HEADLINES

- National Standards are helping to raise our kids’ achievement in reading, writing, and maths. Progress towards the target of 85% has been slow, though year on year we are seeing growth in the proportion of kids achieving ‘at’ or ‘above’ the National Standard.
- Pasifika students have made the most progress from 2013 to 2015.
- Achievement is lower for Māori and Pasifika students than for others across all National Standards.
- Achievement for boys is lower than for girls, particularly in reading and writing.

YEARS 1–8 NATIONAL STANDARDS, BY YEAR TREND

The data below show the percentage of students at/above the standards in each subject, 2013–2015

PROGRESS ACROSS GROUPS

- Pasifika students recorded the greatest increase ‘at or above’ the standard compared to the last two years across all three subjects.
- Pasifika achievement in 2015 was 2.4% points higher than 2013 achievement. Māori achievement in 2015 was 0.6% points higher than 2013 achievement, which is the same as the total New Zealand increase. These results mean that the gap between Pasifika achievement and Māori achievement has narrowed, the gap between Pasifika achievement and total population achievement has decreased and the gap between Māori achievement and the total population has stayed constant.
- There are challenges and successes for each group, however achievement for Māori and Pasifika across the three standards is much lower than for Asian and European/Pākeha—roughly 10% to 20% points lower.
- Girls’ achievement is higher than boys’ in reading and writing in particular.

YEARS 1–8 NATIONAL STANDARDS, BY ETHNICITY

The data below show the percentage of students at/above the standards for each subject in 2015

YEAR LEVEL COMMENTS

- This is the fourth year that National Standards data has been available by year level
- The data shows considerable variability across year levels
- Year levels 5–8 have seen an increase in all three subjects in 2015 compared to 2014
- There are slight decreases in reading and writing for year 1 and 2 students compared to 2014
- Maths shows the most consistent increase in achievement by year level of the three subjects.

NOTE: Throughout this poster, the number in brackets is the number of students achieving at or above the standard for the learning area.