

Yesterday, our Intermediate campers headed off to Taupo and even the wind and rain could not dampen their spirits. It was great to see how excited the students were for this event. They have woken up this morning a little tired but looking forward to an action-packed day.

This serves as a wonderful reminder of why events like camp are so important in these challenging times. We wish the campers all the best for a great week away and hope they get the most out of all the experiences that going on a school camp entail.

Our COVID-19 numbers have seen an increase over the weekend and there are also an increasing number of students isolating with positive cases in their household. Just a reminder that students who test positive can return after seven days without re testing (but must be non-symptomatic) and those isolating with a positive case in their home should test on day three and seven and may return after a negative result on the day seven test.

Last week's digital celebration assembly was again a chance to highlight some more of the amazing students we have at Bell Block School. Our school value has now changed to *Manaakitanga* – *Caring*. Students will be looking at what this means and how they can show this value in their lives.

Well done to all the students who received awards:

Nadia Green, Jake Sanderson, Nico Newland, Novak Kendall, Jay Withers, Tasman Sullivan, Levi Murray, Samuel Han, Nya Soffe, Cole Lawn, Max Singh, Vanessa Cheav, AJ Wilson Manas, Lexie Millar, Likith Vadapalli, Harshad Gunnam, Lily-Belle Te Whata, Chloe Bishop, Cooper Smith, Willa Clark, Kahn Hamann, Lyla Watchorn, Billy Marx, Jarrah Thompson, Jekope Ligavatu, Dylan Roderick, Yuki Wada-Butcher, Autumn Felstead, Aaliyah Blake, Quin Jeffries, Viv Benton, Tai Gilbert-Barlow.

Building Update

There continues to be excellent progress with our building project and we are expecting the handover of Rooms 1 and 2 tomorrow. The return of these classrooms means that Rooms 11 and 12 can move out on Tuesday to allow for their refurbishment. Room 11 will temporarily move into Room 16 and Room 12 will move into Room 2 during the upgrade. Room 1 will be Miss Johnson's class and will start with the next cohort of new entrants at the beginning of Term 2. If you tuned into the assembly, you would have seen a small segment sharing our new Technology Room where Hospitality and messy activities like science can occur. When the current restrictions ease, we would like to open the school up to our community so you can come in and see all the work that has been going on.

Wacky Whānau Wear Friday

On Friday last week the school was awash with yellow, red, blue and green as students, and staff, showed their whānau spirit. There was a real buzz of excitement with students and staff sporting their wacky whānau wear. Best dressed students were selected from each room and one staff member from each of the whānau was also acknowledged by the students. Thank you to the Student Council who organised the event and also managed to successfully cook more than 350 sausages in one effort. Our Student Council will share their report once they return from camp and also pass on how much was raised for the foodbank. Thank you to all those who donated money to this cause and also to those students who dressed up and added to the occasion of the day.

Pizza Day

Pizza Day is coming up at the end of this term on Wednesday 13 April. Please remember to return order forms and correct change to school **before midday Friday 8 April**. Proceeds will go towards the Student Council Legacy Project.



Tuckshop Specials

This week's highlight:

Fillet o Fish Burger	\$4.50
Fillet of Fish Burger & Chips	\$6
Fillet of Fish Burger Combo	\$7
Lego Cupcakes	\$2

EFTPOS and text orders are welcome to 021 0242 0269.

See Facebook for our full menu.

Winter Sports – My Vaccine Pass

As a result of the recent amendment to the Public Health Order, *all students* are now able to participate in school sports, regardless of vaccination status.

If there are any unvaccinated students who have not registered for a winter sport but now wish to, please contact me as soon as possible by email to sport@bellblock.school.nz

Please note the following key points:

- If a student plays in a school organised team, they are not required to provide proof of a My Vaccine Pass
- If a school student plays in a club team, they are required to provide proof of a My Vaccine Pass. The changes only apply to school sport representation.
- Supporting staff, including coaches, managers, teachers and parent volunteers are required to provide proof of a My Vaccine Pass. This includes student coaches.
- If a student visits a premise in their individual capacity, i.e. they are not in a team representing their school, they are required to provide proof of a My Vaccine Pass
- Capacity limits under the Covid Protection Framework (Traffic Light) will still apply irrespective of visitors needing a My Vaccine Pass or not.

Sports Fees

A reminder that **Netball** fees are due by **Wednesday 23 March at 3pm**.

Hockey and **Basketball** fees are due by **Thursday 24 March at 3pm**.

Late payments will not be accepted and your child will miss out on team selection. If you are having difficulty making payment, please contact me to discuss.

Netball – Year 7/8

We are still looking for a coach for an Intermediate netball team. We urgently need a volunteer to take on this role please so that students don't miss out on the opportunity to play.

If you, or anyone you know, could be interested, please contact me by email by the end of today, Tuesday 22 March. Please note: you must be fully vaccinated in order to coach a school sports team.

If we do not have a coach, we cannot enter a second team and only one team of students will be able to participate. Email sport@bellblock.school.nz

Basketball – Year 7/8 Boys

We are looking for two more players for our Intermediate boys basketball team. If anyone is interested, please email sport@bellblock.school.nz

Gayle Davis

Sports Co-ordinator

Take care and we will get through this.

Conrad Hailes
Principal

CALENDAR OF EVENTS TERM 1 2022

MARCH

Mon 21	Intermediate Camp until Friday 25
Fri 25	New Entrants' Visit 11:45am
Thu 31	Board meeting 5pm

APRIL

Fri 1	Year 7/8 Volleyball registrations close
	New Entrants' Visit 11:45am
Fri 8	New Entrants' Visit 11:45am
	Digital Assembly 2pm
Tue 12	PTA AGM 7pm
Wed 13	Pizza Day
Thu 14	New Entrants' Visit 11:45am
	Last day of Term 1
Fri 15	SCHOOL CLOSED Good Friday

MAY

Mon 2	First day of Term 2
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2022 Term dates:

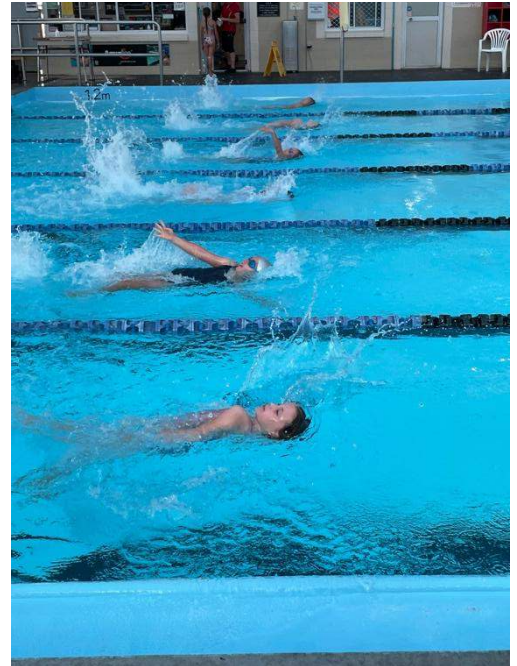
Term 1	31 January – 14 April
Term 2	2 May – 8 July
Term 3	25 July – 30 September
Term 4	17 October – 14 December

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 86%

Middle Team Newsletter

The Middle Team have been loving our swimming sessions this year. Twice a week we have been practising a range of swimming skills such as how to use a flutter-board, backstroke, freestyle, floating and much more!



All students in the Middle Team participated in the Swimming Sports and fun races in Weeks 6 and 7. It was great to see students representing our school motto *Kaha i nga wa katoa - Our Best Always* during these events. We finished our swimming season last week with some fun races.

Room 10



Room 10 have been learning to work cooperatively with a buddy to develop their place value knowledge in maths.



Room 9 learned about the importance of the Treaty of Waitangi and some fun facts, such as it was partially eaten by rats!

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for art, we focused on creating portraits of ourselves. We used pastels and contrasting colours to make our artwork stand out!

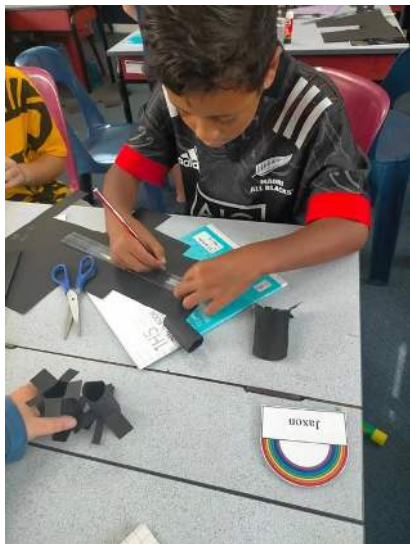
Room 9 also used their basic facts knowledge to create questions where the answer revealed something about ourself, like our age, the number of people in our whanau, or our post box number.

We had so much fun on Wacky Whanau Day! So many of us dressed up and represented our bright yellow Piwaiwaka whanau!



Room 8

Room 8 has been learning about the importance of measurement and how to use centimetres and millimetres. We have been using precise measurements to create Greek temples using glue and cardboard.



Room 7

In room 7 we have been focusing on who we are and where we come from during our *Whakapapa* inquiry. Students really enjoyed learning our school pepeha and creating their own. They look absolutely fantastic displayed in our classroom!



Students also enjoyed Wacky Whanau Wear Friday in Week 7. Below, students are pictured doing their inquiry work while dressed up in their whanau colours!

