



Kelburn Normal School



December 2018

Board of Trustees News

What a huge year it has been! This is our final newsletter for the year and we want to reflect on what has been achieved.

It was wonderful to see so many of you at the building opening last week. It was a truly special occasion which marked a significant milestone for the school. Check out the [Facebook page](#) for more photos. The photo in the header above is of the Year 8's and Year 1's cutting the ribbon together at the end of the ceremony.



The orchestra playing for Education Minister Chris Hipkins as he arrived.



The Minister being presented a copy of the KNS centenary book.

A huge thank you to everyone who helped to make the day a success. In particular Gwen and the amazing PTA who hosted our guests superbly, and the Year 8 students who gave our guests excellent guided tours through the new learning spaces.

It has been a year of enormous change and we are so proud of how our students managed the challenges of the building project and have embraced and adapted to their new learning spaces. At the December Board meeting,

Andrew shared the latest PAT results. These were excellent overall and showed that our children are achieving extremely well against their cohort groups from across NZ. Andrew was also able to show that the cohort of children attending Kelburn over the last 18 months from the beginning of 2017 have accelerated their progress in these tests by 0.85 of stanine in Maths and 0.6 of a stanine in reading. This is strong growth. The results show that there has been a strong improvement in the student outcomes in maths. Despite the disruptions this year, coupled with the pleasing results in PAT science, these results show that our students are connecting well with the teaching in English, Maths and Science.

	Reading	Reading	Reading		Maths	Maths	Maths
	Mean stanine (NZ norm = 5)	Goal = 90% of students are at & above stanine 5 (NZ norm = 62%)	Goal = 45% of students at & above stanine 7 (NZ Norm - 23%)		Mean stanine (NZ norm = 5)	Goal = 90% of students are at & above stanine 5 (NZ norm = 62%)	Goal = 45% of students at & above stanine 7 (NZ Norm - 23%)
	End of year 2018 Mean	End of year 2018	End of year 2018		End of year 2018 Mean	End of year 2018	End of year 2018
Year 4	7.5	95%	73%	Year 4	7.1	94%	70%
Year 5	6.5	87%	58%	Year 5	6.6	87%	53%
Year 6	6.6	85%	57%	Year 6	6.6	86%	55%
Year 7	6.7	85%	50%	Year 7	7.2	90%	69%
Year 8	6.8	87%	58%	Year 8	6.5	88%	48%

We are so grateful to our dedicated teaching team and staff who ‘just got on with it’ through all the ups and downs of the building project and always put the needs of the students first ensuring that their learning wasn’t impacted. They have worked incredibly hard this year and are no doubt looking forward to a well deserved break!

We want to wish our Year 8 students all the very best for college next year. What wonderful role models they have been for our younger students. They have had to lead this year with the changes and have set a lovely tone throughout the year. We have all seen them around the school playing their part and see how talented they are when performing in their ensembles or their sports teams. We hope that they will reflect fondly on their Kelburn days.

We have seen a lot of progress on the property front over the last week or so. Very soon we will see the asphalt laid on the bottom court and the turf on the middle court. Over the road at ‘Ngaio’ the turf has been laid and the fencing is up. Students can look forward to enjoying their new play spaces when they return in 2019.

We say farewell to Amelia Mazur and Adele Murray and wish them all the very best for 2019. We have been very lucky to have them at KNS and are sad to see them go. Best wishes to Sally Coddington too who is due to have her baby early in 2019 and will take a year’s maternity leave. All the best Sally - we look forward to baby news!

In 2019 we will have three new teachers join the Te Ara Tupu team led by Susie Brown. Welcome to Carla MacLeod, Sophie Bishop and Chantal Keene.

Our best wishes to you and your family for the festive season.