



## Principal's Annual Report on the 2017 Calendar Year:

*As part of the Board of Trustees team, I am pleased to present this report on Student Achievement and developments in the area of **Curriculum** during 2017.*

Key areas of development for the year were:

### a) Student Achievement

During 2017 Writing was a new area of focus. We attended writing courses and worked on getting assessment of writing more consistent. We chose 20 target children to focus on...children who were "Below" or "Well Below" the National Standard were identified, and provided with programmes designed for their needs.

We identified 14 children for targeted assistance in Maths as well, with teachers trying to provide extra teaching (on top of normal class Maths sessions, but without the extra staff resourcing provided by ALiM in the previous two years).

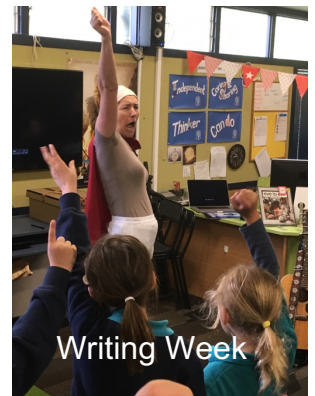
These initiatives proved successful for about half of the "Target" children in Writing and Maths.

## Summary of targets and achievements:

### Written Language:

There were 20 children below and well-below the expected curriculum levels in the Target group. Eleven of these achieved the expected levels by the end of the year, and another one made more than a year's progress. So a total of 12 of the 20 children made significant progress during the year, with another 4 showing significant improvements in attitude and engagement.

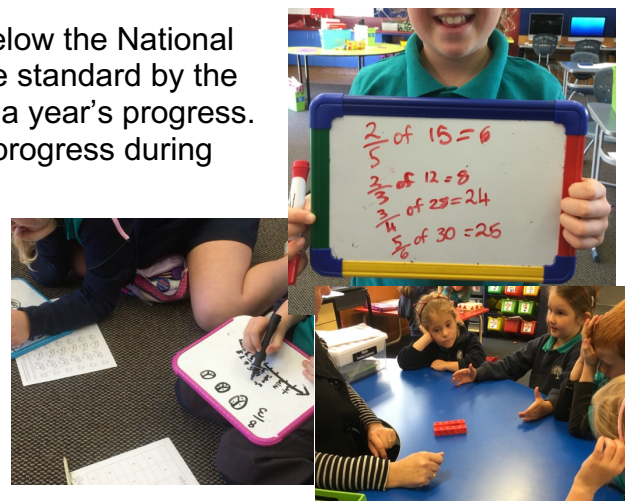
**(Target achieved for 12 of the 20 children).**



### Maths:

There were 14 children "at risk", below and well-below the National Standard at the start of the year. Five achieved the standard by the end of the year, and another two made more than a year's progress. So a total of 7 of the 14 children made significant progress during the year.

**(Target achieved for 7 of the 14 children).**



b) **Other curriculum development in 2017**

- **Professional Learning:** Teachers attended courses by Murray Gadd (Writing), worked on moderating writing assessment (Teacher Only Day), and for Maths, attended Kātote CoL workshops and Hoon Hay School to observe mixed-ability groupings and “maths talk”.
- **PB4L:** In our fourth year participating in Positive Behaviour For Learning – a Ministry of Education initiative, we further developed monitoring and reward systems, and had a refresher on running “circle time” sessions with our classes. Strong buy-in and consistency from all staff, and ready for Tier 2.
- **Local Environmental Education:** The whole school was involved in community plantings at Brooklands, and sessions with Spencer Park rangers and Sustainable Coastlines. This has made us very aware of the richness of our own area for many science and social science learning activities.

**Future Directions: 2018**

Our 2018 Annual Plan shows the Board's key objectives for the next 12 months.

In the Curriculum area, our main priorities will again be Writing, Maths and PB4L (Positive Behaviour For Learning). We will continue to develop partnerships and understanding of our Māori community and links to the past (especially the Ouruhia area), while fostering a love of learning and curiosity about the world that is relevant to our children. The Principal will undertake a sabbatical Term3 looking at primary schools successfully delivering performing arts programmes.

Mark Ashmore-Smith  
**Principal**





## What Happened in 2017?

- Carolyn Watson joined our teaching staff in Room 4; Jocelyn Murray taught in R 5 in Term 1 while Teri Aylward was on leave
- **Swimming** Sports at Kaiapoi Aquatic Centre; Three Ouruhia swimmers went on to achieve top 5 placings in 3 events in Pegasus zone.
- **Cycle Safe** for Yrs 5-6
- Meet & Greet picnic in school grounds for parents & children.
- Hagley Theatre Production: **"Emperor's New Clothes"**
- **"MAC" (make & create) clubs** offered again...art, science, ukulele, dance, Lego, cooking...
- **Rooms 1&2 altered**...opening up cloakroom, unisex toilets & resource room.
- Room 5 water day at **Lake Rua**
- Learning about ecosystems at Spencer Park; **Tree planting** at Brooklands with Greg Stanley
- E-Pro8 **Technology Challenge**
- **Room 5 camp** at Hanmer Springs
- **Court Theatre** production of **"Matatihi"**, performed in the school library
- **Soccer** and **Hockey** teams in Friday sport
- **Open Day** held at school; survey about future options for Ouruhia School (Stay, or relocate to Belfast)
- Dangerous **trees removed**: paulownia and houheria by office
- **Maths** evening for parents held...understanding mathematical thinking and stage strategies
- **Kapa Haka** at Ohoka
- **Cantamaths** teams at Clarkville and Horncastle Arena
- **Writing Week**
- **Choir** at Horncastle Arena; Zoe McConnell, Yr 8, in senior special choir
- **Pet Day** at school
- **Athletics** Sports; 6 chn finish in top 10 in 8 events at Pegasus zone finals
- **Crusaders** visit Ouruhia School
- Mainpower sponsored **swimming lessons** at Kaiapoi Aquatic Centre
- End of year concert at Kaiapoi High School: **Little Red Riding Hood**

