# BELL BLOCK SCHOOL NEWSLETTER #27 Friday 19 August 2022

Focus Value:

Responsibility - Takohanga



School Goal:

To be organised and ready for learning

### **Cross Country**

In a couple of weeks, we will be holding our Cross Country events. The students are preparing well for this traditional school event and we are able to welcome back spectators this year. The events are held around the Mangati Walkway, excluding the Juniors whose event is held on the school field. Students run in age groups and always give a massive effort, while being great supporters of each other when they are not running their event. Every student who runs earns points for their whānau and, thanks to our wonderful PTA, gets a refreshing ice block when they complete their event. We encourage students to dress up in their whānau colours and get into the spirit of the day.

Please come along if you are able and support our students as they give it their best on Cross Country Day. The postponement day, if required, is Friday 2 September.

Tuesday 30 August	Wednesday 31 August	
Mangati Walkway	Mangati Walkway	
First race starts 9:30am	First race starts 12pm	
9 year old boys	*7 year old boys (in Year 3)	
9 year old girls	*7 year old girls (in Year 3)	
10 year old boys	8 year old boys	
10 year old girls	8 year old girls	
Mangati Walkway	School field	
First race starts 11:30am	First race starts 2pm	
11 year old boys	5 year old boys	
11 year old girls	5 year old girls	
12 year old boys	6 year old boys	
12 year old girls	6 year old girls	
13 year old boys	*7 year old boys (in Year 2)	
13 year old girls	*7 year old girls (in Year 2)	

#### Venue

The venue for Years 3-8 is the Mangati Walkway, starting at the top bridge (near the entry to walkway from Antonio Place). Please check the school website under 'Events' for a map of the track. Juniors in Years 1-2 run on the school field.

#### **Distance**

5-6 year olds – 2 laps school field

7 year olds in Year 2 – 3 laps school field

7 year olds in Year 3 – 2 laps Mangati Walkway (2.4km)

8-9 year olds – 2 laps Mangati Walkway (2.4km)

10-13 year olds – 3 laps Mangati Walkway (3.6km)

\*Please note that 9-13 year olds age is calculated as at 28 September 2022 which is the date of the Taranaki Cross Country.

Our current school attendance rate for this week is 90%

### **Schoolwide Inquiry Unit**

Week 5 is the final week in our current science thematic unit. In Week 6 we change to a technology-based unit called Changemakers. This is always an interesting and practical unit and students have had a positive impact on their spaces and community through their learning and projects they undertake. This unit is a great example of students taking 'Action' with their learning.

#### Office Relocation

With the building work now complete our office team are moving back into the office today, ready to start the new week in their new space. From Monday the new office will be open to our community.

Looking Ahead					
	Monday 22 August	Tuesday 23 August	Wednesday 24 August	Thursday 25 August	Friday 26 August
Week 5	• 8:00 Breakfast Club	ICAS Science exam	<ul> <li>Subway Lunch Day</li> <li>8:00 Breakfast Club</li> <li>9:30 Social Worker in school</li> <li>1:45 Kapa Haka Group practice</li> <li>5:30 Whānau Hui</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Intermediate         Technology</li> <li>ICAS Spelling exam</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>8:00 Breakfast Club</li> <li>9:15 New Entrants' Transition Visit</li> <li>Singing Assembly</li> </ul>
	Monday 29 August	Tuesday 30 August	Wednesday 31 August	Thursday 1 September	Friday 2 September
Week 6	<ul> <li>8:00 Breakfast Club</li> <li>New Entrant cohort starts</li> <li>9:00 New parent welcome morning tea</li> <li>1:30 Enrolment interviews NPBHS &amp; NPGHS</li> </ul>	9:30 Senior Cross     Country     11:30 Intermediate     Cross Country	8:00 Breakfast Club     Intermediate     Interschool Sports     Tournament - Hawera     9:30 Social Worker in school     12:00 Middle Cross     Country     2:00 Junior Cross     Country	<ul> <li>Intermediate         Technology</li> <li>ICAS Maths exam</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>8:00 Breakfast Club</li> <li>Cross Country     postponement day</li> <li>2:00 Celebration     Assembly</li> </ul>

#### **Out of Zone Students for 2023**

This term we begin the Out of Zone application process for students wishing to attend Bell Block School in 2023. Out of Zone places will be advertised and applications will close on 26 September. To be included in the ballot, if required, all you need to do is drop an enrolment form into the office. This can be done at any time from now until the applications close on 26 September. If you or someone you know wants their child to come to Bell Block School in 2023, we encourage you to get the enrolment form in as soon as possible so you don't miss out.

### **Subway Lunch Day**



The Subway lunch day is **Wednesday 24 August** to raise funds for the Senior Team to attend their 3-day school camp at Vertical Horizon in Term 4.

#### **Term 4 Sports**

Touch Rugby, Cricket and Year 1/2 Netball registrations will open next week. Notification will be on the school app and Facebook.

### Hockey

Term 4 Hockey will run for 4 weeks only (29 October - 12 November) as the New Plymouth Turf will be resurfaced from mid-November onwards. Registrations are now open for students in Years 3-6. If your child would like to play Hockey in Term 4, please register online using the following link: <a href="https://forms.gle/gDSUUQmvZWXHCCH5A">https://forms.gle/gDSUUQmvZWXHCCH5A</a>



<sup>\*</sup>Registrations close on FRIDAY 16 SEPTEMBER at 11.59pm\*



## **2022 School Board Triennial Elections**

Keep your voting papers coming in! Voting is open until **Wednesday 7 September at 4pm.** We encourage voting papers to be hand delivered to the ballot box in the office or you can return them by post if you wish.



#### **Meet the Leaders**



Kia ora, my name is **Autumn Felstead** and I am your Head Girl for the second half of 2022. I am 13 years old and have been attending Bell Block School for 7 years. In the first half of the year I was your Piwaiwaka Whanau Leader and I'm excited to continue working with the new Student Council and to get more opportunities to improve my leadership skills. I want to be the kind of Head Girl that everyone can approach so if you see me out and about come say hi.



Kia ora, my name is **Nico Jordan** and I am your Head Boy of Bell Block School for the second half of 2022. Some of my hobbies are disc golf, mountain biking and surfing. I enjoy a variety of sports from swimming and surf lifesaving to football and touch. In my spare time I like to hang out with friends and family, do some work or go and play a round of disc golf. Some of my favourite subjects in school are Art, PE, Science and Maths.

#### **PTA News**

Our annual art calendar fundraiser is coming up! Students are busy working on some amazing art work which can be printed on calendars, notepads, cards, diaries or drink bottles. These make great Christmas gifts! Order forms will be coming home soon and art will be available for viewing in the classrooms before ordering.

## Conrad Hailes Principal

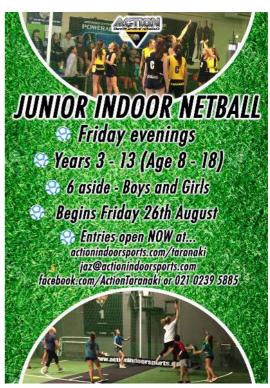
### **COMMUNITY NOTICES:**

The Taranaki Toy Library is holding a Children's MONSTER Book Sale on Friday and Saturday 16th and 17th of 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 the 31st of 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.











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# **JUNIOR TEAM**

Term 3 Newsletter







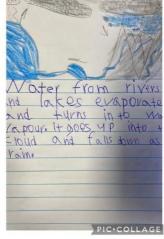
# ROOM 2

Room 2 has been learning all about storytelling. We have been learning about characters and using different story starters. We have also been using picture cards to help us tell and make up different stories to match the pictures in our library books.

# ROOM 3

Room 3 has been busy learning about the water cycle and how rain is made. We also took time out to read a story about Pete the Cat and his four groovy buttons. We painted a picture to respond to the story.





# ROOM 4

Room 4 are 'Maths Magicians!' We have been learning to count in 2's, 5's and 10's all the way to 100! We have also been working on using a variety of materials to do addition to ten, and writing the equations.









# ROOM 5

Throughout the term, Room 5 has been focusing on Science. We recreated different types of mountains, mapped mountains and did some experiments in the sandpit looking at geological processes such as tectonic plate movement and erosion.

# ROOM 6

Over the past 2 terms Room 6 have been learning to say their pepeha. This term students are getting up and sharing their pepeha with the class. They have been practising facing their audience, speaking clearly, and at a controlled pace.



