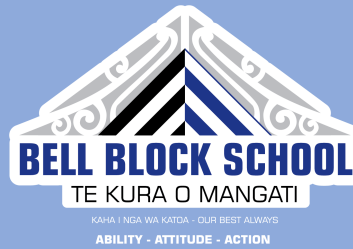


BELL BLOCK SCHOOL NEWSLETTER #25

Friday 5 August 2022

Focus Value:
Responsibility –
Takohanga



School Goal:

To take responsibility
for the way we speak
to other people

We have had an action-packed second week back at school with cross country training, new entrant visits and high school talks for our intermediate students. Our teams have been very focused on their Science inquiry topics. Next week we are looking forward to welcoming you all to see our new spaces for the School Open Afternoon **Thursday 11 August from 3:00-4:30pm.**

It is really exciting that we are able to have whanau attend our cross country events this year and we invite all parents/caregivers to come and cheer their child on! The Intermediate and Senior students will be running on **Tuesday 30 August** and the Junior and Middle students will run on **Wednesday 31 August** (weather permitting). We will communicate further details about times and location in the next newsletter.

Our Intermediate students are heading away to Hawera for their Interschool Sports Competition on **Wednesday 31 August** and we wish them the best of luck!

At our Celebration Assembly this afternoon, it was a pleasure to announce our Class Councillors for the second half of the year. These students will form the Junior Council for the school.

Room 7: Harper Taylor
Reef Sandford
Room 8: Sara Talab
Max Singh
Room 9: On You Han
Reeve Coster
Room 10: Likith Vadipalli
Chloe Gu

Room 11: Lani Johnstone
Flynn Pollock
Room 12: Hunter Gordon
Aria Stewart-Jacks
Room 13: Lyla Watchorn
Kahn Hamann
Room 14: Rylee Beard
Matai Mauga

Well done also to all the students who were recipients of a Triple A Award:

Mila Murray, Nicholas Hessel, Coby Kingsnorth, Emily Le-Moratti, Mason Page, Liam Mischeski, Sophie Stretton, Nikolina Meafua, Harriet Stretton, Kingsley Yang, Maeve Luke, Ngaia Roach, Paige Wilmshurst, Charlotte Roach, Anthony Reid, Caleb Daniels, Roman Payne, Paige Washer, Lachlan Poole, Summer Cleary, Mary Stephens, Harper Daniels, Jahrlin Gordon, Alex Price, Crudyn Hinz, Max Withers, Kethan Vavilala, Chase Tijssen-Pine, Itrat Afroz, Azra Khan, Harmony Emmett-Pene, Riley Davis



Elections Update

2022 School Board Triennial Elections

Nominations have now closed for the School Board Election. There are eight candidates standing for the parent representative positions and there are five vacancies to fill. Accordingly, a vote will now be held.

Voting papers will be issued to all eligible voters in the next week – keep an eye out in your letterbox. Voting will close on **Wednesday 7 September 2022 at 4pm.**

Our current school attendance rate for this week is 90%

Looking Ahead					
Week 3	Monday 8 August	Tuesday 9 August	Wednesday 10 August	Thursday 11 August	Friday 12 August
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:00 Breakfast Club 9:00 - 11:00 Intermediates – Trap building with Predator Free Taranaki 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ICAS Digital exam 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:00 Breakfast Club 9:30 Social Worker in school 1:45 Kapa Haka Group practice 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Intermediate Technology ICAS Writing exam 3:00-4:30 School Open Afternoon 5:00 Board Meeting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:00 Breakfast Club 9:15 New Entrants' Transition Visit
Week 4	Monday 15 August	Tuesday 16 August	Wednesday 17 August	Thursday 18 August	Friday 19 August
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:00 Breakfast Club 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ICAS English exam 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:00 Breakfast Club 9:30 Social Worker in school 1:45 Kapa Haka Group practice 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Technology Showcase 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:00 Breakfast Club 9:15 New Entrants' Transition Visit 2:00 Celebration Assembly

Out of Zone Enrolments for 2023

If you wish to apply for an out of zone place for your child for 2023, please drop a completed enrolment form into the office before the deadline of 26 September 2022. This includes siblings of current students who live outside of the school zone. Please see the enrolment timeline below for further details.

New Enrolments

In zone enrolment applications are also invited for the end of 2022 and for 2023. If you have not yet enrolled, and have a child who will be starting school in the second half of this year would you please enrol as soon as possible. If you know of any other families in zone who are wanting to have a child start this year, please encourage them to make contact with the school.

ENROLMENT TIMELINE FOR 2023

Thursday 23 June 2022	Board meeting to determine number of places available
Wednesday 31 August 2022	Advertisement of out of zone places commences
Monday 26 September 2022	Deadline for out of zone places closes at 3:30pm
Wednesday 28 September 2022	Ballot for out of zone places (if required)
Friday 30 September 2022	Parents notified of outcome
Friday 28 October 2022	Parents must confirm whether the offer of a place is accepted or declined

High School Enrolments 2023

Please remember to book your high school enrolment interviews for the following dates:

29 August	Enrolment Interviews at Bell Block School – NPGHS and NPBHS from 1:30pm
NPGHS:	www.schoolinterviews.co.nz
NPBHS:	https://npbhs.schoolpoint.co.nz/c/5ad1acd4
6 September	Enrolment Interviews at Bell Block School – Inglewood High School from 9am

- Please remember that enrolment interviews for Inglewood High School on 6 September must be booked by phoning the Bell Block School office on 06 755 0838.
- If you are unable to attend an interview on the allocated days please contact the high school directly to book an interview on an alternate date.

Issue 5 of the Scholastic Book Club was given out to classes this week. There are some amazing items to buy this term ranging from books and diaries, art kits to rock collections. Scholastic have a fantastic new offer this term: *Order over \$30 and get 1 free book, order over \$50 and receive 2 free books and order over \$70 and get 3 free books!

The best way to order from Book Club is by using the Scholastic LOOP app on your phone or device. It is easy to order, just follow the steps and pay online. Alternatively, you can order by sending the correct money to school with your child/ren with the completed order form. This can be dropped at the office drop box (cheques are no longer accepted). Every order earns our school scholastic rewards which are used in our library. Thank you for your support!



The Year 3-4 Bell Block Lightning and Firebirds netball teams have had an awesome netball season, learning new skills and playing games against other schools. A big thanks to our wonderful coaches Hester Stretton and Courtney Coster for helping our players have fun and feel great about their new netball abilities. The support from all parents in the team is much appreciated.

Our netball players have represented our school well, doing their best on court and showing a great sporting attitude. Tino pai girls!



Samantha Ainsworth scores a goal for the team

Netball for Year 1-2 students is coming up in term 4, so keep an eye out for notices. Any parents interested in helping out, please contact our Sports Co-Ordinator, Gayle Davis, in the school office.

Conrad Hailes
Principal

The Taranaki Toy Library is holding a Children's MONSTER Book Sale on Friday 16 and Saturday 17 September at the Hall of Knox Church in Fitzroy. On their behalf, we are currently collecting any good quality second hand books for children. If you have any unwanted books that you wish to donate, please drop these off to the school office before 17 August. Please do not include colouring-in or activity books unless they are in new condition. To find out more about this book sale please browse our Facebook page under 'Children's Monster Book Sale'.





Intermediate Team Newsletter

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

The Intermediate Team have had a positive start to Term 3. We welcomed Danielle Hill into our team as the Room 17 teacher. She will be in class Monday-Wednesday and fulfilling her Deputy Principal duties Thursday and Friday. We have a very busy term coming up, with the Interschool Sports Tournament, Year 8 students beginning their high school preparations, cross country, and busy teaching and learning programmes. As always, our expectations are high in the Intermediate team, shaping resilient, organised and passionate learners ready for their journey at high school.

Inquiry Trip

Our inquiry focus has been around our Mouna. To assist with our Nature of Science inquiry unit, the Intermediate team visited Puke Ariki and the Taranaki Civil Defence Centre last term. At Puke Ariki, students learnt about conservation projects that occur on the mountain, and about the government's Predator Free 2050 goal. At the Taranaki Civil Defence Centre students learnt about how Civil Defence monitors a potential volcanic eruption of Mouna Taranaki. Students had plenty of opportunities to display our school values and Triple A vision throughout the trip, and represented Bell Block School with pride.

"In Term 2 the Intermediate team went on a trip to Puke Ariki and the Civil Defence Centre. At Puke Ariki we learnt about volcanoes, pest traps, native animals and the Intermediates did a scavenger hunt. Did you know that bats are the only land mammals native to New Zealand?"

At the Civil Defence Centre, the Intermediates learnt about natural disasters, how to pack for natural disasters, service announcements and why service announcements are important. The Intermediates are very grateful for this pleasurable trip and would like to thank all the staff, caregivers and parents." - Harshal Nand and Heera Lopinti, Room 17



Trap Building

Richard Carr and Mark Danenhauer, from the Taranaki Predator Free Community Liaison, have been assisting our team with our inquiry unit. Richard came to our school to discuss the importance of predator control, showing our students a variety of traps that the Department of Conservation uses. Mark will be coming into school to build kit set traps with our students on Monday 8 August. It will be a good hands-on experience that gives students a sense of accomplishment and more ownership in the project. We would love to invite members of our community to come in to school to help us with these kit-set traps.

Interschool Training

Students have been training for the upcoming Interschool Sports Tournament in Hawera. The tournament will be held on Wednesday 31 August. The students have been training on Mondays and Fridays.

“Last term the Intermediate team started training for our Interschool football competition in Hawera in Week 6. This term we will be training every Monday and Friday to prepare for the competition. We’ve been a bit unfortunate with the weather so we have had to cancel a couple of practices, but we are very excited for the competition coming up.” - Marley Norman, Room 19

“In netball, we meet with Miss Ross and Greg Watt for a warm up, some drills and then play a game. We were lucky enough to have Tracey from Tukapa Netball Club come to one of our trials to help to select the Interschool netball team. Greg, who is the manager for one of the school netball teams, has been helping develop our defence and attacking skills. The team is so excited to go to the tournament” - Peyton Hancock, Room 19

“Last term we started training for our Interschool rugby competition in Hawera. Every week on Mondays and Fridays we have practices leading up to the competition in Week 6. Overall, our team has been doing well with co-operation and developing important skills and tactics.” - Brooklyn Childs, Room 19

Extra Credit Homework Term 2

Last term, students had the opportunity to earn points towards their Honours Badges. They had to create and publish a children’s picture book that teaches a value that is important and meaningful. Well done to Lily Watchorn, Sophie Chen, Noah Hooper, Logan Metcalfe, Gemma Maltby, Hailey Duncan, Charlie Goldfinch, Teegan Watt, Tai Gilbert-Barlow, Marley Norman and Adele Keighley for completing the task. Their books will be on display in the library. Next term’s extra credit homework can be found at the end of this newsletter.

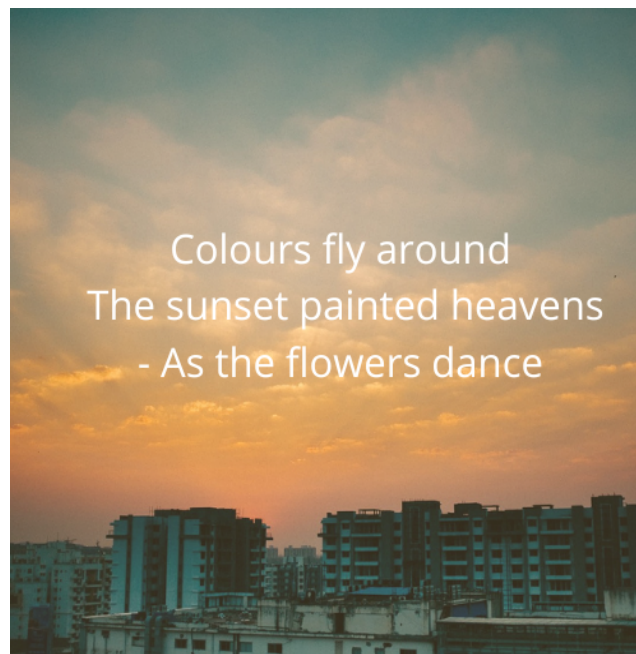


Room 18 Terrariums

"In Room 18 we have designed and created our own eco-systems. These Terrariums contain gravel, soil and local plants with some water and are sealed in a container to demonstrate how an enclosed eco system operates. As the weeks progress, we will monitor our mini worlds and introduce different elements, learning about how things can disrupt our eco systems and what we can do to help get them back on track. This relates to our wider inquiry topic and allows us to see on a much smaller scale the impact of different pests on the environment we live in."



Alizae Takerei's entry for an upcoming Haiku competition



Reminders:

- Mark Danenhauer, from the Taranaki Predator Free Community Liaison, will be coming in to school to build kit set traps with our students. It is a good hands-on experience that gives them a sense of accomplishment and more ownership in the project. We would love to invite members of our community to come in to school to help us with these kit-set traps. We will be building them on **Monday 8 August from 9am. Please sign in at the front office upon your arrival.**
- Students will be training for our upcoming Interschool Sports Competition on Mondays and Fridays. Students not involved in a sport will be participating in a Physical Education lesson. We recommend students bringing a spare change of clothes as it can be muddy during the winter months.
- Students will be training for cross country on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays.
- 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** - Miss Danielle Hill (Deputy Principal) (danielle.hill@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 (Intermediate Team Leader) (renee.pearce@bellblock.school.nz)



A WHOLE NEW WORLD - Extra Credit Homework Term 3

Due Monday Week 10 to Mrs Pearce

The year is 2300 and the earth is crumbling. You and your team are planning your escape into space. Follow the steps below to complete your extra credit homework. You must complete all the parts to get the 2 points. Be creative, create high quality work and have fun.

How will you get there?

- Research an existing spacecraft and share your findings however you like. What features does it have? How does it work? When was it built? Find out lots of interesting information. Diagrams welcome.
- Design your own spaceship. You can make it as a model, diorama or sketch and label it. What rooms/features will it have? What powers it? What is it called?

Who is in your team?

- Draw and describe the team who will be joining you in space. What characteristics or special skills do they have that will help you? What do they look like?
- Design the uniform/outfits that your team will wear.

What will life be like on board?

- Research life on the International Space Station and present what you find out. You can present your work however you like.
- What will life be like on your spaceship? You can write a creative narrative or diary entries written by the crew. What happens on your trip?

Mars - here we come!

- Mars is your destination - find out top ten facts about this planet and display them however you like.

A whole new world...

Your ship has veered off course and is now heading for another planet. Design and draw the landscape of this other planet. What will you find there? What creatures live on the surface? What does the atmosphere consist of? Design and provide details of the unknown planet that you have landed on.

