

It has been a settled start to Term 2 and it has been great to see some of our families back on site again.

This week we look forward to our Celebration Assembly. It will be the first time we have had the whole school together in over six months. We invite our community to attend once again. The assembly begins just after 2:00pm on Friday in the hall. It is run by our Student Leaders who will be very nervous as it is their first whole school leadership for the year.

Our PTA will be having their meeting tonight in the staffroom at 7:00pm. The PTA provide many valuable contributions to our school that allow us to provide items and opportunities for the students. You can be involved as much or as little as you like. Any parents who have an interest in joining this group and supporting our school are welcome to attend.

Thank you to everyone who took some time to complete the Communication Survey. It is now closed and we are having an in-depth look at what our community have said. We received information that covered nearly 100 of our students. We thank you for your time and will be looking at how we can use this information moving forward. Now that the restrictions on parents entering the grounds have lifted, please feel free to touch base with your child's teacher if you have any questions about how they are going so far this year. School Reports will go home in Week 9 and Parent Teacher Interviews will be held later this term.

With restrictions beginning to loosen we will be looking for opportunities for students to be involved in activities outside the classroom again this term. These are valuable experiences both in learning and sporting arenas. Our Senior Team has Interschool Sports this term and are preparing to both travel to other schools and host visiting schools during the upcoming weeks. Our Student Leaders will be attending the National Young Leaders Day Conference in Palmerston North this term and our Intermediate Team is preparing for a learning trip to Puke Ariki and the Civil Defence Centre. We always need parent support to allow these types of events to go ahead and are very grateful for the support of our families that allow us to continue to provide these experiences.

Winter Sports

Winter sports have started this week and we wish all our players an enjoyable season.

We are excited to be updating our sports uniforms. The Intermediate teams are the first to wear the new uniforms. Here is a photo of the inaugural Year 8 volleyball team, proudly wearing our snazzy new sports shirts (Viv Benton absent).



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. All are welcome to attend. We are also looking for volunteers to help set up from 7.45am please. Any help at all would be appreciated. Please contact Lynda Lamb by email to lynda.lamb@bellblock.school.nz

Our current school attendance rate for this week is 92%

Tuck Shop

This week's highlight:

Chicken Burger Combo \$7

EFTPOS available

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

Take care and keep safe.

Conrad Hailes
Principal

COMMUNITY NOTICES:

Brass Instrument Lessons

The Taranaki Academy of Brass are offering brass instrument lessons this year on Mondays after school from 3.15pm to 4.15pm

Instruments and music resources will be provided and lessons will begin: Monday 23 May.

The cost is \$80 for the year to contribute toward instrument hire and music resources.

The lessons are being held at the Bell Block School Music Suite and are open to students in the area.

Please contact Kim Hill in the office if you would like your child to take part.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

TERM 2

2022

MAY

- Tue 10 PTA Meeting 7pm
- Thu 12 New Entrants' Visit 9.15am
Technology Showcase (Digital)
- Fri 13 Celebration Assembly 2pm
- Thu 19 New Entrants' Visit 9.15am
Board Meeting
- Fri 20 Senior Interschool vs Welbourn (Away)
- Thu 26 New Entrants' Visit 9.15am
- Fri 27 Celebration Assembly 2pm

JUNE

- Thu 2 New Entrants' Visit 9.15am
- Fri 3 Senior Interschool vs Inglewood (Home)
- Mon 6 **SCHOOL CLOSED** - Queen's Birthday
- Tue 7 Senior Interschool vs Stratford (Home)
- Thu 9 New Entrants' Visit 9.15am
- Fri 10 Celebration Assembly 2pm
- Thu 16 New Entrants' Visit 9.15am
- Fri 17 Senior Interschool vs Fitzroy (Away)
- Thu 23 New Entrants' Visit 9.15am
Board Meeting 5pm
- Fri 24 **SCHOOL CLOSED** - Matariki
- Mon 27 Reports go home
- Wed 29 Parent Teacher Interviews
- Thu 30 Parent Teacher Interviews

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.

ART CLASSES
AT GOVER ST GALLERY
starting
WEDNESDAY 11TH MAY

INFORMAL, FUN CLASSES WITH GUIDANCE AND ENCOURAGEMENT

CHILDREN'S CLASSES
4.15 - 5.30PM

ADULT CLASSES
6 - 8.30PM

SMALL CLASSES : BOOKING ESSENTIAL
ALL SKILL SET WELCOME : \$20 PP : 9 WK TERM
PLEASE ASK FOR MORE DETAILS
GOVERSTGALLERY@GMAIL.COM

Sal's
AUTHENTIC NEW YORK PIZZA
NBL New Zealand
G.J. Gardner, HOKI

GAME DAY
SUNDAY 15 MAY
3:00PM

TARANAKI STEELFORMERS AIRS **VS** **RAMS**

Wheeler-Moore Companies
Taranaki Civil Construction Ltd

bartercard STEELFORMERS sky SPORT

Intermediate Team Newsletter

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

The students in the Intermediate Team have had a very positive start to 2022. Late last term, our students went on our biennial Intermediate Camp. Students had plenty of opportunities to display our school values and Triple A vision throughout the trip, and represented Bell Block School with pride. We would like to thank the PTA, the Intermediate Teachers, our parent volunteers, the office staff, Kim Hill, the Senior Leadership Team, the Board and our community for making this camp possible.

Rock'n Ropes

Rock'n Ropes was an exhilarating experience and by far one of the most enjoyable activities at camp. There were a variety of high rope courses to choose from and they were all extremely high. Looking up at how high the ropes were made me feel butterflies in my stomach and my hands begin to shake. Some people were hesitant to begin with, but with some encouragement they pushed through and completed the obstacle course. We finished our time at Rock'n Ropes with the Rock Drop. This involved jumping from a high platform onto a big air bag. It was very entertaining to watch the parents build up the courage to leap off the platform and flop their way onto the giant marshmallow.

- Riley Ulrich, Room 19

Aratiatia Dam Hike

We started Taupo Day with a hike which lasted for about 2 hours, stopping for a few breaks. There were so many breathtaking views, whether it was looking down at the river's fast pace or looking at the scenery around us with all the different types of flowers and trees. It was very fun but tiring. After 2 hours of walking, we made it to our destination where we had lunch. We all captured the amazing views as we looked down the hill.

- Teegan Watt, Room 20

Aratiatia Dam Spill

The hike led us to the Aratiatia Dam where we had lunch and waited for the dam to spill. Once it got close to the time it was supposed to spill, we went onto the middle of the bridge. Then the gates opened and the water came crashing out. It was a beautiful sight and we all gazed at the water as it flew beneath us at a rapid speed. We were all amazed at how much water came out and the speed as well. The white water smashed up against the rocks so forcefully and then flowed underneath the bridge and out onto the other side of us.

- Viv Benton, Room 20

DeBretts

We enjoyed a nice relaxing time at DeBretts after a wet afternoon at Rock'n Ropes. On arrival, we were greeted by stacks of steaming, hot pizzas. They were devoured by a collection of starving piglets. No-one was satisfied by their pizzas and rushed over to the shop to spend their ten dollars. We all came back with nothing but a Gatorade in our hands. Everyone loved bathing in the flaming hot pools however the Waterslide was definitely the favourite. We even managed to convince Miss Ross to go down one, despite her screaming as she zoomed her way down.

- Amelia Plowright, Room 19



Huka Falls River Cruise

We were lucky enough to venture on a boat cruise to Huka Falls. The boat was different to anything I had seen before, the roof was decorated with money from all around the world. It was surprising to see that so many people had experienced and visited Huka Falls too. On our journey to the Falls, the captain kindly offered for people to drive the boat. Many people were desperate to give it a go and, surprisingly, nobody crashed. As we got closer to the Falls you could hear the water pounding down off the edge of the cliff. Everyone loved standing at the front of the boat gazing at the beautiful view.

- Peyton Hancock, Room 19



White Water Rafting

We jumped off the bus and threw our togs and wetsuits on and got ready to jump into White Water Rafting. Everyone got partnered up in 3 groups with 1 instructor. We collected our raft, pushed it in the water and set sail. We slowly pushed our paddle through the water until we came up to our first rapid. Taking our paddles out of the water we started holding on to the raft as we rode the rapid down hoping to not fall off. I started cheering and we all did a paddle five. We came up with a new type of rapid called the surf rapid. It looked super-fast but I was so excited to go down. We all stood up and rode it like we were surfing at the beach. We also did a couple of 360s during the rapids. We came up to another raft and saw that there was another group of people. Knowing what to do, we all started splashing the group with water and making them soaking wet. At one point we went down the most dangerous rapid that had a big rock to the left. Everyone started paddling to the side trying to avoid the rock. The water splashed up and hit my face knocking me to the side. Luckily, we skimmed it and went back down to the calm part of the river. Making it back down safely we jumped into the water and instantly froze. It was so cold but definitely worth it!

- Charlotte Roach, Room 18



Mountain Biking

Mountain Biking at camp was a super active and super fun experience. We went on a long trail through beautiful bushlands and bridges above the river. The bike ride felt like it went on for ever and ever but really it was only an hour. There was a part where the trail went down so steep that some of us had to walk down it! My favourite part of the bike ride was when we got to walk over this bridge which was going straight over the river that the other group went white water rafting on! On the way, we also rode our bikes over these big tree roots which nearly made me fall off my bike. After the bike ride my legs were exhausted and I felt like I couldn't stand up straight anymore but it was super fun and challenging. We all got through it!

- Yuki Wada-Butcher, Room 18



Campsite Day

Campsite Day was a real blast! I learnt so much. One of the things I learnt was how to use a bow and arrow during Archery. You have to hit a target as close to the bullseye as possible. Another thing I learnt was how to use coordinates on a map to find places during Orienteering. Some of my highlights from Campsite Day include the Waterslide and Slingpaint. The Waterslide was so much fun, especially the bumpy side, because you went flying in the air. Slingpaint was also really exhilarating. You get a slingshot and paint balls and we fired them at other people. The most challenging part was Disc Golf. You had to try and toss your frisbee into a series of chain hoops in the fewest possible tosses.

I hope when the rest of the school gets their turn to go on camp they have as much fun as the intermediates did in 2022.

- Riley Smith, Room 17



Reminders:

- Homework is issued weekly by your child's classroom teacher. Homework is designed to support the learning completed during school time. It also develops independent learning and organisation skills in preparation for Secondary School. Please contact your child's teacher if you would like a digital copy of their homework.
- Extra credit homework is issued termly.
- Please do not hesitate to contact us, either via a note in your child's diary or by our emails below:

Room 17 - Mr Adam Groen

(adam.groen@bellblock.school.nz)

Room 18 - Mr Kade Forsyth

(kade.forsyth@bellblock.school.nz)

Room 19 - Miss Hannah Ross

(hannah.ross@bellblock.school.nz)

Room 20 - Mrs Renee Pearce (Team Leader) -

(renee.pearce@bellblock.school.nz)

CREATE A PICTURE BOOK!

Extra Credit Homework

Due: Week 10, Term 2 to Miss Ross (2 points)



Books inspire and ignite imaginations. They can be the keys to another world. But they can also give us the keys to this world. There are some magical children's books that teach important life lessons for young children and have meaningful hidden messages.

Your task is to create and publish a children's picture book that teaches a value that is important and meaningful to you. For example, the value you might choose could be kindness, respect, or gratitude



'A bike like Sergio's' teaches the importance of honesty:

About this book:

More than anything, Ruben wants a bike. It seems to him that everyone else, including his friend Sergio, has a bike. But Ruben knows his family doesn't have much money. One day when a woman at the local grocery store drops some money, Ruben picks it up and keeps it, thinking it's a \$1 note. But it's not! It's a hundred-dollar note, more than enough to buy a bike like Sergio's. The story follows Ruben as he struggles to decide what to do with the money and in the end learns that honesty is more important to him.

Your picture book must contain the following:

- A front cover with an interesting title for your story and the name of the author and illustrator.
- It must have a minimum of 10 pages
- A story that teaches a meaningful value
- An interesting plot that captures the attention of the reader
- Illustrations that are engaging and colourful, while adding to the storyline
- Includes strong, unique characters
- Rich vocabulary (but can be understood by junior students)
- A unique feature such as, pop ups, rhyme, repetition or humour



Not sure where to start? Begin by choosing a value that is important to you. Google picture books that teach that value to get some inspiration. Find a few of those books to read at the library OR search on YouTube for a read aloud version. Now create a plan with as much detail as possible.