

A big welcome to Bell Block School for 2022

The weather has been fantastic for the first couple of school days and a perfect time to start swimming today. It is great to have our students back and full of excitement and enthusiasm for the year ahead. Some students will be feeling a bit nervous for the first couple of days but this tends to pass quite quickly. If your child is still feeling this way next week, please let the classroom teacher know.

We have three new staff joining our team this year. We welcome Miss Alicia Venter to Room 9 and Miss Robin Voss to Room 8, both in the middle team. We also welcome Miss Monique Johnson who will be in Room 1 when our second new entrant class starts shortly. It is exciting to also welcome back Mrs Raewyn Clarkson who is the teacher in Room 4 after being our reading recovery teacher. We will be advertising for a new reading recovery teacher to start Term 2.

2022 Bell Block School Staff

It is with great pleasure that I can introduce our staff for 2022

Principal	Mr Conrad Hailes		
Deputy Principal	Miss Danielle Hill		
Rm 1	Ms Monique Johnson		
Rm 3	Miss Tracey Jacobsen – Junior Team Leader		
Rm 4	Mrs Raewyn Clarkson		
Rm 5	Ms Monique Van Beers		
Rm 6	Miss Charlotte White		
Rm 7	Miss Robin Voss		
Rm 8	Miss Caitlin Amos		
Rm 9	Ms Alicia Venter		
Rm 10	Mrs Alex Thompson – Middle Team Leader		
Rm 11	Mrs Katie White		
Rm 12	Mrs Lynda Lamb		
Rm 13	Mrs Wendy Foster – Senior Team Leader		
Rm 14	Mrs Rachael Stanton		
Rm 17	Mr Adam Groen		
Rm 18	Mr Kade Forsyth		
Rm 17	Miss Hannah Ross		
Rm 18	Mrs Renee Pearce – Intermediate Team leader		
Specialist Teacher	Mrs Amy Peters		
Release Teachers	Mrs Aleisha Parkinson, Mrs Lisette Charlton, Mrs Jodie Leach and Mrs Jan Dempsey		
Teacher Aides	Mrs Michelle Hight, Mrs Rhonda Sarten, Mrs Jan Whitmore, Mrs Carol Lopusiewicz Mrs Jo Hutchinson, Mrs Angela Mephram		
Executive Officer	Kim Hill		
Office Manager	Kim Thomas	Administrator/Sports Coordinator	Gayle Davis
Caretaker	Colin Rutherford	Cleaners	Helen Langlands and Crest Clean
Librarian	Cindy Manukonga		
Resource Teacher of Learning and Behaviour (RTLb)	Tennille Yandle		
Social Worker in Schools (SWiS)	Kayla Harris		
Kapa Haka Tutors	Whaea Raewyn Ashby		

We have a large staff working hard to support the students and their families and keep our school looking great.

Sun Hats

Sun hats are compulsory during Term 1. With the weather as good as it is, hats and sunscreen are very important. Hats are available for purchase from the school office for \$13. As the office is currently closed due to Red Level restrictions, payment can be made by internet banking to 15 3956 0057371 02. Please include your child's name and 'sunhat' in the details. Hats will then be delivered to student's classroom. If this is not an option for you, the correct cash can be given to classroom teachers.

Sunscreen is provided in each class by our PTA.

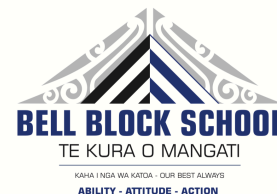
Students not wearing a hat from Tuesday next week will be encouraged to play in the shade.

Our current school attendance rate for this week is 94%

Our School Vision, Values and Principles

At this time of year, we spend time setting our standards and routines and developing both class and school culture. These are all based around the school vision. This has been developed with community input and underpins the culture we strive for in the school and what we want to see from our students. It is a perfect time to discuss the vision with your child and set some goals to achieve this year.

The grey part of our logo represents a korowai or cloak. A school and community supporting students to live the motto Our Best Always – Kaha I ngā wā katoa. This is the representation of Triple A - **Ability, Attitude and Action**.



The black side of the logo represents the mountain. The strong, unchanging foundation of what we do. This represents our school Values.

Respect – Whakaute
Manaakitanga – Caring
Responsibility – Takohanga
Tu Maia – Standing Brave

The blue side of the logo represents the rivers and sea. It is an adaptable, unstoppable force that impacts the landscape over time. This represents our school Principles.

Community – Hapori
Ahurea – Culture
Innovation – Auahatanga
Hurikiko – Aspiration

2022 Teacher Only Day

We are required to have the final 2 Teacher Only Days as part of the most recent teacher collective contract this year. As such the Bell Block School Board has approved a Teacher Only Day for Friday 11 March. Our staff will be undertaking professional development and developing programmes for students. We appreciate this can be disruptive for families and appreciate your support.

Building Update

The Livingstone Construction team has made great progress over the break and we are planning for Rooms 3 and 4 to be moving into their fantastic new classrooms this Friday. They have also nearly finished the new Technology Room that will be used for Hospitality as part of the Intermediate Technology programme but also for science and those messy activities not suited for the regular classroom space.

The next phase of the building programme is the refurbishment of Rooms 1 and 2, before moving on to the final stage of Rooms 11 and 12.

School Swimming

One of the major focusses for Term 1 is Swimming. Please help your child to be organised for these sessions by talking about what gear they need to bring. It is a perfect opportunity to develop self-management skills especially in the upper levels of the school.

Bell Block School Swimming Timetable - Term 1 2022						
	Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Inside Pool	1:40-2:20	Room 18/19/20	Room 17/18/19	Room 7/8	Room 11/14/13	Room 17/20
	2:20-3:00	Room 11/12/13	Room 9/10	Room 9/10	Room 7/8	Room 12/14
Outside Pool (Juniors)	1:40-2:20	Rooms 5/6	Rooms 3/4	Rooms 5/6	Room 3/4	
	2:20-3:00					

School Council

On Friday we will be having a special induction assembly where our new student leaders will be sworn in to their roles. They always do an amazing job and represent our school with pride and diligence. Congratulations go to all our student leaders for the first half of 2022.

Head Girl – Maddie Dagger

Head Boy – Noah Hooper

Whānau Leaders

Kotuku	Piwaiwaka	Kereru	Takahe
Peyton Hancock	Autum Felstead	Viv Benton	Itrat Afroz
Taj Taogaga	Olive Roach	Katie Martin	Paige Wilmshurst

ICT Student Leader – Logan Metcalfe

Student arrival times

Before school is a very busy time. For students to be set up to have a successful day they need to have time to put their bags away and get out the items they will need for the day. School starts at 8:55 and most students will need at least 15 minutes to get themselves organised before that time. If your child arrives after 8:55 please ensure they fill in the late book on the yellow table near the office so we know they have arrived. If your child arrives at school before 8:25 they must wait in the covered area outside Rm 1. All classroom teachers are in their classroom from 8:25 each day to greet the students as they arrive.

To maximise the progress of each student we need them to be at school as many days as possible. Every day they are away is a missed opportunity to learn they can never get back. Please ensure your child attends as many days as possible this year to give them the best chance of success.

This will be another exciting year of opportunity and learning. We are looking forward to working with you to maximise the learning and personal growth of every student here at Bell Block School.

Sports Term 1

Sports registrations are now open for Term 1 Cricket and Touch Rugby.

Please register online using the Google form below. All information is contained in the Google form and is available on the parent app '@school'. Registrations must be received by the cut-off date. There is a very tight timeline for team entry so no extensions will be given.

If you are having difficulty making payment, please contact the office before the deadline to discuss alternative arrangements.

If you have any queries, please get in touch with our Sports Co-Ordinator by email to sport@bellblock.school.nz

Cricket

Cricket is played on a Friday night or Saturday morning (depending on grade) at various grounds around North Taranaki. The season runs for 6 weeks from 18 February until 26 March.

Registration form: <https://forms.gle/h6MKi85vWUEkegBP6>

Registrations close on **Wednesday 9 February at 11.59pm**. The deadline for payment of fees is Tuesday 15 February at 3pm.

Touch

Touch is played on Wednesdays at Hickford Park, Bell Block and runs for 6 weeks from 23 February until 30 March. Under Covid Red setting, touch is a My Vaccine Pass event. No spectators are permitted.

Registration form: <https://forms.gle/QdiQnHVnxA1koNg76>

Registrations close on **Friday 11 February at 11.59pm**. The deadline for payment of fees is Friday 18 February at 3pm.

Coaching

Our sports teams rely on adult volunteers from the community to coach, manage and assist school sports teams. This is so that we can offer as many opportunities as possible to our students. Coaching and volunteering is a highly rewarding activity so please consider putting your hand up to assist wherever possible. Under the government mandate for the education sector, all parent volunteers must be fully vaccinated in order to coach or manage a school sports team. Proof of vaccination will be required.

Player of the Day Trophies

If you have a Player of the Day trophy at home, please return this to your classroom teacher as soon as possible.

Parent App – '@school'



The parent app '@school' is now being used as our main form of communication. Please ensure you are logged in to the app and receiving notifications. If you prefer to receive email notification rather than a push notification on your phone, you can change the setting in the app to email you with notification of any new newsletters or messages. To do this, once logged in to the parent app, go to the three dots in the top right, select Settings and tick 'Enable Email Notifications'. You will now receive an email notification in your inbox for any communications from school.

If you need to check your UserID or need any assistance to get set up, please email the office office@bellblock.school.nz

PTA News

To begin the year, the PTA has been pleased to provide all the A3 and A4 photocopy paper schoolwide. This is a tangible way we can support every student in their learning. We have also been able to provide sunscreen for every classroom.

The upcoming AGM will be held on Tuesday 29 March. If you're keen and would like to join the committee in 2022, please get in touch with one of the PTA members, email pta@bellblock.school.nz or just come along to one of our meetings, dates are advertised in the newsletter.

Tuckshop Specials

This week's highlight:

Mini mince pies combo \$6 (3x mini pies + drink + large cookie)

EFTPOS and text orders are welcome to 021 0242 0269.....See Facebook for our full menu.

Conrad Hailes
Principal

COMMUNITY NOTICES:

BELL BLOCK UNITED JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB GIRLS ONLY FOOTBALL



Bell Block United are looking for girls aged 4 to 8 to register an earlybird interest for the upcoming 2022 season.

The season is due to kickoff on Saturday 7th May, first weekend of Term 2.
The venue for girls only football will be Sutherland Park, Woodleigh Football Club.
Start time will be 9am and finish times are to be confirmed, usually between 10-10:30am.
First Kicks (4 to 6yrs)
Fun Football (7 & 8yrs)

Registrations for boys football will open at a later date.

For more information about the upcoming football season or to register interest for Girls Only Football for the 2022 season (4 to 8 yr old girls) please refer to our Facebook page 'Bell Block United Junior Football' or email_bellblockunited@gmail.com

CALENDAR OF EVENTS TERM 1 2022

FEBRUARY

Tue 1	Swimming begins
Mon 7	SCHOOL CLOSED Waitangi Day
Wed 9	Cricket registrations close
Thu 10	School photos
Fri 11	Touch registrations close 2pm Digital Assembly
Tue 15	Cricket payment due
Fri 18	Touch payment due

MARCH

Tue 1	Parent/Teacher Interviews
Wed 2	Parent/Teacher Interviews
Tue 8	Junior Swimming Sports Year 1-2
Wed 9	School Swimming Sports Year 3-8
Fri 11	SCHOOL CLOSED Teacher Only Day
Mon 14	SCHOOL CLOSED Taranaki Anniv.
Tue 15	School Triathlon Year 3-8

2022 Term dates:

Term 1	31 January – 14 April
Term 2	2 May – 8 July
Term 3	25 July – 30 September
Term 4	17 October – 14 December


Dates for school events are also located on the School Calendar on our website and parent app.




**GIRLS ONLY 7-ASIDE
PRIMARY SCHOOL TOURNAMENT**


VENUE: New Plymouth Rangers FC
DATE: Wed 30th March 2022
AGES: Years 4,5,6 Girls only
TIME: 10.00am - 2.00pm
COST: \$30 per team


To register please email CDO Manuel Luque
manuel@centralfootball.co.nz





JUNIOR INDOOR NETBALL

 **Friday evenings**

 **Years 3 - 13 (Age 8 - 18)**

 **6 aside - Boys and Girls**

 **Begins Friday 18th February**

 **Entries open NOW at...**
actionindoorsports.com/taranaki
jaz@actionindoorsports.com
[facebook.com/ActionTaranaki](https://www.facebook.com/ActionTaranaki) or 021 0239 5885

