

As we approach the end of term, we celebrate the achievements of our students who have done an amazing job with the Ability, Attitude and Action over the past 11 weeks. Things have been disrupted but our students have shown Resilience – Tu Maia and overcome the challenges we faced. Our staff have worked hard to keep things as settled as possible and programmes have continued to produce some outstanding work from the students. We also have the team celebration days this week and this term's Pizza Day has proved to be very popular.

At the last celebration assembly, we recognised another group of students who live the school vision every day and also those showing Manaakitanga – Caring over the past 3 weeks.

Congratulations go to all the students who received awards.

Jessa Pollock, Layton Bamford, Lexie Old, Lewis Joseph, Lexi Morgan, Olive Stephens, Chloe Green, Evie Goldfinch, Achyuth Vavilala, Nya Waruhia, Harleen Sodhi, Hema Lopinti, Isla Green, Maatai Taogaga, Allie Carrie, Cale Nikolajenko, Vereti Ligavatu, Jaxon Hardgrave, Ramaya Ram, Luke Peters, Aaleyah Caughey, Monique Paris

To align our school COVID response with the latest Government announcement we will be starting Term Two with a few changes. I am pleased to announce that our community will be welcome back on site. This is a key step for us in rebuilding our connections with families as it has been such a challenge over recent times. We do ask that parents who come on school grounds practice good social distancing while onsite. At this time our families will not be able to enter the buildings but we hope this will be the next step as things settle again. If parents need to go to the office, they are more than welcome to come to the service window in the covered bay next to Room 1. If you need to collect your child during school hours, they will need to be signed out at the office by one of the office team. We will also be returning to normal break times.

We thank all our families who have helped us by following the conditions we have had in place. We genuinely appreciate your support. We are very much looking forward to having our families back onsite again. At this point we are planning for reports and parent-teacher interviews to occur next term but, as always, please email your child's teacher if you have any concerns.

Our building work continues and the last two classrooms being refurbished are well under way. We are expecting them to be completed mid-way through next term before the builders move to the final stage in the office area.

Communications Survey

As a school we are always looking at ways to improve our communication between home and school regarding the information parents and caregivers receive. It has been particularly important during these unsettled times where it has been difficult to do this in person.

Therefore we have designed a survey to offer the parents and caregivers of our school community the opportunity to share their views on school communication. We encourage you to add comments which will help us gain a better understanding of your thoughts and feedback.

There are two parts to the survey: the first is the information/communication between you and your child's teacher, the second part focuses on general communication/information between home and school.

We will be emailing a link to the survey to all parents and caregivers and it will be available on the new school website under 'Latest News'. We would be grateful if you could spare the time to complete the survey. The survey is also available here: [Bell Block School Communications Survey 2022](#)

Our current school attendance rate for this week is 90%

School Cleaner

We are looking for an additional cleaner to help with our expanding number of spaces. The role would be from 3:15pm – 6:15pm each school day during term time with some additional hours possible during the holidays. If you are interested in this position, please contact Kim Hill in the office or via email kim.hill@bellblock.school.nz for further information.

Pizza Day



Pizza Day is tomorrow, Wednesday 13 April.
Proceeds will go towards the Student Council Legacy Project.

Sports Uniforms

Now that touch and cricket have finished for the season, could all sports uniforms please be returned to the office or classroom teacher as soon as possible.

PTA AGM

The AGM for the Parents and Teachers Association will be held on **Tuesday 12 April at 7pm at Pekaren.**

All parents and caregivers are welcome to attend.

If you're interested in joining the committee or simply hearing about our plans for the year, please come along! As always, there's a place to share your thoughts with us - email pta@bellblock.school.nz



Contact Us

You can contact the school between 8.30am and 3.30pm in the following ways:

Phone: 755 0838

Email: office@bellblock.school.nz

Absences: Email to absence@bellblock.school.nz or via the school app



Tuckshop Specials

This week's highlight:

Hotdog Combo	\$6 (Hotdog, large cookie and drink)
Hotdog Cookie	\$2 (Check them out on Facebook)
Egg-citing Cupcakes	\$2

EFTPOS and text orders are welcome to 021 0242 0269.

See Facebook ('The Tuck Shop Bell Block School') for our full menu.

I hope you are able to have a restful and enjoyable holiday with your families and we look forward to a more settled and more normal version of school in Term 2.

Take care and keep safe.

Conrad Hailes
Principal

COMMUNITY NOTICES:



Health 2000

Peter Cattley Memorial Cross-country

Sunday 22 May 2022

Fitzroy Golf Course, Record Street, New Plymouth

- > Estimated time races – closest to their estimate wins the race trophy
- > no watches to be worn
- > **SPOT PRIZES**
- > **TROPHIES** for winners
- > **Prizes** for first across the line

PROGRAMME

12:00pm	Women	4km	\$5.00
12:30pm	Men	4km	\$5.00
1:15pm	Walkers (70+ can do either 2km or 4km)	4km	\$5.00
	Walkers – Boys and Girls 12 & under	2km	\$2.00
2:15pm	Boys and Girls 12 & under	2km	\$2.00
3:00pm	Prize-giving and afternoon tea at Fitzroy Golf Clubrooms Spectators \$2 – competitors free		

Please have estimated times to Karen Gillum-Green (hurdleandwalk@gmail.com) by Thursday 28 April 2022

Entries are open to: club members – please wear your club uniform
: school students / staff – please wear your school singlet/tee-shirt
: general public



Futures Taranaki Event Series Te Ngutu

LOCATION – Te Ngutu Golf Club
DATE – Wednesday 20th April
TIME – From 9am – 11am
COST – 18 hole and 9 hole long \$10
- 9 hole short \$5

Futures 18
Tackle the full course in a social 18 hole competition. A great chance to make new golf friends from around Taranaki.

Futures 9
Get stuck into 9 holes and choose whether to compete, or play the It's Ok rules just for fun.

The draw will be emailed and posted on Monday 18th April to Futures Taranaki Facebook

To register please complete the registration form at www.facebook.com/futurestaranaki or contact Robert Larsen 027 271 2099



CALENDAR OF EVENTS TERM 1 2022

APRIL

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
Fri 13	Digital Assembly 2pm
Thu 19	Board Meeting

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.

Term 2 Parenting Courses being held by Family Works Taranaki

- **Parenting Through Separation**
<https://www.familyworkscentral.org.nz/services/parenting-through-separation/>
- **Growing Together** (for parents of pre/primary school aged children)
<https://www.familyworkscentral.org.nz/services/growing-together/>
- **Negotiating the Minefield** (parents of pre/teenagers)
<https://www.familyworkscentral.org.nz/services/negotiating-the-minefield/>

If you are interested in attending any of these courses, please contact Denise Wheoki for an application form - places are filling fast!

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