

At the last Assembly I spoke to the students about making sure their efforts this term show our school motto, *Kaha i ngā* wā katoa – Our Best Always. The work they do in class now should be the culmination of everything they have learnt so far this year. All the skills and knowledge they have developed should be put into making everything they do the best that it can be. Although the end of the year draws closer, each day is valuable and contributes to the student's learning. We want all of our students to finish off the year in a positive way.

This week Mrs Emily Doelman returned to Bell Block School as our new Assistant Principal. As I took Emily around the school introducing her to the students, it was great to see the excitement on their faces as they recognised Mrs Doelman as the teacher they had in the Junior or Middle team.

It was amazing to have so many grandparents and families back in the school again for Grandparents' Day and to see all the amazing book character costumes. Thank you to all those who were able to attend. We look forward to another big turnout of families during the athletics days in two weeks.

Today our Kapa Haka group performed at the Puanga Festival. This event has been COVID affected for the past few years so we returned as the defending champions. We know the students represented their families and our school with pride.



Looking Ahead					
	Monday 14 November	Tuesday 15 November	Wednesday 16 November	Thursday 17 November	Friday 18 November
Week 5	 8:00 Breakfast Club 9:30 Social Worker in School Year 6 Taster Afternoon 		 8:00 Breakfast Club 2:00 Kapa Haka Group Social Worker in School 	 Intermediate Technology 	 8:00 Breakfast Club Singing Assembly
Week 6	Monday 21 November	Tuesday 22 November	Wednesday 23 November	Thursday 24 November	Friday 25 November
	 8:00 Breakfast Club Year 8 Transition Visit to NPBHS & NPGHS Year 6 Taster Afternoon 	 Junior/Middle Athletics 7.00 PTA Meeting 	 8:00 Breakfast Club Senior/Intermediate Athletics 	 Intermediate Technology 2.30-3.30 Juicies orders pickup 	 8:00 Breakfast Club 2.00 Celebration Assembly

Our current school attendance rate for this week is 86%

Athletics Timetable

Tuesday 22 November – Junior/Middle Athletics

11.00am-1.00pm Middles (Year 3-4) 1.40pm-3.00pm Juniors (Years 1-2)

Wednesday 23 November – Senior/Intermediate Athletics9.15am-11.00amSeniors (Years 5-6)11.30am-1.00pmIntermediates (Years 7-8)

Approx. 2.20pm - Class and Whānau relays

PTA News



Our Book Fair Hamper raffle was drawn earlier in the week. Lachie from Room 4 and J Copestake who was a grandparent visiting at Grandparents' Day have won these awesome prizes. Thank you so much to everyone who purchased a ticket (or two) last week. We have raised \$400 for the school library.

Juicies

Today is the last day to get your Juicie order in. These are a great summer treat that the whole family will enjoy. Orders will be ready for pick up on **Thursday 24 November between 2.30pm and 3.30pm**. Money raised from the Juices will go towards a digital notice board for the school.

Gala

Do you have a business that could help support our school gala? Be it a cash donation or product we would love to hear from you. Please send us an email pta@bellblock.school.nz

Start saving your unwanted items now. We have a white elephant stall at the gala and we would love your unwanted treasures. Start a box and look out for drop off details in the new year.



Conrad Hailes Principal

COMMUNITY NOTICES



Parenting Course – Parenting Solutions

Due to high demand, we will be running another FREE evening parenting course, called Parenting Solutions. This will be run from 6-8 pm, once a week, for six weeks, start date of **Wednesday 30 November**. This parenting course will explore parenting tamariki of all ages. All whanau are very welcome.

Please note that we will be in our new premises by then, **at 38** Liardet Street, which is upstairs on the corner of Devon and Liardet, opposite Aged Concern. Our entranceway is next to Annette's Dress Shop (on Liardet Street).

To register, or for any further information, please contact Leanne via email at <u>familyworks-taranaki@psc.org.nz</u>, or 06 758 5037.

