent.

TUCKSHOP.....

THIS WEEK’S SPECIAL...Zoe Buddies cupcakes \$2

Afternoon tea can also be ordered. Check out our menu: The Tuckshop @ Bell Block School. EFTPOS available.

ROAD SAFETY AROUND SCHOOL.....

School Bus

- Take extreme care when passing a school bus that has stopped to pick up or drop of children – no matter which direction you are driving.
- The area 5 metres around a school bus is the most dangerous for children; slow down to 20km/hr when passing a stopped school bus.
- Be alert; children often are unpredictable, and they tend to ignore hazards and take risks.

DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

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
Wednesday 22 March	Last day to return photo orders
Thursday 23 March	School Photos
Friday 24 March	Celebration Assembly 2pm in the hall
Wednesday 29 March	ICAS entries close

COMMUNITY NOTICES:

Bell Block United Junior Football Club... Registration forms are now available from the school office. For more information please contact Jo Daken (0273852936).

Bell Block Rugby Club is holding Junior Rugby Registrations on Saturday 18th March, at 1pm at our clubrooms on Hickford Park. There will also be a free sausage sizzle for everyone. For further information parents can contact the club at bellblockclub@gmail.com 06 7550674 or 0204801335.

Ricki Herbert Football Academy... Training Days: Mondays and Tuesdays. Ages: 7-9 years: 3.45pm - 5.00pm, 10-13 years: 5.00pm - 6.15pm. Venue: Inglewood Highschool (Please enter through Karo Park). Start Date: Monday 20th March 2017 - End Date: Tuesday 11th April 2017.

Ricki Herbert Football Academy... School holiday programme: Dates: 26th-28th April 2017. Venue: Karo park Inglewood. Times: 9am-3pm each day. Cost: \$99. To register for one or both of the RHFA programmes go to www.rickiherbertfootballacademy.co.nz

*On behalf of the staff
Roz Miller, Principal*