

This is a time of year where the staff are focussing on building relationships and setting up routines. There will be lots of opportunities for students to get to know their new class and teachers. It is also a time to set our standards high. As our school motto says. Kaha i ngā wā katoa – Our best always. Right now, that means things like taking pride in our work and giving new learning our best effort. This is a great time to talk to your child about doing their best and giving things a go even if they look hard. Tu Maia – Standing brave is one of our values and means a lot more than just getting up if you fall. Being resilient and having an open mind towards learning helps to make the most of each learning opportunity.

It is always an exciting time of year. We see students moving up into new teams and new students becoming leaders in their classes. It is also a busy time with sports registrations, swimming and new learning programmes being put into place. Also, this week we start the Kapahaka and the Intermediate Technology programmes. There is a lot of organisation taking place at the beginning of the year and much of this is shared with students at the beginning of each day. This helps students be prepared for their day and keeps them aware of what is coming up. It is important that students are at school on time so they don't miss this information. Students who are late often miss this information and start the day on the back foot.

Last week we inducted the new student council. They all did very well to learn and share their pledges with the school. It is always a nervous time for students but this group did an excellent job and we look forward to working with them as the year progresses. They will be introducing themselves in the upcoming newsletters.

This week our first celebration assembly will be a digital version with the link shared via Facebook so keep an eye out if you would like to watch. At the assembly we will be presenting the Triple A Awards to students who are modelling the school's Triple A vision of Ability, Attitude and Action. Students from each class will be selected by their classroom teacher to receive an award at assembly for working hard and doing their best over the past two weeks.

Our current school value is Respect. This will be the focus around the school for the first five weeks. Students will be looking at what respect is and how it can be shown around our school. Each classroom teacher will also choose a student who is leading by example in showing respect and they will receive a Values Award at assembly as well.

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.



Students enjoying an outdoor learning environment

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.

School Photos – Thursday 10 February

Class photos will not be taken by PhotoLife this year due to mask and social distancing requirements. Individual portraits will be taken of all students and will be composited onto a class photo for each room and will be available to purchase online from PhotoLife. Individual shoot keys will be emailed to caregivers this year once the photos have been processed and are ready for purchase. Please ensure we hold your current email address on our records.

Sibling photographs are available to those who are interested. Please email office@bellblock.school.nz to register your interest and include your children's names and room numbers.

Our current school attendance rate for this week is 96%

Intermediate Camp

Given we are currently in the Red Traffic Light setting, there are some implications for camp which are currently being worked through. At this stage, we are still planning for camp to go ahead. Please continue to make donations into the school bank account to ensure that we meet our financial target so that camp can go ahead if this is possible. The deadline when a decision will be made is Friday 25 February.

Student leader introductions

Kia Ora, I'm Maddie Dagger and I'm your Head Girl for the first half of 2022.

In my spare time I love to read, draw, play netball, dance, spend time with friends and family and swim at the beach. As Head Girl I hope to make the school a better place by encouraging everyone, helping when I'm needed and being a positive role model. I came from Lepperton Primary school in 2021 and have loved being at intermediate as it has presented some awesome opportunities and challenges. I'm excited to see what this year holds and the adventures it may bring.



Kia Ora, my name is Noah and I will be taking on the role of Head Boy for the first half of 2022. Ever since I started here at Bell Block School I have always dreamt of being part of the student council so this is a huge honour and privilege to be here today. I really love sports, especially Rugby and you can usually find me on the field playing touch. I am really looking forward to working with all students and staff this year and excited for all the opportunities it holds. If you need any help please come find me, I'll usually be on the field or near Room 18. I'm sure we will face some challenges this year but if we have a positive attitude and work hard we can achieve anything.



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 any assistance to get set up, please email the office office@bellblock.school.nz

Sports Term 1

Registrations for touch and cricket are closing this week. Cricket closes on Wednesday and Touch closes on Friday. Registrations must be received by the cut-off date to ensure that your child is included in a team. If you are having difficulty making payment, please contact the office before the deadline to discuss alternative arrangements. If you have any queries, please ask. Email our Sports Co-Ordinator sport@bellblock.school.nz

Cricket

Cricket registration form: <https://forms.gle/h6MKi85vWUEkegBP6>

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

Coaches needed – we need a coach for our junior and intermediate cricket teams. Please get in touch if you're able to assist with coaching. Don't wait for someone else to put their hand up or your child may miss out playing.

Please note all parent volunteers must be fully vaccinated in order to coach or manage a school sports team.

Touch

Touch registration form: <https://forms.gle/QdiQnHVnxA1koNg76>

A reminder that under Traffic Light Red setting, touch is a My Vaccine Pass event. Players aged over 12 years and 3 months will require a My Vaccine Pass to play. No spectators are permitted.

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

Coaches needed! We need parent volunteers to coach our touch teams. Please urgently contact me if you are able to assist. If no coach is available, then the team will be withdrawn and your child will miss out on playing.

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.

Tuckshop Specials

This week's highlight:

Hotdog combo \$6 (Hotdog + drink + large cookie)

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

Conrad Hailes
Principal

COMMUNITY NOTICES:



Our goal is for Aotearoa New Zealand to be the best place in the world to raise children/tamariki.

Negotiating the Minefield -

for parents of teenagers. 6 week programme - content includes:

- Emotional issues, confidence, self esteem and self concept
- Stress, trust and respect, risk taking behaviours
- Inter-dependence for teenagers and parents
- Problem solving, dealing with anger, love language

Bell Block:
69 Corbett Rd
Wednesday Evening
16 February to 23 March
(Taking enrolments for Term 1 2022 now)
6:00pm - 8:00pm

Growing Together -

*for parents of pre-school & primary aged children.
6 week programme - content includes:*

- Support with listening skills, communication and parenting skills
- How to meet the emotional needs of children - includes feelings and self-esteem
- Development ages and stages of children
- Strategies to manage behaviour - Positive ways to influence and manage children
- Support with difficult childhood behaviour

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69 Corbett Rd.
Wednesday Morning
16th February to 23 March
9.15am - 11.15am
(Taking enrolments for Term 1 2022)

Phone: (06) 758 5037 Email: familyworks-taranaki@psc.org.nz
Costs: \$10 per person for full course. Please register to attend.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS TERM 1 2022

FEBRUARY

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
Fri 25 2pm Digital Assembly

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
Mon 21 Intermediate Camp

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.

FREE FAMILY

Swim Day

RSVP by 16th February

Sunday 20th February 1.30 - 3.30pm
Methanex Bell Block Aquatic Centre

FREE SIZZLE
FROM 2.30pm

- Inflatables
- Bring your friends

Vaccine pass needed
If under 16 must be accompanied by an adult

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