

Welcome back for Term 2. This term, we are looking forward to returning to a more normal and settled school life.

It was such a pleasure yesterday to see some of our parents back onsite and although not entering the buildings at this point, it is such a great step towards rebuilding connections with our families. Many families will not have had the opportunity to meet their child's teacher this year and put a face to the name, so do pop in and meet them if you are able.

We are planning for Parent Teacher Interviews following the mid-year reports that are sent home in Week 9. As always, if you have any worries about your child or would like to know how they are progressing please don't hesitate to contact your child's teacher.

This term, we welcome two new staff members to our team. Robyn Jourdain is our new Reading Recovery Teacher and will be working with some of our younger students who need some support with reading and early literacy skills. We also have a new Teacher Aide with Sandra-Jane Moller (SJ) joining the Bell Block staff. We look forward to working with them both and know they will provide valuable support to our students.

The change to indoor gathering limits means the return of our Celebration Assemblies starting next Friday. For some of our students it will be their first live assembly as we have not been able to have the whole school together at once since Term 3 last year. We would like to invite our community to join us as we acknowledge our wonderful students and their achievements. We are asking that all our community guests sit in the upstairs grandstand seating rather than down on the floor with the staff and students. We genuinely look forward to having our community back and involved in the life of the school again so please join us if you are free. The assembly starts at 2:00pm on Friday 13 May.

During the holidays we sent out another round of Principal's Postcards to some fantastic students. These were given to students from each class who are consistently great role models of what a quality student at Bell Block School does. Well done to all the students who received a Principal's Postcard during the holidays.

Our office is open again but to try and limit traffic in the buildings we have a walk-up window, which is located just around the corner from the front door under the covered bay, next to Room 1.

### **Welcome New Students**

This week we opened our second new entrant classroom. Miss Johnson has started her class in Room 2 with ten new students to our school and it was so nice to see their excitement yesterday as they navigated their first day at school. There have also been some new families relocate with students now attending our school. We warmly welcome our new students and their families to the Bell Block School community.

### **Communication Survey**

Thank you to all those who have responded to the Communication Survey we sent home last term. It will remain open for feedback until the end of this week so if you are able to complete the survey before Friday 6 May it would be very much appreciated. We use the information as part of our continual review and improvement process. [Bell Block School Communication Survey 2022](#)

***Our current school attendance rate for this week is 91%***

## Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club is resuming from Monday 16 May. It will be held on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings from 8.00-8.30am in the hall supper room. We are looking for volunteers to help set up from 7.45am please. You wouldn't need to commit to every morning, any help at all would be appreciated. If you have any queries, please contact Lynda Lamb for further information.

## 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](mailto:kim.hill@bellblock.school.nz) for further information.

## Tuck Shop

The Tuck Shop is open 8.30am – 1.40pm Monday to Friday during school term time.

Text orders can be placed anytime (the night before can make it easier for yourself).

Morning tea or lunch orders need to be in no later than 10.30am on the day.

EFTPOS available.

Full menu available on Facebook - 'The Tuck Shop Bell Block School'

Text 021 0242 0269

Take care and keep safe.

**Conrad Hailes**  
**Principal**

## COMMUNITY NOTICES:

### NEW PLYMOUTH HARRIERS

**Dr Davie Cup and Brenda Ballinger  
Memorial Cross Country Races**

**Sunday, 15 May 2022 Highlands  
Intermediate, New Plymouth**

Everyone is welcome from the kids to grandma, walkers to runners. Give cross-country running a go!

- All Walkers 4km ----- 1.00pm
- Senior & Juniors (aged 13+) Runners 4km ----- 1.45pm
- Yrs 5&6 Primary School Race 1km ----- 2.30pm
- Yrs 7&8 Intermediate School Race 2km ----- 2.45pm
- Children's fun run 1km ----- 3.00pm
- Prize Giving ----- 3.15pm

This race is **FREE** for all junior athletes and Athletics New Zealand or Athletics Taranaki affiliated runners. For non-affiliated senior runners, the **cost is \$5**.

**There are prizes for both club affiliated and junior runners**

If you have any questions regarding this event or would like to discuss New Plymouth Harriers membership please email [newplymouthharriers@gmail.com](mailto:newplymouthharriers@gmail.com) or call **06-758 1590**

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS TERM 2 2022

### MAY

- Mon 2** First day of Term 2
- Thu 5** New Entrants' Visit 9.15am
- Thu 12** New Entrants' Visit 9.15am  
Technology Showcase
- Fri 13** Celebration Assembly 2pm
- Thu 19** New Entrants' Visit 9.15am  
Board Meeting
- Thu 26** New Entrants' Visit 9.15am
- Fri 27** Celebration Assembly 2pm

### JUNE

- Thu 2** New Entrants' Visit 9.15am
- Mon 6** **SCHOOL CLOSED** - Queen's Birthday
- Thu 9** New Entrants' Visit 9.15am
- Fri 10** Celebration Assembly 2pm
- Thu 16** New Entrants' Visit 9.15am
- Thu 23** New Entrants' Visit 9.15am  
Board Meeting 5pm
- Fri 24** **SCHOOL CLOSED** – Matariki

### 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.*



**OPEN DAY** – Spaces available in 2023

**THURSDAY 19th MAY - 1:30pm**



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**FREE FAMILY**

# Swim Day

RSVP by 11th May

**Saturday 14th May 1.30 – 3.30pm**

Methanex Bell Block Aquatic Centre

**SAUSAGE FREE SIZZLE FROM 2.30pm**

- Bookings essential
- Limited space
- Inflatables
- Bring your friends

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Please email Becky to book - [beckyj@manchesterunity.org.nz](mailto:beckyj@manchesterunity.org.nz)

**ReCharge**  
Intermediate Youth

**MINUTE TO WIN IT**

**WE'RE BACK!!**

## ReCharge Relaunch

Friday 6th May  
6:00–8:00pm

**No charge, but a koha is welcome**

@ Northpoint Baptist Church  
116 Mangati Road, Bell Block

**GAMES  
PRIZES  
HOT DOGS**

If it's your first time at ReCharge you get a chocolate!  
OR  
Bring your friends and get a chocolate!

ReCharge is a fortnightly Youth Group for kids in Year 7 and 8 at school  
For more information contact us at [recharge@northpoint.org.nz](mailto:recharge@northpoint.org.nz)