

BELL BLOCK SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Tuesday 1 March 2022



With positive cases in the school community now we are continuing to be very vigilant around student and staff well-being. For the vast majority of the students, things have continued on in class with very little impact. Their learning programmes continue and the students are producing some excellent quality work while showing their best always. One clarification that has come to light from the notices sent home last week is that the Government Phase level and School Phase level are different systems. The country has moved to Phase 3 on the Government system but school remains open with classes running as normally as possible.

It was great to acknowledge some of these students last week at the celebration assembly. I must pass on our apologies as our email system went down and we were unable to send out the link. Fortunately, the emails are back up and running and the link to the assembly was shared yesterday. With parents not having the regular contact with school under the current restrictions, we are including more work and input from our students in the assemblies so families can see some of the great work that is happening right across our school.

Well done to all the students who received awards and shared their work last week:

Jake Sanderson, Julia Butler, Destiney Yang, Shyla Drummond, Jojo Johns-King, On You Han, Glacia Ngoi Hawaiki Te Amora, James Buckley, Aaleyah Caughey, Charlotte Russell, Eli Lilomaiaava, Ramaya Ram, Kupa Walden, Apikale Ligavatu, Jali Deuart, Max Geraghty, Charlotte Green, Eve Goldfinch, Sophie Stretton, Lewis Joseph, Flynn Pollock, Sophie Bryant, Ruchitha Reddipalli, Cale Nikolajenko, Markko Ayling-Emeny, Charlie Mattson

Swimming Sports will not run in its usual traditional format but students have been giving it their all and we will be running finals on the Swimming Sports day. The Middle team will be first thing in the morning, the Seniors will be after morning tea and the Intermediates in the afternoon. The Junior team will still be running a similar programme to previous years but will swim in pairs of classrooms. These changes will help us to limit the number of students together while still providing this event. Unfortunately, parents are not able to attend Swimming Sports this year.

Take care and we will get through this.

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 pleased to announce the intermediate camp is going ahead. Information will be going home to parents of intermediate students tomorrow. Please continue to make donations into the school bank account to ensure that we meet our target. School bank account details: Bell Block School 15 3956 0057371 02. Please use your child's name and 'camp donation' as reference.

Reporting Absences

Please continue to notify the office if your child will be absent from school. Please note that providing a reason for the absence is a Ministry of Education requirement. Justified absences include illness (for example, testing Covid positive) and isolation due to a household member testing Covid positive. The Ministry of Education has deemed schools to be a safe environment for children and, as such, any absences by students who are not Covid positive or isolating with a household member are considered unjustified. Please notify the office of any absence before 9am by using the parent app or email to absence@bellblock.school.nz.

Our current school attendance rate for this week is 87.5%

Sports Term 2

Sports registrations are now open for Term 2 Netball and Hockey.

Please register online using the Google registration form below. Registrations must be received by the cut-off date.

If you have any queries or if you are having difficulty making payment, please contact our Sports Co-Ordinator by email to sport@bellblock.school.nz

Netball – Years 3-8

Netball in Term 2 is available for Years 3-8.

Year 3/4 play on Thursdays, Year 5/6 play on Tuesdays and Year 7/8 play on Saturdays at Waiwhakaiho Courts.

Please check the parent app or the registration form for full information including season dates and fees.

Please note: Netball Taranaki require EVERYONE aged over 12 years 3 months to be fully vaccinated and show and scan their valid Covid vaccine pass to enter all netball venues.

Netball registration form: <https://forms.gle/yWUEW8ZUHKApR8sPA>

Registrations close on **Wednesday 16 March at 11.59pm**. The deadline for payment is Wednesday 23 March at 3pm.



Hockey – Years 3-8



Hockey registrations are now open for Years 3-8.

Years 3-6 are played on Saturdays and Years 7/8 are played on Mondays or Fridays. Please check the parent app or the registration form for full information including season dates and fees.

Please note: Taranaki Hockey require EVERYONE aged over 12 years 3 months to be fully vaccinated and show and scan their valid Covid vaccine pass to enter the venue.

Hockey registration form: <https://forms.gle/MVEBp3V9sCmYcG9d6>

Registrations close on **Friday 18 March at 11.59pm**. The deadline for payment of fees is Thursday 24 March at 3pm.

Hockey – Years 1-2

Registrations for Fun Sticks Hockey for Years 1-2 go through Taranaki Hockey directly. This is not a school team. Games are played on Saturday mornings, 8-9am, starting 7 May and finishing 2 July 2022 (7 weeks). The venue is NP Hockey Turf on Hobson Street. The costs for Fun Sticks is \$35/participant payable directly to Taranaki Hockey.

Please register directly with Taranaki Hockey using this registration form:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1nDzYzxBq7qcm89J8Nbzd4yJnqdmphILT2rYCUvR2gQU/>

Coaching

Our sports teams rely on adult volunteers from the community to coach, manage and assist school sports teams. This means 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.

Student Leader Introductions



Hi! My name is **Taj Taogaga**, and I am your Kotuku Whanau Leader for the first half of 2022. As you might know, I am a sporty person. I've played a lot of sports wearing the Bell Block shirt with integrity and mana. I am proud of all my achievements during my time at this school like the Endeavour Award, Class Councillor, the Tech Award and being your Whanau Leader for the first half of 2022. I love to help around the school as much as possible and will try my very best to keep this school a positive and friendly place for all students, and cannot wait to put my hand up to help in the near future.



Kia ora, my name is **Peyton Hancock** and I'm proud and honoured to be your Kotuku Whanau Leader for the first half of 2022. There are so many amazing opportunities in the Student Council that I am looking forward to, such as running assemblies, being able to attend meetings and being able to help with all the sports days.

Tuckshop Specials

This week's highlight:

Sandwich Combo \$6 (Ham or Chicken Salad Sandwich + drink + large cookie)

EFTPOS and text orders are welcome to 021 0242 0269.

See Facebook for our full menu.

Note: With now two sessions of morning tea and lunch breaks, The Tuck Shop remains available for students to come at their allocated break times for snacks, however, if possible, can orders for meals be placed before school please.

Conrad Hailes
Principal

COMMUNITY NOTICES:

NEW PLYMOUTH & STRATFORD

FUN STICKS
TERM 2, 2022

Fun Sticks is an 8 week progressive programme that will introduce your child to hockey through basic fundamental skills and fun hockey games. This programme is developed for children in year 1 & 2 at school and 4 – 6 year olds.

STRATFORD (Mondays)
Time: 4 pm – 5 pm
Dates: 2 May – 27 June 2022
Venue: TET Stadium, Portia Street
* no Fun Sticks during Queens Birthday weekend



NEW PLYMOUTH (Saturdays)
Time: 8 am – 9 am
Dates: 7 May – 2 July 2022
Venue: NP Hockey Turf, Hobson Street
* no Fun Sticks during Queens Birthday weekend and Matariki weekend



Costs: \$ 35 per child
Register directly with Taranaki Hockey
via www.taranakihockey.org.nz

HOCKEY
TARANAKI

NEXT CHAPTER PARENTING

Offering
The **PARENT SURVIVAL KIT**

PARENTING COURSE

- Do you find yourself yelling at your child more often than laughing with your child
- Do you feel you have lost touch with your child
- Do you feel frustrated and find yourself saying the same things over and over again with no result

TOPICS COVERED

COMMUNICATION	CHOICES/CONSEQUENCES	COMPLIANCE
EMPATHY	SIBLING RIVALRY	TEENAGERS AND BOUNDARIES
SETTING LIMITS	PAUSE	TIME IN
PERSONALITY TYPES	PRAISE VS ENCOURAGEMENT	QUALITY TIME

IDEAL FOR
GROUPS
INDIVIDUALS OR
A BUNCH OF
FRIENDS

Via 

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WINZ ASSISTANCE WHERE APPLICABLE

Ten one hourly sessions, weekly at a time convenient to you.
Available evenings.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS TERM 1 2022

MARCH

Fri 4	New Entrant Visit 11.45am
Wed 9	Swimming Sports Finals Year 3-8
Thu 10	New Entrant Visit 11.45am
Fri 11	SCHOOL CLOSED Teacher Only Day
Mon 14	SCHOOL CLOSED Taranaki Anniv.
Wed 16	Netball registrations close
Fri 18	Hockey registrations close
Mon 21	Intermediate Camp
Fri 25	Digital Assembly 2pm
Tue 29	PTA AGM 7pm

APRIL

Fri 8	Digital Assembly 2pm
Wed 13	Pizza Day
Thu 14	Last day of term
Fri 15	SCHOOL CLOSED Good Friday

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.