

**BELL BLOCK SCHOOL NEWSLETTER #1**  
**Friday 3 February 2023**

**Focus Value:**  
Respect - Whakaute



**School Goal:**  
To show respect to others by using our manners

**Welcome to Bell Block School for 2023**

It is great to have our students back and full of excitement and enthusiasm for the year ahead. Some students were feeling a bit nervous for the first couple of days but this tends to pass quite quickly. If your child is still feeling this way next week, please let the classroom teacher know.

For 2023 we have several new staff joining our team this year. We welcome Mrs Abby Piercy to Room 19 and Miss Ruhina Leong to Room 20, both in the Intermediate team. Miss Nikita Ploeg and Miss Nina Gibson join our Teacher Aide team to provide additional support for students.

We also welcome back Mrs Lisa O'Leary who will be working with our English Language Learners.

**2023 Bell Block School Staff**

It is with great pleasure that I can introduce our staff for 2023:

Principal                      Mr Conrad Hailes  
Deputy Principal              Miss Danielle Hill – Intermediate Team Leader  
Assistant Principal              Mrs Emily Doelman – Junior Team Leader

Miss Hill is the Team Leader of the Intermediate Team and will oversee the Year 5-8 programmes and classes. Mrs Doelman is the Team Leader of the Junior Team and will oversee the Year 0-4 part of the school. This will provide our community with another point of contact for help if needed.

Rm 2	Ms Monique Johnson	Rm 10	Mrs Alex Thompson – Middle Team Leader
Rm 3	Miss Tracey Jacobsen	Rm 11	Ms Rachael Ingram
Rm 4	Mrs Raewyn Clarkson	Rm 12	Mrs Lynda Lamb
Rm 5	Ms Monique van Beers	Rm 13	Mrs Renee Pearce – Senior Team Leader
Rm 6	Miss Charlotte White	Rm 14	Miss Hannah Ross
Rm 7	Ms Wendy Foster	Rm 17	Ms Susannah Pitcairn
Rm 8	Miss Caitlin Amos	Rm 18	Mr Kade Forsyth
Rm 9	Ms Alicia Venter	Rm 19	Mrs Abby Piercy
		Rm 20	Miss Ruhina Leong

Specialist Teacher	Mrs Amy Peters
ELL Teacher	Mrs Lisa O'Leary
Release Teachers	Mrs Aleisha Parkinson, Mrs Lisette Charlton and Mrs Jan Dempsey
Teacher Aides	Mrs Michelle Hight, Mrs Rhonda Sarten, Mrs Jan Whitmore, Mrs Jo Hutchinson, Miss Nikita Ploeg, Miss Nina Gibson
Executive Officer	Kim Hill
Office Manager	Kim Thomas
Sports Co-ordinator	Gayle Davis
Caretaker	Colin Rutherford
Cleaners	Helen Langlands and Crest Clean
Librarian	Cindy Manukonga
Resource Teacher of Learning and Behaviour (RTLb)	Tennille Yandle
Social Worker in Schools (SWiS)	Kayla Harris
Kapa Haka Tutor	Whaea Raewyn Ashby

We have a large staff working hard to support the students and their families and keep our school looking great.

***Our current school attendance rate for this week is 80%***

## Our School Vision, Values and Principles

At this time of year, we spend time setting our standards and routines and developing both class and school culture. These are all based around the school vision. This has been developed with community input and underpins the culture we strive for in the school and what we want to see from our students. It is a perfect time to discuss the vision with your child and set some goals to achieve this year.

The grey part of our logo represents a korowai or cloak. A school and community supporting students to live the motto Our Best Always – Kaha i ngā wā katoa. This is the representation of Triple A - **Ability, Attitude and Action**.



The black side of the logo represents the mountain. The strong, unchanging foundation of what we do. This represents our School Values.

**Respect – Whakaute**  
**Manaakitanga – Caring**  
**Responsibility – Takohanga**  
**Tū Māia – Standing Brave**

The blue side of the logo represents the rivers and sea. It is an adaptable, unstoppable force that impacts the landscape over time. This represents our School Principles.

**Community – Hapori**  
**Ahurea – Culture**  
**Innovation – Auahatanga**  
**Hurikiko – Aspiration**

Looking Ahead					
	Monday 6 February	Tuesday 7 February	Wednesday 8 February	Thursday 9 February	Friday 10 February
Week 2	<b>WAITANGI DAY</b>  <b>SCHOOL CLOSED</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8:00 Breakfast Club</li> <li>9:30 Social Worker in school</li> <li>2:00 Kapa Haka Group practice</li> <li>Cricket registrations close</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Intermediate Technology</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8:00 Breakfast Club</li> <li>School Photo Day</li> <li>2:00 Celebration Assembly</li> <li>Touch registrations close</li> </ul>
	Monday 13 February	Tuesday 14 February	Wednesday 15 February	Thursday 16 February	Friday 17 February
Week 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8:00 Breakfast Club</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Year 7/8 Immunisation Talk</li> <li>3:00 Open Afternoon</li> <li>7:00 PTA Meeting</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8:00 Breakfast Club</li> <li>9:30 Social Worker in school</li> <li>2:00 Kapa Haka Group practice</li> <li>Cricket fees due</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5:00 Board Meeting</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8:00 Breakfast Club</li> <li>Intermediate Bike Trip</li> <li>Singing Assembly</li> <li>Touch fees due</li> </ul>

## Student Arrival Times

Before school is a very busy time. For students to be organised and prepared to have a successful day they need to have time to put their bags away and get out the items they will need. School starts at 8:55am and most students will need at least 15 minutes to get themselves organised before that time. If your child arrives after 8:55am please ensure they sign in on the tablet in the office so we know they have arrived. If your child arrives at school before 8:25am they must wait in the covered area outside Room 1. All classroom teachers are in their classroom from 8:25am each day to greet the students as they arrive.

To maximise the progress of each student we need them to be at school as many days as possible. Every day they are away is a missed opportunity to learn they can never get back. Please ensure your child attends as many days as possible this year to give them the best chance of success.

This will be another exciting year of opportunity and learning. We are looking forward to working with you to maximise the learning and personal growth of every student here at Bell Block School.

### School Swimming

One of the major focusses for Term 1 is swimming. Please help your child to be organised for these sessions by talking about what gear they need to bring. It is a perfect opportunity to develop self-management skills especially in the upper levels of the school.

Bell Block School Swimming Timetable - Term 1 2023					
	Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Inside Pool	12:15 - 1:00	Room 17 (2 lanes only)	Room 17 (2 lanes only)	Room 11 (2 lanes only)	Room 13 (2 lanes only)
	1:40 - 2:20	Room 18/19/20	Room 18/19/20	Room 7/8	Room 11/12/14
	2:20 - 3:00	Room 12/13/14	Rooms 9/10	Rooms 9/10	Room 7/8
Outside Pool (Juniors)	1:40 - 3:00	Rooms 5/6	Rooms 2/3/4	Rooms 5/6	Room 2/3/4

### School Council

Today we had a special induction assembly where our new student leaders were sworn in to their roles. They always do an amazing job and represent our school with pride and diligence. Congratulations go to all our student leaders for the first half of 2023.

Head Girl – Charlie Mattson

Head Boy – Charlie Goldfinch

### Whānau Leaders

Kōtuku	Pīwaiwaka	Kereru	Takahe
Gemma Maltby	Sophie Chen	Kayla McDonald	Riley Smith
Markko Ayling-Emeny	Yuki Wada-Butcher	Riley Davis	Leo Padrutt

ICT Student Leader – Luka Gowler

### Being Sun Smart

Our school sun hats are compulsory during outside play in Term 1. Any students without a hat will be encouraged to be in the shade during break time. Hats are available for purchase from the school office for \$13. Payment can be made by internet banking to 15 3956 0057371 02. Please include your child's name and 'sunhat' in the reference. Hats will then be delivered to the student's classroom. Otherwise, cash or EFTPOS is available at the office. Please ensure all items are named, especially hats, as it makes it much easier to return if they get lost. Thanks to our PTA group, sunscreen is available in every classroom for students to use.

### School Photo Day

PhotoLife will be in school next Friday 10 February to take class photos, individual portraits and sibling portraits. A PhotoLife notice was sent home with students on Thursday detailing the process for viewing and ordering student photos online. All students will have their individual portrait taken and caregivers can choose to order packs containing a combination of class photos and individual portraits on the PhotoLife website using their child's photo key code. Key codes are sent home with students two weeks after photo day and are also emailed to caregivers. Should you wish your children to sit for a sibling portrait, please complete the sibling photo request form sent home on Thursday and return to the office drop box **BEFORE next Friday 10 February**.

### 2023 Teacher Only Days

We are required to have the two Teacher Only Days this year taken from within timeframes set by the Ministry of Education. We know this can cause disruptions for our families and we appreciate your support. The Board have approved the first Teacher Only Day to be taken on **Monday 24 April**. On this day our staff will be undertaking professional development and developing programmes for students. This will mean students begin Term 2 on Wednesday 26 April after ANZAC Day. Unfortunately, we have yet to be given dates for the second Teacher Only Day from the Ministry of Education. We will share this with our families as soon as possible.

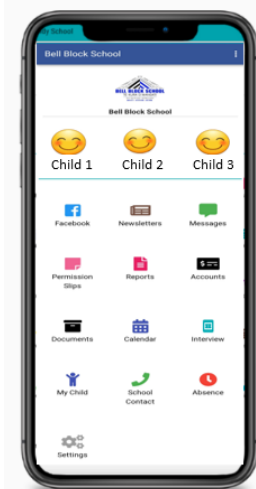
## Parent App – '@school'



The parent app '@school' is our main form of school communication. Please ensure you are logged in to the app and receiving notifications. If you prefer to receive an email rather than a notification on your phone, you can change the settings in the app to email you with advice of any new newsletters or messages. To do this, once logged in to the parent app, go to the three dots in the top right, select Settings and tick 'Enable Email Notifications'. You need to do this for each child. You will now receive an email notification in your inbox for any communications from school.

Did you know that the school app can also be accessed via a website? If you do not have the app, use the '@school' website to access school communications and stay informed. [www.atschool.co.nz](http://www.atschool.co.nz). You will need your UserID and password to log in. If you do not have these, please email the office who will be happy to provide it to you.

If you need any other assistance to get set up, please email the office who are only too happy to assist – Email [office@bellblock.school.nz](mailto:office@bellblock.school.nz)



## Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club is available in the school hall (supper room) every Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 8:00 – 8:30am. All students welcome. Volunteers would be appreciated to help set up from 7:45am. If you're able to assist, please email Lynda Lamb [Lynda.lamb@bellblock.school.nz](mailto:Lynda.lamb@bellblock.school.nz)

## Sports Term 1

Sports registrations are now open for Term 1 Cricket and Touch Rugby.

Please register online using the link on the school app, school website or Facebook. All up-to-date information for school sport is on the school website – [www.bellblock.school.nz](http://www.bellblock.school.nz)  
Registrations must be received by the cut-off date. There is a very tight timeline for team entry so NO extensions will be given.

As always, if you are having difficulty making payment, please contact the office in strict confidence before the deadline to discuss alternative arrangements.

If you have any queries, please get in touch with our Sports Co-Ordinator by email to [sport@bellblock.school.nz](mailto:sport@bellblock.school.nz)

## Cricket – all ages



Cricket is played on a Friday night or Saturday morning (depending on grade) at various grounds around North Taranaki. The season runs for 6 weeks from 17 February until 25 March. Fees are \$25. Registrations close on **Wednesday 8 February at 11.59pm**. The deadline for payment of fees is Wednesday 15 February at 3pm.

## Touch – all ages

Touch is played on Wednesdays at Hickford Park, Bell Block and runs for 6 weeks from Wednesday 22 February until Wednesday 29 March. Fees are: Year 1-6 - \$35, Year 7/8 - \$40

Registrations close on **Friday 10 February at 11.59pm**. The deadline for payment of fees is Friday 17 February at 3pm.



## Coaching

Our sports teams rely on adult volunteers from the community to coach, manage and assist school sports teams. This is so that we can offer as many opportunities as possible to our students. Coaching and volunteering is a highly rewarding activity so please consider putting your hand up to assist wherever possible.

## Player of the Day Trophies

If you have a Player of the Day trophy at home, please return this to the office as soon as possible.



## PTA News

Welcome to the 2023 school year from the Bell Block School PTA. It was great to meet some of our new families at our welcome morning tea on Monday.

2023 is a big year for the PTA with our Twilight Gala in March. If you would like to come along and see what we are all about, we welcome you to our first meeting on **Tuesday 14 February at 7pm** in the school staff room.

**Gala 2023!** Mark Friday 24 March 2023 in your diaries for our Twilight Gala. A fun, family evening of games, rides, food and so much more!



To keep up to date with PTA news, including Gala, please 'like' the PTA Facebook page, search for "Bell Block School PTA"

**Conrad Hailes**

**Principal**

## COMMUNITY NOTICES

### BELL BLOCK UNITED JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB

Registrations for the 2023 season are now active.

First Kicks (4 to 6yrs)  
Fun Football (7 & 8yrs)  
Girls First Kicks & Fun Football  
Mini Football (9-13 yrs)



For more information or to enrol for the 2023 season please refer to our Facebook page 'Bell Block United Junior Football' or [email bellblockunited@gmail.com](mailto:bellblockunited@gmail.com)

**SCHOOL LEAGUE 2023**

WANT TO PLAY?  
COMPLETE THE LINK  
WITH THIS POSTER  
FIRST TERM FOR 2023

**GAME DAY THURSDAY**  
GET READY FOR THIS

INLINE HOCKEY FOR STUDENTS YEAR 1-8  
SEASON WILL RUN FEB 9 - MARCH 30  
5.30 TO 8PM

FOLLOW LINK TO ENTER FOR TEAMS AND INDIVIDUALS

GRADES 1-8  
\$25 PER PLAYER  
8-WEEK LEAGUE  
TEAMS AND INDIVIDUALS  
SOME GEAR AVAILABLE  
LATE ENTRIES ACCEPTED

Recommended: Full inline safety gear - minimum bike helmet with mouthguard and leg and arm covering  
[email:skatesport.taranaki@gmail.com](mailto:email:skatesport.taranaki@gmail.com)

**Taranaki Young Musicians**

**After-School Music Tuition**  
2023 Programme for 6-12 years in New Plymouth

Taranaki Young Musicians is now inviting enrolments for 2023. Starting on Monday 13th February tuition will be available for flute, violin, guitar, saxophone and brass. Tuition includes lessons on your chosen instrument and combined music groups.

Register by contacting Jocelyn Beath  
via email: [joc.beath@xtra.co.nz](mailto:joc.beath@xtra.co.nz)  
or phone: 06 7579379 for more information.

Term1: Monday's: Feb 13 to April 3 Times: 15:30-17:30  
At City Life Church 24 Egmont St, New Plymouth  
Fees: \$15 per student per session (discount for 2 or more students from the same family)  
[Like Taranaki Young Musicians on Facebook](#)

## KEYBOARD LESSONS

Bell Block

- \*Individual & Group lessons
- \*Practical & Theory
- \*Performance opportunities
- \*First Lesson FREE
- \*Enquiries Welcome

**For more info.....**

**Phone Jo: 027 489 5709**