

BELL BLOCK SCHOOL NEWSLETTER #40
Friday 2 December 2022

Focus Value:
 Respect - Whakaute



School Goal:
 To use good manners

As we approach the last full week of 2022 we can announce some staffing changes for next year. Katie White will be finishing this week and taking maternity leave for 2023. We wish her all the best for the next adventure in her life. Robin Voss will be leaving our school and Taranaki to be closer to her family. We extend our thanks to both these staff for all their efforts this year and wish them all the best for 2023. To accommodate these changes Wendy Foster will be moving to the Middle Team and Hannah Ross and Renee Pearce will be moving to the Senior Team for 2023. We have appointed two additional experienced teachers, Abby Piercy and Ruhina Leong, who will both be joining our Intermediate Team next year.

School reports will be available on the parent app on Wednesday 7 December and include each students' 2023 class placement. The students will be meeting with their new class and teachers on Friday 9 December from 11:40am until 1:00pm. Mrs Piercy and Miss Leong will, unfortunately not be able to join us for the Meet the 2023 Class.

This week we held a thank you morning tea for our community helpers. We appreciate that our families are very busy at this time of year but on behalf of all the staff and students I would like to pass on my thanks to all the people who have helped or provided opportunities this year. We are very grateful for the help and support our community gives that benefits all the students at Bell Block School.

Our Final Prizegiving will be held at 7:00pm on Tuesday 13 December in the hall. At this assembly we acknowledge another group of students who have achieved excellence in a range of areas. As well as the final cups and trophies, each class will have recipients of the Endeavour Awards as a recognition of their outstanding diligence across the year. We will also be farewelling our Year 8 students with the traditional light a candle ceremony as they prepare to move on to high school. All families are welcome to attend and help us to celebrate our students.

Just a reminder...

- Lost Property will be on display on Thursday 8 December so please take some time to have a look
- Pizza Day is on Wednesday 7 December
- Breakfast Club will finish for the year on Monday 12 December
- School finishes at 12:00 midday on Wednesday 14 December

Looking Ahead

	Monday 5 December	Tuesday 6 December	Wednesday 7 December	Thursday 8 December	Friday 9 December
Week 8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8:00 Breakfast Club 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8:00 Breakfast Club • Pizza Day • Reports available on school app 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Intermediate Technology • Lost Property on display • 5.00 Board Meeting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8:00 Breakfast Club • Meet the Class 2023
	Monday 12 December	Tuesday 13 December	Wednesday 14 December	Thursday 15 December	Friday 16 December
Week 9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8:00 Breakfast Club • Intermediate Trip • Senior Celebration • 6:00 Year 8 Graduation Dinner 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7:00 Final Prizegiving 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Last day for 2022 <p align="center">SCHOOL CLOSSES 12pm</p>	SCHOOL CLOSED	SCHOOL CLOSED

Our current school attendance rate for this week is 86%

Donation Scheme

Bell Block School is opting into the Government School Donation Scheme for 2023, with the intention of keeping costs to our community as low as possible, (i.e. covering all school contributions/fees), while at the same time providing high quality learning experiences that each student deserves. We hope that our community continues to support the school in providing such opportunities for our students. There may still be requests for a contribution/donation for very specific activities that your child may be involved in, like school camps that involve an overnight stay. We would like to inform you that, similar to the system with the school contributions/fees, any donations made to the school will be tax deductible. The school office will provide a receipt to all parents that make donations to the school.

Pizza Day

Pizza Day is on **Wednesday 7 December** to raise funds for the Student Council Legacy Project. Orders for pizzas closes today at 12pm.



Lost Property

We are at that time of term when we make an extra push to reunite lost property with its owners. Lost property will be out on display on **Thursday 8 December**. Please take a look to see if any items belong to your family. Any items left at the end of term will be donated to charity. The lost property cupboard is located in the corridor by Rooms 15/16.

Back to School Stationery 2023

Stationery lists for 2023 are now available on our website.

We've teamed up with OfficeMax to make your back to school shop super easy. And if you order in December, you'll go in the draw to WIN one of five \$1000 cash prizes — plus, you'll get a FREE A4 Magnetic Whiteboard Family Organiser*.

Your child's class list is already loaded. Just go to myschool.co.nz. Simply add your details, check that you want everything on the list, then click and confirm — and OfficeMax will get your delivery underway with free delivery on orders over \$60*.

You can pay by internet banking, credit card or debit card. Laybuy* is also available, so you can pay in 6 weekly, interest-free payments and still get your order right away. Plus you'll be helping our school earn school rewards* that we use to purchase much needed extra resources for our school.

We encourage you to order early to ensure your child has all their stationery requirements ready to go in plenty of time for the start of Term 1 on 30 January. So go ahead and beat the back to school rush, order today and give them the best start possible.

* Terms & Conditions apply, see myschool.co.nz for details.



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Seasons for Growth Programme Term 1, 2023

We have a couple of spaces available for students who are 6-8 years old that have experienced loss, change or grief in their lives. There could be many experiences that fit within this: including sickness in the family, death, migration or changing family circumstances. These sessions are run by trained facilitators who come into our school once a week for a term. For more info, please see here <https://www.lifewalk.org.nz/seasons-for-growth>

If you would like your child to be involved please email our office team to arrange an enrolment form. If your child does not fit within these ages but you are interested in your child participating in this program in the future, please

contact the office. For any further enquiries please contact our Assistant Principal, Emily Doelman by email to emily.doelman@bellblock.school.nz.

Term Dates 2023

Term 1	Monday 30 January –	Thursday 6 April
Term 2	Monday 24 April –	Friday 30 June
Term 3	Monday 17 July –	Friday 22 September
Term 4	Monday 9 October –	Thursday 14 December

Brown Paper Bags Needed

Room 4 would love to receive donations of spare brown paper supermarket bags. Please deliver directly to the classroom.

PTA News

This is our last notice for the year but you can follow us on [Facebook](#) for posts regarding our Gala in 2023, any upcoming meetings and other information about the PTA. Please feel free to share our page so we can keep our school community in the loop of all our PTA activities and events.

Next PTA Meeting

Our next meeting will be in the new year on *Tuesday 14 February 2023* in the school staffroom (time to be confirmed). We are always looking for more members so if you are interested or know of anyone who is interested we would love to see everyone there.

Gala 2023

Planning is currently underway for our Gala in 2023 (which is only 3 months away!). Save the date - **24 March 2023**. If you are wanting to have a clean-out over the holidays and have any items in good condition you can donate, we will be accepting these in the new year for our White Elephant stall. This could include clothes, toys, books or magazines. Our Facebook page will have more information and updates regarding the Gala.

On behalf of the PTA, we hope you all have a wonderful Christmas and a safe and Happy New Year.

Conrad Hailes
Principal

COMMUNITY NOTICES

