

BELL BLOCK SCHOOL NEWSLETTER #2

Friday 9 February 2024

Focus Value:
Respect - Whakaute



School Goal:
Greeting new people in
the school

We hope you were able to enjoy some rest, relaxation or perhaps join some of the many celebrations that were held on Waitangi Day.

Our School Vision, Values and Principles

The first few weeks of the school year are focused on setting our routines and expectations while embedding and showing our school Vision, Values and Principles. Teachers are facilitating rich discussions in their classes about the class culture they would like to create and how they will do this. It has been lovely to walk around classrooms and see our tamariki responding well to the routines that are being established. Ka rawe ki a koutou!

Swimming Sessions

Swimming sessions for each class are well and truly underway with a focus on stroke development and water safety skills. We were lucky enough to have Chloe Dickinson from Swimming New Zealand come to visit last week and provide support for both teachers and students. It is always such a valuable time with Chloe and we thank her for her ongoing support. Chloe's sessions provide new ways to approach the teaching of swimming to keep the lessons fun and engaging for our students, whilst ensuring the lessons are of high quality and beneficial for all.



Please ensure your child comes prepared with their swimming gear for their scheduled swimming lessons. The timetable for swimming is available on the @school parent app, on the school website and was published in last week's newsletter.

Whakapapa Inquiry

Our schoolwide inquiry topic this term is 'Whakapapa'. This learning incorporates discussions and activities to reinforce ideas based around identity, social and culture similarities and differences, relationships with others and family history. You can help at home by starting conversations about your family history as well as your family beliefs and values. This can help students feel empowered and prepared with the relevant knowledge to actively participate in their learning tasks.

Technology Programme

There has been much excitement as the Intermediate teachers and students awaited the first day of their Technology Programme. Today was that day! There was a buzz amongst the Year 7/8 students as they engaged in Hospitality, Visual Arts, Enterprise, Music, Digital Technology and Manufacturing. The range of programmes we offer provides many opportunities for our students to experience things they may not have explored before; it opens up chances for them to find new passions and encourages them to have a go. A huge thank you to the Technology teachers for the effort they put into planning high quality teaching and learning programmes for our Intermediate students every Friday.

Parent Teacher Interviews

Interviews will be held on **Wednesday 28 February** from 3:00pm to 7:30pm and **Thursday 29 February** from 3:00pm to 4:30pm.

The online booking system will open on Tuesday next week. Please book your parent/teacher interviews by tapping on the 'Interview' button on the @school parent app. If you have any issues booking your interviews, please don't hesitate to contact our office team on 755 0838.

**PARENT
TEACHER
INTERVIEWS**

Road Safety

A reminder to all whānau to please use the designated crossing on Murray Street when approaching/leaving the school on foot, rather than crossing at the Wynyard/Murray Streets corner intersection. It is much safer for both pedestrians and vehicles if traffic around school is managed by our trained Road Patrol crew.

Looking Ahead

	Monday 12 February	Tuesday 13 February	Wednesday 14 February	Thursday 15 February	Friday 16 February
Week 3	● 8:00 Breakfast Club	● 7:00 PTA Meeting	● 8:00 Breakfast Club ● 9:00 New Entrant Transition Visit ● Intermediate Bike Trip ● 2:00 Kapa Haka Group practice ● Cricket fees due	● 5:00 Board Meeting	● 8:00 Breakfast Club ● 10:00 Celebration Assembly ● Touch fees due
Week 4	Monday 19 February	Tuesday 20 February	Wednesday 21 February	Thursday 22 February	Friday 23 February
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Sports Update

Thank you to all those who have registered for touch and cricket already. Our teams are filling up fast and it is looking set to be another amazing term of summer sport.

Coaches Needed – Urgent Request

We are desperately in need of coaches for our U10 and U12 touch teams. These teams cannot go ahead without parent support. If we are unable to secure a coach for each team, the team will have to be withdrawn and unfortunately that means players don't get to play. To avoid that happening, please contact me as soon as possible if you, or someone you know, are able to assist or would be willing to share a role within the team.



If you have any queries about any teams, please get in touch with our Sports Co-Ordinator by email to sport@bellblock.school.nz

Cricket – all ages

A reminder that cricket fees (\$25 per player) are due by Wednesday 14 February at 3pm please.



Touch – all ages



A reminder that touch fees are due by Friday 16 February at 3pm please. If payment is not received by the deadline, your child will miss out on team selection. If you are having any difficulty meeting the payment deadline, please contact the office in strict confidence to discuss alternative arrangements. Fees are: Year 1-6 - \$40, Year 7/8 - \$45

Thank You to Noodle Head

A big Thank You to Noodle Head Bell Block for their generous sponsorship of new safety pads for our portable netball goals. We're so grateful for your partnership with Bell Block School, thank you Will and your team.

Ryan Hailes Memorial Scholarship 2024

The Ryan Hailes Memorial Scholarship recognises emerging young sports people who demonstrate excellence in their chosen sport. The purpose of the scholarship is to offer financial contribution in recognition of the costs involved in competing at a regional and/or national representative level. If you know a deserving recipient, please apply in writing by email to sport@bellblock.school.nz. Applications for Term 1 must be received no later than Friday 8 March.



Parent App – '@school'



The parent app '@school' is our main form of school communication. All school updates, permission slips, school reports and sports notices come out via the app.



Please ensure you have downloaded the free app to your phone to ensure you don't miss anything. 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 with the school app, please contact the office who are only too happy to assist – Email office@bellblock.school.nz

Finally...

We are so excited by what we have seen from our tamariki over the past two weeks and we are even more excited by what is to come. Please keep your eye on the newsletters and communication from your child's classroom teacher to ensure you stay in the loop with the many different events that are coming up over the next few weeks.

Courtney Goldsworthy
Deputy Principal

COMMUNITY NOTICES



WATER GAMES
FRIDAY 9TH FEBRUARY
6:00-8:00PM
NORTHPOINT BAPTIST CHURCH
116 MANGATI ROAD, BELL BLOCK
BRING CLOTHES YOU CAN GET WET, A TOWEL AND TONS OF ENERGY.
LET'S KICK OF 2024 WITH A HEAP OF FUN!
ReCharge is a Youth Group for kids in Year 7 & 8 at school. For more information contact us at recharge@northpoint.org.nz

AFTER SCHOOL CLUB
BELL BLOCK LIBRARY
6 weeks from 15th Feb to 21st March
Thursdays 3.30pm to 4.30pm
A mix of craft, STEM and digital activities suitable for 8 – 12 year olds
See a staff member to enrol or
ph 06-7596060 and ask for Bell Block Library
Puke Ariari NPOC

NEW PLYMOUTH & ŌĀKURA
Run with TEMPOFIT KIDS
FOR KIDS THAT LOVE TO RUN!
Wed afternoons @ Highlands Intermediate: 5-7 years & 8-11 years (3.25-4.05pm), 11-13 years (4.10-4.55pm) & High School Squad (5-5.50pm)
Fri mornings @ Ōākura: 8-13 years (8.00-8.45am) - includes breakfast
tempofit.org

BELL BLOCK UNITED JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB

Club Fun Nights will start next Wednesday 14 February and run until Friday 22 March.
These nights are open to any child that wants to try football or improve their skills. No cost or sign-up needed.

Venue:
Bell Block School field

Time:
Wednesday 4pm to 5pm: 4 to 8 year olds
Friday 4pm to 5pm: 9 to 13 year olds

Gear:
No uniform required.
Boots and shin pads are required.

For more information about the Club Fun Nights or to enrol for the 2024 season please refer to our Facebook page 'Bell Block United Junior Football Club'



CLIFTON JUNIOR RUGBY CLUB

2024 Junior Rugby Registrations are now OPEN!

To register your child for the upcoming season please go to:
www.sporty.co.nz/cliftonrugbyjr/

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
Email: cliftonjuniorrugby@gmail.com

