

We are now into Week 3 of the term and the focus of the classroom begins to shift from relationship building and developing class culture to teaching and learning programmes. The Intermediate Technology Programme and Kapa Haka have begun for the year and swimming lessons are in full swing. Effective classroom programmes are essential for every student to make the most of their time at school and to make significant academic gains as the year progresses. We know the importance of students being at school every day, unless they are sick, and the attendance for the school has been excellent for the first two weeks. Well done – our students have made a great start to the year.

With the threat of COVID looming we are continuing to plan for the school events this term but there will be changes as we adapt our programmes to meet the guidelines put out by the Ministry of Education. With that in mind we will not be having the face-to-face Parent-Teacher Interviews this term. You should have received a phone call from your child's teacher already. We still want to have strong connections to our families and for you to know how your child is doing at school but unfortunately this will have to look a little different. Your child's teacher is still available via email or alternatively you could make a time for them to call you. We still want strong communication with our families even when it is more difficult for us to connect, and this will be a focus for us as a school. We have included a staff email list in this newsletter.

It was a pleasure to recognise some of our amazing students last week at the Celebration Assembly. It has been so pleasing to walk around the school and see our students settling into their new rooms and living our motto our best always.

Preston Adlam, Mokshasri Setti, Reef Sandford, RJ Whittaker, Liya Lijin, Jack Goldfinch, Theo Robinson, Hunter Gordon, Zayden Brown-Washer, Heera Lopinti, Peyton Hancock, Teegan Watt, Daisy Hunter, Cade Skedgwell, Hema Lopinti, Edi Coster, Red Marzan, Rocco Neill, Ruby Jeffries, Serena Wong, Cree Ware, Connie Upton-Fleming, Chloe Keighley, Holly McLeod, Samantha Roach.

Well done to all the students who received awards last week and we look forward to seeing who will be receiving them at the next Celebration Assembly.

Covid-19 Response

We continue to maintain high standards of cleaning and hygiene around the school to ensure the safety of our students. All staff are wearing masks while on site as well as students from year 4 onwards. Students regularly sanitise and shared surfaces are cleaned throughout the day. As cases in our community continue to grow, please let the office know if you have been in contact with a positive case or if you are required to isolate.

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

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.

Intermediate Camp

We are still planning for the intermediate camp to go ahead. Please continue to make donations into the school bank account to ensure that we meet our full financial target before the deadline on Friday 25 February when a final decision will be made. School bank account details: Bell Block School 15 3956 0057371 02. Please use your child's name and 'camp donation' as reference.

Cricket

A reminder that the deadline for payment of junior cricket fees is today, Tuesday 15 February at 3pm.

Touch

A reminder that the deadline for payment of touch fees is Friday 18 February at 3pm.

Coaches needed! We urgently need parent volunteers to coach our touch teams. Please contact me by 3pm today if you are able to assist. If no coach is available, the team will be withdrawn and your child will miss out on playing. Please note all parent volunteers must be fully vaccinated in order to coach or manage a school sports team.

Student Leader Introductions



Hi, I'm **Viv Benton** and I'm proud to be your Kereru Whānau Leader for the first half of 2022! Although I have a serious side I still love to have a good laugh with my friends and family. I play a wide range of sports and I have also been dancing since I was four. Although I love academic and leadership challenges I always love to take a break, hang out with family and friends and spend time out and about on our small farm. I'm super excited to be a Whānau Leader as I feel this will be a new challenge for me and it will test my communication, organisation and time management skills. I can't wait for what exciting challenges this year will bring!



Kia ora! My name is **Katie Martin**, and I am proud to be one of your Kereru Whānau Leaders for the first half of 2022. Outside of school, I love to dance, swim, and go to my local church. I also love to participate in school events, such as swimming sports, triathlons, cross country etc. I am really looking forward to seeing what the year brings, and meeting new students and staff.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS TERM 1 2022

FEBRUARY

Tue 15	Cricket payment due
Fri 18	New Entrant Visit 11.45am Touch payment due
Fri 25	New Entrant Visit 11.45am Digital Assembly 2pm

MARCH

Fri 4	New Entrant Visit 11.45am
Tue 8	Junior Swimming Sports Year 1-2
Wed 9	School Swimming Sports Year 3-8
Thu 10	New Entrant Visit 11.45am
Fri 11	SCHOOL CLOSED Teacher Only Day
Mon 14	SCHOOL CLOSED Taranaki Anniv.
Tue 15	School Triathlon Year 3-8
Mon 21	Intermediate Camp
Fri 25	Digital Assembly 2pm
Tue 29	PTA AGM 7pm
Thu 31	Board Meeting 5pm

2022 Term dates:

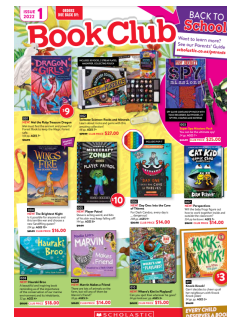
Term 1	31 January – 14 April
Term 2	2 May – 8 July
Term 3	25 July – 30 September
Term 4	17 October – 14 December

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

Our current school attendance rate for this week is 94%

Scholastic Book Club

Issue 1 for 2022 is out now! All orders must be in by **Wednesday 23 February**. You can use the Scholastic 'Loop' app/website on your computer/device or students can bring the correct money with their order form to the office - please ensure that all details are completed on the order form. All items purchased earn the school Scholastic Rewards to spend on new books in our library! Thank you for your support.



Tuckshop Specials

This week's highlight:

Chicken burger combo \$7 (Burger + drink + cookie)

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

Conrad Hailes

Principal

COMMUNITY NOTICES:

FREE FAMILY

Swim Day

RSVP by 16th February

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

FREE SAUSAGE SIZZLE FROM 2.30pm

- Inflatables
- Bring your friends

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

Limited space available
Bookings are essential
Please email Becky to book - beckyj@manchesterunity.org.nz

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