

I hope you were all able to enjoy the long weekend and have a break with your family and friends.

There has been another significant change to the COVID isolation rules that is now in effect. Those who test positive and their household contacts now only need to isolate for seven days and can return to school after seven days providing they are free of symptoms. The school case numbers continue to stay low and we again thank the community and staff for their assistance with this.

Another busy week has passed with the highlight for many students being the reformatted Swimming Sports. It was such a pleasure to actually run a school event again and to see the way our students participated and enjoyed themselves. The swimmers ran through their races with very little rest and it was great to see students volunteering to swim in some of the finals where there were spare lanes, just to give it a go. There were some excellent races and the relays were again hotly contested. Our students really displayed our school motto Kaha i ngā wā katoa – Our best always. Well done to all the students involved. Swimming wraps up at the end of this week until Term 4 and our classes will be having some fun mini swimming sports events to celebrate their hard work so far this term. A huge thank you must go to Mrs White and her team for organising the Swimming Sports again this year. With the current restrictions in place for COVID we have moved the traditional school Triathlon to Term 4 in the hope we can run this event at that time.

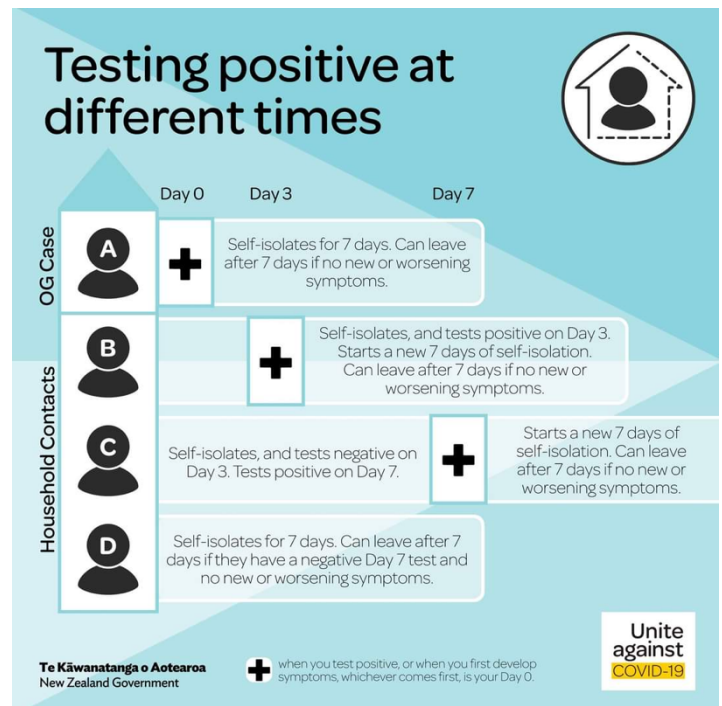
Intermediate Camp

The Intermediate camp is now less than a week away due to a massive effort by our community and staff. The team are just finalising the last few details this week. We know that Intermediate camps are a highlight for so many of our students and we know they will have a great time. Thank you to everyone who has helped us get this event across the line this year, it is very much appreciated.

Wacky Whānau Wear – Dress for a cause this Friday

Since many of the students were not able to dress up and support their Whānau last week at Swimming Sports the Student Council have organised a Wacky Whānau Wear Day this Friday to have some colourful fun to end the week. Students can show their whānau spirit by dressing up in their whānau colours for the day. The Student Council have been thinking about how they can support our community during these challenging times and would like to make a donation to the New Plymouth Food Bank. They are asking all our students to bring along a gold coin, if they are able, to donate on Friday. The money will be collected in and presented to the Food Bank to help support those in need.

There will also be a free sausage sizzle for all students on Friday. Please be assured there will be appropriate hygiene and social distancing measures in place.



Our current school attendance rate for this week is 84%

Year 7/8 Immunisations

Due to the Public Health Nurses being re-deployed to other areas of the DHB and to protect students, staff and the wider community, the Public Health Nursing Team will delay the Year 7/8 school-based vaccination programme, effective immediately.

All schools scheduled to receive school-based vaccinations in March are cancelled but every effort will be made to reschedule when enough staff are available to administer vaccinations in a safe environment.

Please continue to return consent forms to school if you have not already done so.

Sports Registrations Closing

Netball registrations close tomorrow, Wednesday 16 March at 11.59pm.

Basketball and Hockey registrations close this Friday 18 March at 11.59pm.

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

Hockey

There are spaces available in all our Hockey teams. We need some more players at each grade to complete the teams. Come and have a go! Please register by Friday here: <https://forms.gle/uzt1TGZeMCeBjooMA>

Mini-Ball/Basketball

We are looking for players at each year level to complete our Mini-Ball and Basketball teams. Please register by Friday to join the fun. Register here: <https://forms.gle/Uf223oJkxC9rtERv5>

Coaches Needed

We are looking for fully vaccinated coaches for the following sports teams please:



Netball - Year 3/4 and Year 7/8

Hockey - Year 5/6 and Year 7/8

Basketball – Year 5/6 and Year 7/8

Our sports teams rely heavily on adult volunteers from the community to coach. Please bear in mind that our sports teams cannot be entered if no coach is available. Unfortunately this means that some students will not get to play. Please get in touch as soon as possible if you think you can assist with any of the above teams.

Student Leader Introductions



Kia ora, My name is **Logan Metcalfe** and I am very proud to be the ICT Leader for the first half of 2022. At Bell Block School my favourite subject is Maths. I play Cricket, Hockey and do Sailing. I am always there to lend a helping hand motivating those around me to do their best.

I am looking forward to working with the Student Council.

Swimming Sports Results

Middles – Year 3-4

25m Freestyle

Year 3 girls – 1st Edi Coster, 2nd Lucy Upton-Fleming, 3rd Chloe Green

Year 3 boys – 1st Jamie Turama, 2nd Maeson Ruwhiu

Year 4 girls – 1st Emma Davis, 2nd Olivia Davis, 3rd Samantha Ainsworth

Year 4 boys – 1st Reeve Coster, 2nd Jack Goldfinch, 3rd Lewis Wipiiti-Boylan

25m Backstroke

Year 3 girls – 1st Edi Coster, 2nd Emily Cooper, 3rd Nya Soffe

Year 3 boys – 1st Maeson Ruwhiu, 2nd Jamie Turama

Year 4 girls – 1st Emma Davis, 2nd Olivia Davis, 3rd Sophie Stretton

Year 4 boys – 1st Jack Goldfinch, 2nd Reeve Coster, 3rd Lewis Wipiiti-Boylan

Seniors – Year 5-6

25m Freestyle

Year 5 girls – 1st Peyton Metcalfe, 2nd equal Chloe Bishop & Keinnah Jury, 3rd Connie Upton-Fleming

Year 5 boys – 1st Regan Martin, 2nd Maatai Taogaga, 3rd Zack Green

Year 6 girls – 1st Lani Johnstone, 2nd Rylee Beard, 3rd Harriet Stretton

Year 6 boys – 1st Mason Coster, 2nd Archie Bunting, 3rd Braxtyn Maharey

25m Backstroke

Year 5 girls – 1st Peyton Metcalfe, 2nd Chloe Bishop, 3rd Connie Upton-Fleming

Year 5 boys – 1st Regan Martin, 2nd Cale Nikolajenko, 3rd Maatai Taogaga

Year 6 girls – 1st Lani Johnstone, 2nd Milla Walden, 3rd Rylee Beard

Year 6 boys – 1st Mason Coster, 2nd Gwenith Genji, 3rd Flynn Pollock

25m Breaststroke

Year 5 girls – 1st Connie Upton-Fleming, 2nd Peyton Metcalfe, 3rd Chloe Bishop

Year 5 boys – 1st Zack Green, 2nd Maatai Taogaga

Year 6 girls – 1st Lani Johnstone, 2nd Maeve Luke, 3rd Harriet Stretton

Year 6 boys – 1st Mason Coster, 2nd Flynn Pollock, 3rd Hunter Gordon

75m Medley

Year 5 girls – 1st Peyton Metcalfe, 2nd Chloe Bishop

Year 5 boys – 1st Maatai Taogaga, 2nd Zack Green

Year 6 girls – 1st Lani Johnstone, 2nd Rylee Beard, 3rd Milla Walden

Year 6 boys – 1st Mason Coster, 2nd Flynn Pollock, 3rd Brooklyn Plowright

Intermediates – Year 7-8

25m Freestyle

Year 7 girls – 1st Harmony Emett-Pene, 2nd Hailey Duncan, 3rd Charlie Mattson

Year 7 boys – 1st Riley Davis, 2nd Charlie Goldfinch, 3rd Leo Padrutt

Year 8 girls – 1st Viv Benton, 2nd Katie Martin, 3rd Milla Ellis

Year 8 boys – 1st Nico Jordan, 2nd Taj Taogaga, 3rd Quin Jeffries

25m Backstroke

Year 7 girls – 1st Harmony Emett-Pene, 2nd Yuki Wada-Butcher, 3rd Hailey Duncan

Year 7 boys – 1st Riley Davis, 2nd Leo Padrutt, 3rd Charlie Goldfinch

Year 8 girls – 1st Viv Benton, 2nd Katie Martin, 3rd Autumn Felstead

Year 8 boys – 1st Nico Jordan, 2nd Taj Taogaga, 3rd Kupa Walden



25m Breaststroke

Year 7 girls – 1st Millie Robertson, 2nd Harmony Emmett-Pene, 3rd Charlie Mattson

Year 7 boys – 1st Leo Padrutt, 2nd Riley Davis, 3rd Luca Caldwell

Year 8 girls – 1st Katie Martin, 2nd Viv Benton, 3rd Aaliyah Blake

Year 8 boys – 1st Nico Jordan, 2nd Quin Jeffries, 3rd Taj Taogaga

50m Freestyle

Year 7 girls – 1st Harmony Emmett-Pene, 2nd Hailey Duncan, 3rd Charlie Mattson

Year 7 boys – 1st Riley Davis, 2nd Leo Padrutt, 3rd Caleb Daniels

Year 8 girls – 1st Katie Martin, 2nd Viv Benton, 3rd Autumn Felstead

Year 8 boys – 1st Nico Jordan, 2nd Taj Taogaga, 3rd Quin Jeffries

75m medley

Year 7 girls – 1st Harmony Emmett-Pene, 2nd Charlie Mattson, 3rd Hailey Duncan

Year 7 boys – 1st Leo Padrutt, 2nd Riley Davis, 3rd Charlie Goldfinch

Year 8 girls – 1st Katie Martin, 2nd Viv Benton, 3rd Autumn Felstead

Year 8 boys – 1st Nico Jordan, 2nd Quin Jeffries, 3rd Taj Taogaga

Class relays

Middles – 1st Room 9, 2nd Room 10, 3rd Room 7

Seniors – 1st Room 12, 2nd Room 11, 3rd Room 14

Intermediates - 1st Room 17, 2nd Room 20, 3rd Room 19

Tuckshop Specials

This week's highlight:

Mac 'n' Cheese \$5

Lego Men/Lego Bricks Cupcakes \$2

EFTPOS and text orders are welcome to 021 0242 0269.

See Facebook for our full menu.

Take care and we will get through this.

Conrad Hailes

Principal

COMMUNITY NOTICES:

Bell Block United Junior Football Club

Reminder that football season kicks off on 7 May.

Open for players aged 4-11 years.

All registrations to be done online by 31 March.

Check out Facebook 'Bell Block United Junior Football' for full information or email bellblockunited@gmail.com

Year 7/8 Canoe Polo Registrations for Term 2

Canoe Polo Registrations for Term 2 are open today via the link below.

Registrations AND payment must be received by Friday 18 March 2022.

Numbers are strictly limited this year, so we are taking registrations on a first come first served basis.

Fees are \$95 per player, or \$175 for two players from the same family.

<https://forms.gle/yGog4KuqEf5Viaxw9>

CALENDAR OF EVENTS TERM 1 2022

MARCH

Wed 16 Netball registrations close

Fri 18 Digital Assembly 2pm
Swimming finishes
Hockey registrations close
Basketball registrations close

Mon 21 Intermediate Camp

Thu 31 Board meeting 5pm

APRIL

Fri 1 Year 7/8 Volleyball registrations close

Fri 8 Digital Assembly 2pm

Tue 12 PTA AGM 7pm

Wed 13 Pizza Day

Thu 14 Last day of Term 1

Fri 15 **SCHOOL CLOSED Good Friday**

MAY

Mon 2 First day of Term 2

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

NEW PLYMOUTH & STRATFORD

COACHING PROGRAM YEAR 3 - 6

This program is focused on primary aged kids thinking about and playing hockey. We want the kids to enjoy their summer sports and return to hockey as close to the season starting as possible. This program will get them working on base skills and game play. Aimed at already playing hockey or new to hockey.

STRATFORD (Sundays)
Time: 9 am - 11 pm
Dates: 3 & 10 April 2022
Venue: TET Stadium, Portia Street
• Facilitated by Stratford Hockey Club

NEW PLYMOUTH (Sundays)
Time: 12 pm - 2 pm
Dates: 3 & 10 April 2022
Venue: NP Hockey Turf, Hobson Street
• Facilitated by Northern United Hockey Club

Costs: \$ 8 for 1 session, \$15 for 2 sessions
Registrar before Friday 25 March 12 pm
via www.taranakihockey.org.nz



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



From Ministry of Health:

While the Omicron variant of the COVID-19 virus continues to spread through our community, it is not too late to vaccinate your whānau to reduce the likelihood of them catching COVID-19, and protect them from needing hospital treatment should they become sick.

Taranaki DHB are running a series of rural clinics to ensure that everyone in Taranaki can access their free, safe and effective vaccination – all are welcome at these clinics which can provide a first or second dose for adults, tamariki vaccinations, and booster shots.

The clinics are being held at from 12pm – 6pm at

9	Kaimata	Kaimata Community Hall
10	Toko	Toko Hall
15	Rahotu	Domain Rugby Club
16	Oaonui	Oaonui Hall
17	Ōkato	Hempton Hall
18	Pihama	Pihama Community Hall
21	Auroa	Auroa Hall
22	Kaponga	Kaponga Hall
23	Bell Block	Fred Tucker Community Centre
24	Te Kiri	Te Kiri Hall
28	Eltham	Town Hall
29	Pātea	Hunter Shaw Building
30	Mimi	Waitoetoe Hall

If you have any concerns or questions, the vaccination team are more than happy to talk with you so you have the information you need to make the right decision for your family.

For more information about vaccination clinics in Taranaki, please visit www.tdhub.org.nz