

BELL BLOCK SCHOOL NEWSLETTER #2
Friday 10 February 2023

Focus Value:
Respect - Whakaute



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

All our students have made a great start to the year. It has been a pleasure to visit all the classes and see our new students and all the familiar faces as they begin their classroom programmes. At this time of year, many routines and expectations are being set in the classes and school wide. This is an important time, especially for those students who have moved to a new team.

We had our first Celebration Assembly today. This is a time where we recognise the efforts of the students. The assembly is led by the new Student Council and features student work, whānau points updates, certificates and the ever-popular blockbuster draw. Students who earn blockbusters during the week for positive behaviour at break times go in the draw to win a small prize each Celebration Assembly. Parents and families are invited to attend our Celebration Assemblies which are held in the hall. The students begin entering the hall just after 2:00pm so we ask that guests are in the hall before then.

One of the highlights from today's assembly was the announcement of the Class Councillors for the first half of the year. The Class Councillors are students from the Middle and Senior classes who always live the school vision and show leadership potential. These students meet as the Junior Council with Mrs Doelman, run class meetings, take on various roles around the school and develop their leadership skills. Many of these students go on to be our Head Students and Whānau Leaders when they reach Year 8.

Room 7	Olive Stephens	Maeson Ruwhiu
Room 8	Vanessa Cheav	Kenneth Moratuwage
Room 9	Nya Waruhia	Red Marzan
Room 10	Danica Geraghty	Charlie Parkinson
Room 11	Connie Upton-Fleming	Regan Martin
Room 12	Willa Clark	Max Withers
Room 13	Indie Rook	Zack Green
Room 14	Chloe Bishop	Drey Henry

Congratulations to all our Class Councillors for the first half of 2023.

Open Afternoon

One event that was well received by staff and community alike last year was the Open Afternoon. As such, we will be holding this event each term in 2023. This is an opportunity to visit your child's class in a less formal setting than a parent teacher interview. It is a great opportunity to come in and see what the students have been learning, meet the teacher and see the spaces our students are working in. We invite all our families to come along if they are able and look forward to seeing as many of our families as possible. The Open Afternoon will be held from 3:00pm-4:30pm on Tuesday 14 February. We hope you can join us.

Hoops in Schools

We applied and have been selected for the Hoops in Schools programme this year. At some point, our basketball hoops will be replaced with brand new, custom designed hoops courtesy of the Hoops in Schools programme and Basketball NZ. We will keep you posted as this exciting opportunity develops.

Lockdown

In the event of a lockdown or emergency, please do not contact or visit the school. If a lockdown occurs, we will communicate any updates to parents via the school app. Thank you for supporting our school with this.

Our current school attendance rate for this week is 86%

Parent App – '@school'



Our main form of communication with parents is through the '@school' parent app. Please ensure you are logged in to the app and are receiving notifications. You can opt to receive a notification on your phone or an email notification in Settings.

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. 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.

Our office staff will be available to assist parents during the Open Afternoon to help you get connected or trouble shoot any issues you may be having getting logged in.

Looking Ahead

	Monday 13 February	Tuesday 14 February	Wednesday 15 February	Thursday 16 February	Friday 17 February
Week 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:00 Breakfast Club 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 7/8 Immunisation Talk 3:00 Open Afternoon 7:00 PTA Meeting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:00 Breakfast Club 9:30 Social Worker in school 2:00 Kapa Haka Group practice Cricket fees due 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Intermediate Technology 5:00 Board Meeting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:00 Breakfast Club 9:15 New Entrants' transition visit Intermediate Bike Trip Singing Assembly Touch fees due
	Monday 20 February	Tuesday 21 February	Wednesday 22 February	Thursday 23 February	Friday 24 February
Week 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:00 Breakfast Club Year 7/8 Immunisations 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:00 Breakfast Club 9:30 Social Worker in school 2:00 Kapa Haka Group practice 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:00 Breakfast Club 9:15 New Entrants' transition visit 2:00 Celebration Assembly

Touch – all ages

Touch registrations close TODAY at 11.59pm.

The deadline for payment of fees is Friday 17 February at 3pm.

Games start Wednesday 22 February.



Coaching

Our sports teams rely on adult volunteers from the community to coach, manage and assist school sports teams. We are looking for touch coaches for our U8, U10 and U12 grades. Please contact me as soon as possible if you are able to assist. If we do not have volunteers to coach the team, unfortunately the team cannot be entered to play. Please consider putting your hand up to assist wherever possible.

Cricket – all ages



Cricket registrations are now closed.

The deadline for payment of fees is Wednesday 15 February at 3pm.

Games start Friday 17 February.

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



Weetbix TRYathlon

Entries are open for the **New Plymouth Weetbix TRYathlon** on **Thursday 30 March** at **Ngāmotu Beach**. The TRYathlon is all about giving it a TRY and is a rewarding and fun day out for you and your child. Participants need to be aged 7-15 years old on event day, and can complete the TRYathlon as an individual or in a team of two. Six year old participants may complete the Splash&Dash.

The direct link to register into our school group is [here](#). Please note, parents will be responsible for their own child as no school staff member will be in attendance.

PTA News



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

Club Fun Nights will start this Friday 10th February and run until the last weekend of Term 1.

Venue:

Bell Block School

Time:

4 to 8 yrs old - 4pm to 5pm

9 to 13yrs old - 5pm to 6pm

Gear:

Boots and shinpads are recommended as your child may get hurt without them. If your child wears sports shoes, they risk an injury.

Your child does not need to be registered to our club (can be a member of any club or just want to see if they enjoy it before registering) and there is no cost or sign up required.

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)



Brass Instrument Lessons

The Taranaki Academy of Brass are offering brass instrument lessons again this year. Instruments and music resources will be provided and lessons will begin in Term One in a few weeks.

The cost is \$80 for the year to contribute toward instrument hire and music resources. The lessons are being held within our school grounds after school on Mondays and are open to students in the area.

Please let the school office know if you would like your child to take part.



KEYBOARD LESSONS

Bell Block

*Individual & Group lessons

*Practical & Theory

*Performance opportunities

*First Lesson FREE

*Enquiries Welcome

For more info.....

Phone Jo: 027 489 5709

