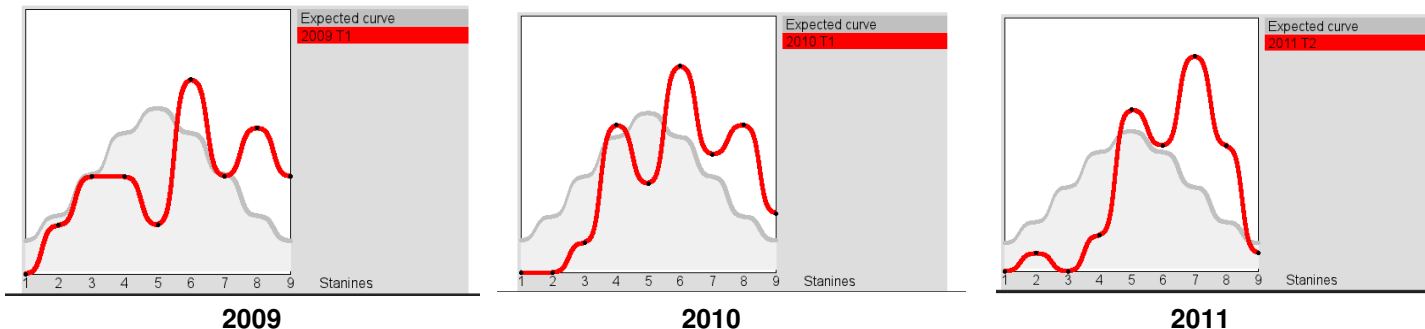


Reading Super Stars!



The above graphs make excellent reading as they show some excellent reading results. STAR is a commonly used test of a set of reading skills. The stanines at the bottom of the graph represent achievement levels on the test. Students achieving stanine 1, 2 3 and, since national standards, stanine 4 are achieving below expectation. Students achieving at Stanine 5 and 6 are achieving at expectation and students achieving at stanine 7, 8 and 9 are achieving above expectation. The red wiggly line shows our school's results and the grey shaded area shows nationwide levels of achievement. As you can see our students are achieving at a very high level. Remember also that this is when compared with the overall WORLD CLASS New Zealand reading system (NZ was ranked 4th in the world in reading achievement in the latest PISA tests). We can also report that our STAR data is very similar to PAT and running records results. So WELL DONE to our 'star' students, their teachers and ESPECIALLY their parents. Those countless shared bed-time reading sessions have really paid off!

Working Bee

We would like to ask you to please put **Sunday 7 August** in your diaries as this will be the date of our annual working bee. We do not employ a caretaker as we prefer to put our limited finances into learning resources and helping to keep school costs to a minimum for our families. As a result once a year we ask families to donate some time to attend to maintenance tasks such as water blasting, clearing gutters, hedge trimming, mulching gardens and having a general tidy up. There are jobs available for everyone. As always we will be putting on a delicious morning tea for all workers and finishing with a sausage sizzle. **The working bee will be from 9.00 am until 12.30 pm** and children are welcome, we can find them a job as well!!!



A special message to all our parents and ex-parents who have volunteered this term in the classroom, gardening, fund raising, doing school house renovations, coaching sport, helping with electives or on trips. Thank you.

*We sometimes take for granted
in the rush of all we do
And forget to say a special
thanks to volunteers like you!
So we send this note to tell you
how much all you do means
Your gifts of time and of your-
self are special ones indeed.*



Victoria to the Rescue!

The Life Education Truck got well and truly stuck as it tried to leave on Tuesday afternoon. Harold and Nicky were very thankful to Victoria for coming to the rescue.