

**BELL BLOCK SCHOOL NEWSLETTER #6**  
**Friday 10 March 2023**



**Focus Value:**  
**Manaakitanga - Caring**

**School Goal:**  
 To care about our school environment by keeping it tidy

Swimming Sports was the highlight of the week. It was impressive to see so many students giving it their best effort and being involved even if it isn't their favourite thing to do. We had students of all abilities involved, dressed up in their whānau colours and the support they showed for the swimmers was amazing. The class and whānau relays were hotly contested again but the noise level reached a peak when the students took the win in the staff vs students relay in the last few metres of the race. Well done to all the students who gave it their all and lived our motto *Kaha i ngā wā katoa* – *Our Best Always* at Swimming Sports. Thank you also to the families who were able to attend to support the students as well. It was great to have you back.

As you may be aware, the primary teacher's union, NZEI, has voted to strike on Thursday as they try to reach a resolution with the current contract negotiations. Due to the number of staff involved in the strike action the Board has decided that the **school will be closed on Thursday 16 March** and families will need to make alternative arrangements for their children on that day. The Board has deemed this necessary as we don't have enough staff available to open the school safely and with the short time frame and long weekend there was not enough time to organise an alternate plan. They also wanted to make a decision quickly to allow families the longest possible time to prepare. We apologise for the inconvenience this will cause our families and thank you for your support as we try to get the best outcomes for our staff and your children. We hope for a quick resolution so we can get back to business as usual.

**Looking Ahead**

	Monday 13 March	Tuesday 14 March	Wednesday 15 March	Thursday 16 March	Friday 17 March
<b>Week 7</b>	<b>TARANAKI ANNIVERSARY</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> </ul>	<b>STRIKE ACTION</b>  <b>SCHOOL CLOSED</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8:00 Breakfast Club</li> <li>9:15 New Entrants' transition visit</li> <li>School Triathlon</li> <li>Hockey fees due</li> <li>Netball fees due</li> </ul>
	Monday 20 March	Tuesday 21 March	Wednesday 22 March	Thursday 23 March	Friday 24 March
<b>Week 8</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8:00 Breakfast Club</li> <li>Year 7/8 Immunisations</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> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Intermediate Technology</li> <li>Board Meeting</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8:00 Breakfast Club</li> <li>9:15 New Entrants' transition visit</li> <li>Basketball registrations close</li> <li>5.00 Gala</li> </ul>

**Triathlon – Friday 17 March**

Our next big sporting event is the triathlon which is on Friday next week. We weren't able to hold the triathlon last year due to COVID and we are looking forward to the students getting involved either in a team or as an individual. It is a great opportunity for the students to step out of their comfort zone and give something a go that will potentially be a challenge for them. Any students who choose to participate in this event must ensure they have the correct gear to compete safely. It is a good idea to check bikes thoroughly before the day to ensure they are safe. Please note that cyclists must have a helmet, shirt and shoes.

On Friday students can bring their bikes to a space near their classroom until the start of the event. The team events are in the morning and the individual events occur after lunch.

### Triathlon Team Events

10:00am	Years 3/4
10:40am	Years 5/6
11:20am	Years 7/8



### Triathlon Individual Events

1:00pm	Year 3 boys and girls
1:10pm	Year 4 boys and girls
1:20pm	Year 5 boys and girls
1:30pm	Year 6 boys and girls
1:40pm	Year 7 boys and girls
1:50pm	Year 8 boys and girls

### Distances:

Years 3/4	50m (2 lengths) swim	3km (1 lap) bike ride	1.5km run
Years 5/6	75m (3 lengths) swim	5.5km (2 laps) bike ride	1.5km run
Years 7/8	125m (5 lengths) swim	8km (3 laps) bike ride	1.5km run

Supporters are welcome to attend the event and cheer on the students. Each event will start with the swim leg at the Bell Block Aquatic Centre, followed by the bike ride along Wynyard, Kingsford and Hua Streets and ending with the run in the school grounds.

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](mailto:alicia.venter@bellblock.school.nz). If you are driving around the school on Friday please look out for our students on the roads around the school.

### Attendance

Regular and punctual attendance at school is very important. A student who is unnecessarily absent misses valuable and important learning opportunities. Poor attendance patterns can affect a student's life chances. Truancy has to be acted upon by the school (Education & Training Act 2020). Research shows that absences of more than 10 days per year has a direct negative effect on student achievement.

Once enrolled in a school, attending school is a legal requirement, and parent/caregivers have a responsibility to ensure their child attends school unless sickness or another legitimate reason prevents this occurring. Legitimate reasons would include urgent dental or medical appointments, or bereavement.

Shopping, celebrating birthdays, haircuts and the like are events that are best suited, and can be planned for, outside of school time. Holidays should be taken during the school holidays. If you need to take your child/ren from school during the day please sign them out using the tablet at the office.

For the safety of all students, the school is required by law to follow up all unexplained absences of our students. Please make sure that the office is informed of all student absences and a reason for the absence, either in person, via the parent app or by email to [absence@bellblock.school.nz](mailto:absence@bellblock.school.nz). Unacceptable levels of attendance will be followed up by the Teacher, Attendance Officer and/or Deputy Principal.

### Winter Sports

Netball and hockey registrations for Years 3-8 close TODAY. Please complete the registration form via the school app or school website.

Basketball registrations are now invited for Years 0-8. Please complete the registration form via the school app or school website. We will need parent volunteers to coach the teams – please offer if you are able.

### Coaches

Our sports teams rely heavily on adult volunteers from the community to coach. Please bear in mind that our sports teams cannot be entered if no coach is available. Unfortunately this means that some students will not get to play. Please contact the office as soon as possible if you think you can assist with any teams below that are still looking for coaches:

Netball - Year 5/6 and Year 7/8

Hockey - Year 3/4 and Year 5/6

Basketball – All ages



***Our current school attendance rate for this week is 89%***

### Perceptual Motor Programme (PMP)

In Term 2 we are hoping to run the PMP with our Year 1 and 2 classes and we would love more whānau to help make it happen! PMP helps to better prepare children's brains for learning through specific physical movements. All of the movements have been well researched and developed, are easy to implement, and are lots of fun! Our aim is to run PMP for 20 minutes per class, twice a week (2 hours in total). We are hoping to do this in either the morning block or afternoon, depending on availability of whānau. Usually, we have four stations set up in the hall, with an adult on each one to ensure tamariki are doing the movements correctly. Students rotate around each station in small groups. The purpose of each station and how to run them are easily explained on cards.

Please let Mrs Doelman or the office know if you are interested in helping, even if you can only help 1 day per week, as we will need a group of adult helpers to help run this successfully. Email [Emily.doelman@bellblock.school.nz](mailto:Emily.doelman@bellblock.school.nz)



### NPDC Water Main Replacement

The Bell Block water main is being replaced and the construction work will have some impact on roads around the school – Bell Block Court, Nugent Street and Murray Street. There will be road closures and diversions in place at certain times between 22 March and 19 April. We have been advised that the roads will be open for our Gala on Friday 24 March. Please check the council website for further details [www.npdc.govt.nz](http://www.npdc.govt.nz)

### Jibbitz Charms



These delightful charms that are accessories and attached to Crocs footwear are proving to be popular at school. Unfortunately they are causing unnecessary upset, tears and time loss as they are lost, found, traded and ownership disputed. Like anything that comes to school by choice, tamariki are responsible for caring for their jibbitz. Staff are not responsible for unravelling any jibbitz issues. Your support with helping children understand the pros and cons of having them at school would be appreciated.

### Free Child Health Service

All schools have a Public Health Nurse who is available to provide help and advice to children and their families with any health concerns they may have. This is a confidential service and all families are entitled to use it. The nurse for our school is Claire Browne. She can be contacted on 06 753 7790 (ext-5405), mobile 027 444 2108 or email [claire.browne@tdhb.org.nz](mailto:claire.browne@tdhb.org.nz) or through the school office. Here are some examples of things the nurse can help with: allergies, hearing/vision concerns, speech, parenting, immunisations, wetting, soiling, constipation, headlice, impetigo, nutrition, growth and development, puberty, emotional and behavioural concerns and any other general health issues.



### Meet the Leaders



Kia ora, my name is **Kayla McDonald**, and I am your Kererū Whanau Leader for the first half of 2023. I'd like to introduce myself and tell you a little about me. Firstly, I am 12 years old. My Mum is European and my Dad is Māori. Along with my Dad, I was born into the Te Atiawa tribe. For a majority of my life I've had passions such as art, netball and travel. Around the age of 9, I travelled over the world, and visited places such as Italy, Singapore, and Scotland. As well as travel, I began playing netball around the age of 9 and since then it has become one of my main passions.



Kia ora, I'm **Riley Davis**. I am very excited to be your Kererū Whanau Leader for the first half of 2023 as I feel it will test my confidence and leadership abilities. Some of the things I like to do is play football, swim, and play chess, although not at the same time. I am always happy to help around the school and if you need a friend or someone to help you, I am the one in the green shirt probably playing football with my mates. I'm really looking forward to helping run the school with the Student Council and offer ideas to make it a better place for other students.

## Swimming Sports Results

### Year 3 Girls

25m Freestyle	1 <sup>st</sup> Emme Pringle	2 <sup>nd</sup> Scarlett Blackett	3 <sup>rd</sup> Jessa Pollock
25m Backstroke	1 <sup>st</sup> Emme Pringle	2 <sup>nd</sup> =Scarlett Blackett & Paige Washer	3 <sup>rd</sup> Jessa Pollock

### Year 3 Boys

25m Freestyle	1 <sup>st</sup> Jackson Payne	2 <sup>nd</sup> Jay Withers	3 <sup>rd</sup> Jake Sanderson
25m Backstroke	1 <sup>st</sup> = Jake Sanderson & Jackson Payne		3 <sup>rd</sup> Fatih Muhammad

### Year 4 Girls

25m Freestyle	1 <sup>st</sup> Edi Coster	2 <sup>nd</sup> Lucy Upton-Fleming	3 <sup>rd</sup> = Nya Soffe & Chloe Green
25m Backstroke	1 <sup>st</sup> Edi Coster	2 <sup>nd</sup> Armani Wipiiti-Boylan	3 <sup>rd</sup> Nya Soffe

### Year 4 Boys

25m Freestyle	1 <sup>st</sup> Charlie Parkinson	2 <sup>nd</sup> Bentley Vile	3 <sup>rd</sup> Jamie Turama
25m Backstroke	1 <sup>st</sup> Charlie Parkinson	2 <sup>nd</sup> Maeson Ruwhiu	3 <sup>rd</sup> Jamie Turama



### Year 5 Girls

25m Freestyle	1 <sup>st</sup> Olivia Davis	2 <sup>nd</sup> Emma Davis	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sophie Stretton
25m Backstroke	1 <sup>st</sup> Emma Davis	2 <sup>nd</sup> Olivia Davis	3 <sup>rd</sup> Isla Perrett
25m Breaststroke	1 <sup>st</sup> Olivia Davis	2 <sup>nd</sup> Emma Davis	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sophie Stretton
75m Medley	1 <sup>st</sup> Olivia Davis	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sophie Stretton	3 <sup>rd</sup> Emma Davis

### Year 5 Boys

25m Freestyle	1 <sup>st</sup> Reeve Coster	2 <sup>nd</sup> Jack Goldfinch	3 <sup>rd</sup> Lewis Wipiiti-Boylan
25m Backstroke	1 <sup>st</sup> Reeve Coster	2 <sup>nd</sup> Jack Goldfinch	3 <sup>rd</sup> Lewis Wipiiti-Boylan
25m Breaststroke	1 <sup>st</sup> Reeve Coster	2 <sup>nd</sup> Lewis Wipiiti-Boylan	3 <sup>rd</sup> Jack Goldfinch
75m Medley	1 <sup>st</sup> Reeve Coster	2 <sup>nd</sup> Jack Goldfinch	3 <sup>rd</sup> Jaxon Hardgrave

### Year 6 Girls

25m Freestyle	1 <sup>st</sup> Indie Mattock	2 <sup>nd</sup> Peyton Metcalfe	3 <sup>rd</sup> Willa Clark
25m Backstroke	1 <sup>st</sup> Willa Clark	2 <sup>nd</sup> Peyton Metcalfe	3 <sup>rd</sup> Chloe Bishop
25m Breaststroke	1 <sup>st</sup> Connie Upton-Fleming	2 <sup>nd</sup> Indie Mattock	3 <sup>rd</sup> Chloe Bishop
75m Medley	1 <sup>st</sup> Peyton Metcalfe	2 <sup>nd</sup> Chloe Bishop	3 <sup>rd</sup> Willa Clark

### Year 6 Boys

25m Freestyle	1 <sup>st</sup> Regan Martin	2 <sup>nd</sup> Maatai Taogaga	3 <sup>rd</sup> Zack Green
25m Backstroke	1 <sup>st</sup> Regan Martin	2 <sup>nd</sup> Cale Nikolajenko	3 <sup>rd</sup> Ethan Shea
25m Breaststroke	1 <sup>st</sup> Zack Green	2 <sup>nd</sup> Cale Nikolajenko	3 <sup>rd</sup> Ethan Shea
75m Medley	1 <sup>st</sup> Regan Martin	2 <sup>nd</sup> Zack Green	3 <sup>rd</sup> Cale Nikolajenko



### Year 7 Girls

25m Freestyle	1 <sup>st</sup> Lani Johnstone	2 <sup>nd</sup> Harriet Stretton	3 <sup>rd</sup> Rylee Beard
25m Backstroke	1 <sup>st</sup> Lani Johnstone	2 <sup>nd</sup> Harriet Stretton	3 <sup>rd</sup> Rylee Beard
25m Breaststroke	1 <sup>st</sup> Lani Johnstone	2 <sup>nd</sup> Harriet Stretton	3 <sup>rd</sup> Maeve Luke
50m Freestyle	1 <sup>st</sup> Lani Johnstone	2 <sup>nd</sup> Maeve Luke	3 <sup>rd</sup> Katey Peterson
75m Medley	1 <sup>st</sup> Lani Johnstone	2 <sup>nd</sup> Harriet Stretton	3 <sup>rd</sup> Maeve Luke

### Year 7 Boys

25m Freestyle	1 <sup>st</sup> Archie Bunting	2 <sup>nd</sup> Hunter Gordon	3 <sup>rd</sup> Mason Childs
25m Backstroke	1 <sup>st</sup> Archie Bunting	2 <sup>nd</sup> Gwenith Genji	3 <sup>rd</sup> Mason Childs
25m Breaststroke	1 <sup>st</sup> Charlie Clark	2 <sup>nd</sup> Hunter Gordon	3 <sup>rd</sup> Hunta McGovern
50m Freestyle	1 <sup>st</sup> Charlie Clark	2 <sup>nd</sup> Archie Bunting	3 <sup>rd</sup> Hunter Gordon
75m Medley	1 <sup>st</sup> Fabian Baumann	2 <sup>nd</sup> Flynn Pollock	3 <sup>rd</sup> Matai Mauga

### Year 8 Girls

25m Freestyle	1 <sup>st</sup> Baylee Mattock	2 <sup>nd</sup> Harmony Emett-Pene	3 <sup>rd</sup> Millie Robertson
25m Backstroke	1 <sup>st</sup> Baylee Mattock	2 <sup>nd</sup> Harmony Emett-Pene	3 <sup>rd</sup> Yuki Wada-Butcher
25m Breaststroke	1 <sup>st</sup> Baylee Mattock	2 <sup>nd</sup> Hailey Duncan	3 <sup>rd</sup> Charlie Mattson
50m Freestyle	1 <sup>st</sup> Harmony Emett-Pene	2 <sup>nd</sup> Hailey Duncan	3 <sup>rd</sup> Charlie Mattson
75m Medley	1 <sup>st</sup> Baylee Mattock	2 <sup>nd</sup> Harmony Emett-Pene	3 <sup>rd</sup> Charlie Mattson

### Year 8 Boys

25m Freestyle	1 <sup>st</sup> Leo Padrutt	2 <sup>nd</sup> Riley Davis	3 <sup>rd</sup> Charlie Goldfinch
25m Backstroke	1 <sup>st</sup> Riley Davis	2 <sup>nd</sup> Leo Padrutt	3 <sup>rd</sup> Charlie Goldfinch
25m Breaststroke	1 <sup>st</sup> Leo Padrutt	2 <sup>nd</sup> Luca Caldwell	3 <sup>rd</sup> Riley Davis
50m Freestyle	1 <sup>st</sup> Riley Davis	2 <sup>nd</sup> Leo Padrutt	3 <sup>rd</sup> Charlie Goldfinch
75m Medley	1 <sup>st</sup> Leo Padrutt	2 <sup>nd</sup> Riley Davis	3 <sup>rd</sup> Charlie Goldfinch

### Class Relay

Middles	1 <sup>st</sup> Room 8	2 <sup>nd</sup> Room 7	3 <sup>rd</sup> Room 10
Seniors	1 <sup>st</sup> Room 13	2 <sup>nd</sup> Room 11	3 <sup>rd</sup> Room 12
Intermediates	1 <sup>st</sup> Room 18	2 <sup>nd</sup> Room 19	3 <sup>rd</sup> Room 17

Whānau Relay	1 <sup>st</sup> Kererū	2 <sup>nd</sup> Pīwaiwaka	3 <sup>rd</sup> Kōtuku
Staff v Students Relay	1 <sup>st</sup> Students		



**Friday 24 March 5pm-7pm**

### **Gala Donations**

There are only two weeks to go until our amazing Gala! We have started taking donations of various items with the donation schedule going out with the newsletter last week. Each classroom has a box where you can deliver the items listed on the schedule. Thank you to everyone who has donated so far – all of your awesome contributions will help make our Gala a success.



### **White Elephant**

If you are having a de-clutter this long weekend, we are also taking any items you have for our White Elephant stall. If you have any good quality new or used items including books, games, toys, small appliances or kitchen equipment, please drop them to our Pīwaiwaka Room near Room 13 before school.

### **Food**

We have something for everyone at our Gala this year – come along for dinner (you won't regret it!). We have burgers, sausages, American hotdogs, pizza, hot chips and vegetarian options! Craig from Smok'n Comrades will have some amazing meal options and Carley Coffee for all of your hot drinks. You will also find a number of sweet treats available including traditional candy floss and the ever-popular bake sale – come along for a taste of the Bell Block School PTA Gala!



### **Help**

If you are able to help out at a stall for part of the Gala please let the classroom teacher or a PTA member know. We would be very grateful.





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 MUSTER**

**Sunday: 12<sup>th</sup> March**  
**Saturday: 18<sup>th</sup> + 25<sup>th</sup> March**

**1pm**

Bell Block Rugby Clubrooms  
@ Hickford Park – Smeaton Road

**Girls + Boys**  
**Ripper – U6/U7**  
**Tackle/Rippa – U8**  
**Tackle – U9/U10/U11**

For more info contact Madi 022-130-8620

Or register to play at:  
[www.sporty.co.nz/bellblockrugby/](http://www.sporty.co.nz/bellblockrugby/)

**ReCharge**  
No charge but koha welcome

**POOL PARTY**  
**@ PUKETAPU SCHOOL POOL**

**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March**  
**6:00–8:00pm**

**PLEASE HAVE DINNER AT HOME BEFORE YOU COME**

Meet at Northpoint Baptist Church first & pick up from Northpoint

ReCharge is a Youth Group for kids in Year 7 & 8 at school.  
For more information contact us on [www.northpoint.org.nz](http://www.northpoint.org.nz)

**HOCKEY**  
**Have a go!**  
**FREE!!**

Come and join in the fun at the hockey open day at one of your local turfs below.

**Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> of April**

1:00pm-2:00pm  
TET MultiSports Centre  
62 Portia Street, Stratford

OR

11:00am-12:00pm  
New Plymouth Hockey Turf  
79 Hobson Street, New Plymouth

**COME AND HAVE SOME FUN**  
NO EXPERIENCE OR EQUIPMENT REQUIRED

**HOCKEY TARANAKI**

**FUN STICKS**  
**Sat | 29 APR - 24 JUN 2023**  
(EXCL. 3 JUN, KING'S BIRTHDAY WEEKEND)

**HOCKEY TARANAKI**

**\$35 PER CHILD**  
**NP TURF**  
**HOBSON STREET**  
**8 - 9 AM**

Fun Sticks is an 8 week progressive program that will introduce your child to hockey through basic fundamental skills and fun hockey games.

This program is developed for children in year 1&2 and 4-5 year olds.

Register via [www.taranakihockey.org.nz](http://www.taranakihockey.org.nz)



## 2023 Junior Rugby Registrations are now OPEN!

To register your child for the upcoming season please go to: [www.sporty.co.nz/cliftonrugbyjnr/](http://www.sporty.co.nz/cliftonrugbyjnr/)

Subs for the season are \$40 for first child, \$30 for second child and \$10 for third/subsequent children from one family to be paid to Clifton Junior Rugby: 15-3945-0299527-00 **BEFORE** the season starts.

Please follow us on FaceBook (Clifton Junior Rugby) for further updates on Muster Day

Any questions please contact Kris Buckley, Clifton Junior Rugby Administrator by email to [cliftonjuniorrugby@gmail.com](mailto:cliftonjuniorrugby@gmail.com)