

BELL BLOCK SCHOOL NEWSLETTER #5

Friday 3 March 2023

Focus Value:
Respect - Whakaute



School Goal:
To follow instructions
immediately

Last week at the Celebration Assembly we acknowledged another group of amazing students with Triple A and Values Awards. It has been great to see so many students living our school motto of Kaha i ngā wā katoa - Our Best Always by starting the year with a positive attitude and by doing the best they can.

Ishaan Lijin, Nadhir Ali, Max Smith, Diya Wilsonmanas, Isla Turner, Charlotte Green, Red Marzan, Scarlett Blackett, Ada Ryan, Lilané de Bruyn, Olivia Davis, Peyton Metcalfe, Mason Childs, Cara Yates, Hailey Duncan, Zara Khan, Alissa Schultz, Alfred Martin, Aria Dwyer, Aimee-lee Tijssen-Pine, Coby Kingsnorth, Nya Soffe, Cindy Liu, Jake Sanderson, Billy Marx, Bronson Tauma, Samantha Ainsworth, Shyla Drummond, Heera Lopitini, Bethany Salem, Mason Coombs, Rimu Austin

Well done to all the students who received awards last week.

Thank you to all the families who were able to attend the interviews this week. We will follow up with those who were unable to attend as this is an important line of communication between home and school. If you were unable to attend, you can email the classroom teacher with a suitable time that they can give you a call.

Mufti Day for The Bay

Thank you to all the students and staff who dressed up in Black and White for 'Mufti Day for the Bay' on Wednesday. We raised over \$800 to support schools and communities that are struggling with the damage caused by Cyclone Gabrielle. Our school donations will be added to all the Taranaki schools that also got on board to help make a positive difference to the schools affected.



Swimming Sports

Swimming Sports is coming up next week and will also be a day full of activity and colourful whānau support. All the students can dress up in their whānau colours and earn points for their whānau by getting involved in the events on the day. The hotly contested class and whānau relays are the loudest of the sports events each year as the students really get behind their teams. We invite all our families to come along to the Swimming Sports and support the students as they get involved. Please avoid the use of paint/dye in dress-up costumes as it effects the pool water.

Tuesday 7 March – Years 3-8

11:30am	Years 3/4	Width & Length Events
12:15pm	Years 5/6	
1:15pm	Years 7/8	
2:00pm	Relays	

Wednesday 8 March – Junior Swimming Sports

11:30	Years 1-2
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Looking Ahead					
Week 6	Monday 6 March	Tuesday 7 March	Wednesday 8 March	Thursday 9 March	Friday 10 March
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:00 Breakfast Club Cohort 2 New Entrants start 9:00 Welcome Morning Tea 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> School Swimming Sports – Years 3-8 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:00 Breakfast Club Junior Swimming Sports – Years 1-2 9:30 Social Worker in school 2:00 Kapa Haka Group practice 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Intermediate Technology 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:00 Breakfast Club 9:15 New Entrants' transition visit 2:00 Celebration Assembly Hockey registrations close Netball registrations close
Week 7	Monday 13 March	Tuesday 14 March	Wednesday 15 March	Thursday 16 March	Friday 17 March
	<p>TARANAKI ANNIVERSARY</p> <p>SCHOOL CLOSED</p>		<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"> Intermediate Technology 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:00 Breakfast Club 9:15 New Entrants' transition visit Singing Assembly School Triathlon Hockey fees due Netball fees due

School Triathlon – Friday 17 March

Friday 17 March sees the return of our school triathlon and a great opportunity to talk to your child and encourage them to be a part of this event. There is something to suit our students with both teams and individual events for Year 3-8 students and it's another chance to get involved and have a go.

We need three parent helpers to volunteer as marshalls on the road. Your job will be to ensure students are safe and cycling in the right direction. If you would like to put your name forward, email alicia.venter@bellblock.school.nz.

Winter Sports

Netball and hockey registrations are open for Years 3-8.

Please complete the registration form via the school app or school website.

Registrations close on Friday 10 March.

Basketball registrations will be open early next week and notification will go out via the school app. You can also check the basketball page on the school website next week for the link to register.



Senior students receiving their road patrol induction training from NZ Police

Our current school attendance rate for this week is 90%

Measles

With people travelling overseas, there's a risk that someone with measles could unknowingly bring the disease back to Aotearoa. Measles spreads easily and quickly, usually between people who are unimmunised or only partially immunised. It can be serious and life threatening. In the 2019 measles outbreak in Aotearoa more than 30% of the people infected had to be admitted to hospital.

The best protection against measles is the free MMR vaccine. It will protect you and your whānau, and prevent the virus from spreading.

You will already be protected against measles if you:

- had 2 doses of the MMR vaccine
- had measles before
- were born before 1 Jan 1969.

If you're unsure if you or your tamariki have had any or both doses of the MMR vaccine, check by calling your GP or hauora provider. Alternatively, check your Plunket Well Child Tamariki Ora book. If you're still not sure, be safe and get immunised – there are no safety concerns with having an extra dose. MMR vaccines are free at your local health provider and many pharmacies.

As measles still occurs in many countries, if you're travelling overseas it's especially important to be immunised to prevent the risk of being unknowingly infected and causing an outbreak in Aotearoa on your return.

More information about the measles vaccination can be found here:

[Measles vaccination – Ministry of Health](#)

Meet the Leaders



Hello I am **Markko Ayling-Emeny**, one of your Kōtuku Whanau Leaders for the first two terms of 2023 and here is a little bit about me. I am a fun and kind kid who loves sports of all kinds. I love helping others and trying my best to accomplish everything I can outside of school. You might see me at touch cricket, basketball or other tournaments. I am an approachable person if anyone needs some help or has a problem or if you just want to introduce yourself or say Hello.



Kia ora, my name is **Gemma Maltby** and I am honoured to be one of your Kōtuku Whānau Leaders for the first half of 2023. Outside of school, I love to do jazz and contemporary dancing, roller skating, swimming and netball. I love taking my dog for walks on the beach. I am friendly and approachable so you can always come up to me with any questions or even just to say hi! I am very excited to be a Whānau Leader because I know I will get many opportunities and challenges and will be able to improve in my leadership skills. I can't wait for what exciting challenges this year will bring!



Gala

Our Gala preparation is well underway by our hard-working PTA members. With only 4 weeks to go it is gearing up to be a fantastic community event with amazing food, fabulous entertainment, games, bargains and prizes! Come along with your whānau and friends on **Friday 24 March between 5pm-7pm**.

A big thank you goes out to the amazing businesses we have in our community that have donated items and offered to help at our Gala, our biggest fundraising activity held every two years.



DONATIONS

Next week, we will begin collecting donations to make the Gala a wonderful success. *Please see the donation schedule attached to this newsletter.* If you can help out by donating any of these items, it would be much appreciated. White Elephant donations can be delivered to the Pīwaiwaka Room near Room 13 before school. Donations of classroom items may be delivered to the classroom.



GAMES

One of our most popular Gala games is back for 2023 – Dunk the Teacher! We also have the Horizontal Bungy, Pony Rides, Ladder Toss and the very fun Police Radar Run - can you match the lightning-speed of the Bell Block School staff? Come to the Gala and find out. You could try your hand at Balloon Darts, the Can Stack Challenge, the Laughing Clowns or even Cornhole. We have it all at the Bell Block School Gala! We look forward to seeing you there for lots of fun.



Follow us on Facebook ('Bell Block School PTA' Facebook page) where we will be sharing more information about our Gala.

Conrad Hailes
Principal

COMMUNITY NOTICES

BELL BLOCK JUNIOR RUGBY

Registrations are now open for Junior Rugby at Bell Block. Please register your interest at www.sporty.co.nz.

Muster Days are Sunday 12 March, Sunday 18 March and Sunday 25 March at 1pm at the Bell Block Rugby Clubrooms at Hickford Park.

Contact Matiu for more information 022 130 9628

Bell Block School Gala 2023

Friday 24 March 5pm – 7pm

Our school Gala is a fantastic community event with lots of food, prizes, entertainment and fun. We need your help to make it an amazing evening again. Lots of local businesses have generously donated a range of fantastic items. We appreciate all the support from our community - all donations (no matter how big or small) help our gala to be a spectacular evening. If you can help out by donating any of the items below, it would be very much appreciated.

Please bring all donations to your child's classroom and place in the box provided between Monday 6 March - Friday 17 March

Families with more than 2 children at school are asked to bring a maximum of TWO items.

We will gratefully accept any donations of goods or support over the coming weeks so please support us however you are able.

Whole school	Items for the White Elephant/Garage Sale – good quality new or used items including books, games, toys, small appliances, kitchen equipment. It's a great opportunity to have a sort through things at home and reduce your clutter.
Room 2	Spreads – eg: jam, peanut butter, vegemite
Rooms 3 & 4	Canned goods – eg: baked beans, spaghetti, fruit salad, sweetcorn, soup
Rooms 5 & 6	Bottles – Anything that comes in a plastic or glass bottle eg: fizzy drink, sauce, soy sauce, oil, orange juice, wine, maple syrup, mustard, tomato sauce
Rooms 7 & 8	Grocery items – Anything non-perishable for our grocery raffles – eg: dried pasta, rice, soup mix, readymade meals, chips, crackers, nuts, popcorn, biscuits
Rooms 9 & 10	Grocery items – Anything non-perishable for our grocery raffles – eg: muesli, Weetbix, cornflakes, rolled oats, tea, coffee, milo, hot chocolate
Rooms 11 & 12	Pamper items – eg: foot soak, moisturiser, mud mask, body lotion, body shimmer, anything that helps to relax and pamper the body and soul
Rooms 13 & 14	Sweet treats – eg: family lolly pack, chocolate bars, wrapped lollies/chocolates, Easter goodies, sprinkles (100's & 1000's), lollipops
Rooms 17 & 18	Prizes for girls and boys – Anything that our students might like to win – eg: toys, puzzles, books, colouring equipment, treats, board games, fun local activities
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Friday 24 March	Home Baking – Each student will bring a disposable plate home and we ask if you could please make us some delicious home baking for the Bake Sale. It can be anything from biscuits or slices to muffins or cakes. Please deliver all home baking to the office on Friday 24 March before school.

All items should be in their original packaging and non-perishable. Please ensure that they are not past, or near to, their expiry date/use by date.

We need lots of helpers on the night. If you are able to donate your time to help out on the night, please contact the PTA directly by email to PTA@bellblock.school.nz or message the Facebook page 'Bell Block School PTA'. Also check our page to see some of the raffles and prizes you could take home.

Each class will be organising a stall so talk to your child about what their class is doing.

Thank you for all your support and we look forward to seeing you on Friday 24 March from 5pm for the Gala.