



Annual Reports 2011

Principal's Review of 2011

As we come to the end of 2011 it is a pleasure to reflect upon the achievements across the school this year.

1. Academic Achievement

1.1 Mainstream

The following chart shows the percentage of children achieving at or above the National Standard in Reading, Writing and Maths.

	Reading	Writing	Maths
Percentage of Children	80%	74%	79%

We had three targets this year:

Target	Actual Achievement
Reading By the end of 2011 we expect that 80% of all children will be reading at or above the National Standard. 70% of our Maori boys who were achieving below the National Standard in Dec 2010 will make more than one year's progress in relation to the reading standards.	80% of our children are currently reading at or above the National Standard. 72% of our Maori boys have made at least one year's progress.
Writing By the end of 2011 we expect that 70% of our Year Six students will be writing at or above the National Standard.	54% of our Year Six students are currently writing at or above the National Standard.
Numeracy By the end of 2011 we expect that 80% of our Year Two, Four and Six students will be at or above the National Standard for Maths.	85% of our Year Two students are at or above the National Standard 85% of our Year Four students are at or above the National Standard 70% of our Year Six students are at or above the National Standard

We always set optimistic goals so are delighted that we reached our school wide goal for reading and that the Year 2 and 4 children exceeded their goal for numeracy. Through the implementation of a specialist programme our Maori boys made strides forward with their reading, our top achievers making two to three year gains. However we feel we still have more work to do in this area as many of the boys made one year's progress rather than more than one. On reflection this will remain a goal in 2012. Although our Year 6 writers have made progress they still haven't reached the standard we were hoping for. In 2012 we will be undertaking a school wide literacy contract which will help to accelerate the children's progress. We will carefully monitor our writing results throughout the year.

1.2 Immersion Unit

We have been delighted with the levels of achievement in our immersion unit.

	Reading	Writing	Maths
Percentage of Children	94%	73%	93%

The levels of achievement reflect the hard work of the children and the total commitment of Kereama Bluegum as class teacher and the high quality kaiawhina who have supported him. We would also like to thank the parents for their support at home. We have seen the numbers in this class swell to 21 this year. This is a large number for a multi leveled room and we have been pleased to welcome our new arrivals.

2. Staffing

2011 saw some major changes in staffing for Katikati Primary School. I was delighted to take up the permanent position as Principal in August this year, soon after which Amanda Willett was permanently appointed as Deputy Principal. These two appointments have put us in the perfect position to review our senior management structure. From 2012 Amanda Willett will be overseeing the senior team (years 4 – 6) and Anne Morriss will oversee the junior team (years 0 – 3). We decided to split the school into two rather than three areas in order to align with the government's National Standards. Our third Deputy Principal, Carly Andrews, will be in charge of school wide pastoral care and special needs.

In 2012 we are pleased to be retaining all of our current teaching staff except Hayley Ruddock who will be leaving us to work at Gate Pa School in Tauranga. In her place we are welcoming Kathryn Burtenshaw who has been working at our school for the last month providing teacher release. We are also saying farewell to Jayne Harray our sports coordinator. Jayne has done a fabulous job organizing our sports teams but will be leaving to start her teacher training in 2012. We are very pleased to welcome Christine Townsend into the position next year.

3. 2011 review

We have been really pleased with the level of support we have received again this year from our parents. The National Standards promote parents being actively involved with their children's learning at home, so we were delighted to have around 100 parents join us for our literacy and numeracy open afternoons this year.

In the senior school we trialed Avaiil for the first time. The Avaiil programme aims to hook children into reading by using films with sub titles to engage the readers. The senior school, Room 25 in particular, has also been trialing the use of I-Pod touches. The I-Pods have been used for a range of literacy and maths activities. The children have really enjoyed using the new technology. Next year, instead of leasing desktop computers, we are going to lease a set of I-Pod touches and a set of laptops. This will enable the children to use the mobile technologies in their classrooms on an on-going basis rather than having to wait for their turn in the computer suite.

A wide number of our children have excelled in the sports and arts this year. We have had children representing the school at district level in a variety of sporting codes and in the Western Bay speech competition. We were really proud of: our junior children's production; our choir; our kapahaka group and our orchestra. Our film crew has kept us entertained with the "Week that was" as well as presenting each 5 year old with a review of their first day at school.

Our children are always keen to take part in education outside of the classroom. We have had a number of camps and excursions this year ranging from the junior school trip to Rainbow Springs to our senior school snow camp. A great deal of organization goes into making these trips possible, so I would like to thank the teachers and the parents who gave up their time to make these trips possible.

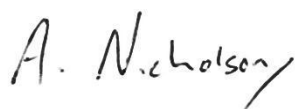
Our thanks also go to our POTS group whose hard work throughout the year has helped to provide resources for the children which we would otherwise not be able to have. The group has worked tirelessly this year providing funds to subsidize camps and school trips, as well as donating books and audio equipment for the children to use. Thank you very much.

4. Foci for 2012

We have three major areas on which we will be focusing in 2012, these will be:

1. **Culturally Responsive Pedagogies.** This year we had children of 19 different nationalities attend our school. Next year we will be focusing on raising achievement across each cultural group. In term one the children will be engaged in an inquiry to look at what makes Katikati Primary School children special. Through this inquiry we intend to enhance empathy and understanding of what makes each individual unique. Two staff members will have fixed term responsibilities in this area to enable us to develop closer links with our families and local community.
2. **Written Language.** Next year we have employed two outside facilitators to run a writing professional development contract. They will be working with staff to look at accelerating children's progress and enhancing children's enthusiasm in writing.
3. **English Second Language Learners.** We have seen a marked increase in the number of English Second Language Learners at our school this year. A focus for us in 2012 will be to further increase the quality of support for children as they develop skills in the English language. This year we also gained our Code of Compliance to host international fee paying students. We will start marketing the school to overseas families next year with the intention that funds raised will be used to enhance provision for our current English Second Language Learners.

It has been an honour to be appointed as Principal at KKPS and I would like to congratulate Amanda Willett on her appointment as Deputy Principal. I would like to thank our hard working staff members who continue to show dedication and commitment to the welfare and learning of our children. Thank you also to our Board of Trustees for their work this year. We are particularly fortunate to have Jill Jack's expertise as BOT chair, Jill is not only an experienced board member but also the Regional Chair for the New Zealand Board of Trustees Association. I have thoroughly enjoyed the year working with the children, parents, staff and board of trustees. I would like to thank you all for your support this year and look forward to working with your children again in 2012. Have a safe and happy Christmas.



Andrea Nicholson
Principal
Board of Trustees Report of 2011

Chairpersons Report 2011

As we draw to the end of 2011 it is exciting to reflect on the achievements of the past year at Katikati Primary School.

Firstly the Board undertook our most important task following the resignation of Mr Bruce Aitken as Principal, appointing a permanent Principal and we are pleased to welcome and congratulate Mrs Andrea Nicholson as Principal of Katikati Primary. During this process it became quite evident that our school is held in high regard in the education community and is a very desirable place to be employed. We continually have a large number of high calibre applicants for the positions we advertise.

We would also like to congratulate Mrs Amanda Willett on her permanent appointment as Deputy Principal.

2011 has been a very demanding year for staff with the implementation of National Standards and the new reporting systems which give parents and whanau a clear indication of next steps and how to assist the students learning at home. This emphasises the partnership between school and home in educating our children.

The Board would like to express gratitude to our POTS group who have continued to work tirelessly this year to provide extra funds for various projects, as well as our support staff, grounds staff, office staff and teaching staff. What a fantastic team we have at Katikati Primary and we are certainly more able to improve our children's achievement levels with the commitment and professionalism of our team.

We will continue to set targets that challenge our staff and students to be the best they can be and provide resources to ensure we continue to be "Active thinkers, lifelong learners".

We wish you all a Merry Christmas and a safe and happy summer holiday with your families and look forward to another great year in 2012.



Jill Jack
Chairperson.