

BELL BLOCK SCHOOL NEWSLETTER #4
Friday 23 February 2024

Focus Value:
 Respect - Whakaute



School Goal:
 Use a respectful voice
 and words when talking
 to others

The next few weeks for Term 1 are going to be busy. Coming up we have the first of the Parent Teacher Interviews for the year, swimming sports and the school triathlon. This is a great opportunity to talk to your child about their involvement. They don't have to be the best athletes but giving things a go and doing your best is a key part of the Bell Block School experience.

Around this time of the term as the students become more familiar with their new classes, our focus shifts towards more regular teaching and learning programmes. Should you wish to discuss what your child is learning and how they are going, the Parent Teacher Interviews are a great opportunity to do this, but more regularly your child's teacher is your first point of contact either by catching up before or after school, by email or if you ring the office our teachers can arrange a time to call you that suits. You can also contact your child's Team Leader to assist you. Email addresses for all teachers are available on the school website.

Junior Team Leader (Rooms 2-6) – Tracey Jacobsen
 Middle Team Leader (Rooms 7-10) – Alex Thompson
 Senior Team Leader (Rooms 11-14) – Wendy Foster
 Intermediate Team Leader (Rooms 17-20) – Janine van den Berg

If you would like to meet with myself or the Deputy Principal, Courtney Goldsworthy, or our Assistant Principal, Emily Doelman, please contact Kim Hill in the office and she can book in a time that suits.

Communication with and from school is an important aspect that can help support student success and achievement.

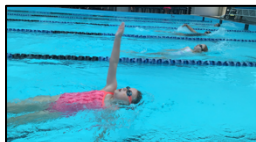
Looking Ahead

	Monday 26 February	Tuesday 27 February	Wednesday 28 February	Thursday 29 February	Friday 1 March
Week 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:00 Breakfast Club 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:00 Breakfast Club 9:00 New Entrant Transition Visit 2:00 Kapa Haka Group practice Parent/Teacher Interviews 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parent/Teacher Interviews 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:00 Breakfast Club 10:00 Celebration Assembly Senior Camp permission deadline
	Monday 4 March	Tuesday 5 March	Wednesday 6 March	Thursday 7 March	Friday 8 March
Week 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:00 Breakfast Club Year 7/8 Immunisations 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:00 Breakfast Club 9:00 New Entrant Transition Visit 11:30 Junior Swimming Sports 2:00 Kapa Haka Group practice 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Swimming Sports Years 3-8 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:00 Breakfast Club 10:00 Singing Assembly Netball, hockey and basketball registrations close

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. Bookings may be made 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.

Swimming Sports



Please join us to cheer on your child for their efforts at Swimming Sports. Students are encouraged to dress in their whānau colours and create a festival atmosphere.



Wednesday 6 March – Junior Swimming Sports (Outdoor Pool)

11:30 Years 1-2 Participation Events

Thursday 7 March – Years 3-8 Swimming Sports (Indoor Pool)

11:30am Years 3-4 Width Participation Events

Years 3-4 25m Participation Freestyle, 25m Participation Backstroke followed by finals

12:15pm Years 5-6 25m Freestyle, 25m Backstroke, 25m Breaststroke, 75m 3 Stroke Medley

1:15pm Years 7-8 25m Freestyle, 25m Backstroke, 25m Breaststroke, 50m Freestyle, 75m 3 Stroke Medley

2:00pm Relays

Preliminary heats to determine the finalists for each event are recorded during class time in the weeks before Swimming Sports. Please encourage your child to bring their togs every day that they have a swimming lesson so they do not miss out on the opportunity to qualify for a final. The heats swum on Swimming Sports day are for participation only.



School Triathlon – Thursday 14 March



On Thursday 14 March we will be holding our school triathlon for Year 3-8 students. There is something to suit our students with both team and individual events. Further details about timing for the day will follow in due course. We need 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, please email abby.piercy@bellblock.school.nz

Healthy Eating Guidelines

Thank you to those parents who took the time to complete the Healthy Eating Survey sent out last year. The Board have met and discussed the feedback and have made the following decisions, which now apply.

- A food fundraiser or special event (such as pizza, sausage sizzle) will be held no more than once a term;
- The school will continue to offer healthy lunch options, such as Subway or sushi;
- No unhealthy food will be provided by the school in classrooms;
- No unhealthy food to be brought into school for sharing on special occasions or celebrations.

For what is defined as a healthy or unhealthy food see the [Healthy Food & Drinks Guidance for Schools](#)

****There are no restrictions for foods and drinks that students bring to school to eat or drink themselves at break times or lunchtimes.***

PhotoLife Photo Orders

Students' unique key codes have been emailed to caregivers by PhotoLife. Please check your junk folder if you have not received the email. Your child's photos are now ready to view and purchase online. Please head to the PhotoLife website www.photolife.co.nz, enter your child's key code and follow the instructions. All orders placed before midnight **Sunday 3 March** will be delivered free to school and will be sent home with your child. Orders can still be placed after this date but freight will be charged for each order.

PhotoLife can be contacted directly for queries at enquiries@photolife.co.nz.

Immunisation Consent Forms

Consent forms for the Year 7 Boostrix and Year 8 HPV vaccinations were sent home with students on Monday from the Public Health Nurse.

****Please complete and return the consent form to the office by 29 February whether you choose to immunise your child or not.***

For further details regarding the immunisation programme please contact the Public Health Nurse, Claire Browne at claire.browne@tdhb.org.nz.

Vision and Hearing Screening

Vision and hearing screening is completed by Te Whatu Ora Health New Zealand Vision and Hearing Technicians at our school. The technicians will be visiting our school during the year to test eligible students' vision and/or hearing. Eligible students include:

- **New Entrants**

Routine screening is completed for students who are new to school, and/or have not completed their B4 School Check and/or require further testing post B4 School Check.

- **Year 7**

Routine vision screening is completed for all Year 7 students and Year 8 students who have not completed the Year 7 screening and/or students that require further testing.

There will be a further notice prior to the Vision and Hearing Technician visit and the visit dates will be available in our online calendar which can be accessed via the school website and @school app.

If you have any queries or concerns, or do not wish for your child to have this screening done, please contact the school office.

Library News:

As all classes have been visiting the library these past few weeks you will notice students may have been bringing library books home. Classes have a timetabled weekly visit to the library where they get to choose books they might enjoy in the class or at home. Books are issued depending on the team they are in: Juniors (1 book), Middles (2 books), Seniors and Intermediates (3 books). All Junior and Middle students are to have a book bag for their library books, this helps keep our books protected from any rainy days or spills in their bags. Junior and Middle students issue their books for a week and Senior and Intermediate students issue for two weeks. Please encourage your child/ren to return their books when they are due back to the library - this ensures they can get new and exciting books to read and other students can borrow their returned books. If you have any questions with regard to the library or library books please email Cindy Manukonga, our Librarian at: library@bellblock.school.nz.

Winter Sports

Registrations are now open for all our winter sports. Please visit the school website and click on the relevant sports page for all season information and the registration form.

Netball (Years 3-8) – **Registrations close Friday 8 March**

Hockey (Years 3-8) – **Registrations close Friday 8 March**

Basketball (Years 3-8) – **Registrations close Friday 8 March**

Volleyball (Years 7-8) – **Registrations close Friday 29 March**

Rippa Rugby

Rippa Rugby is available in Term 1. If there is enough interest, the school will enter a team. If your child is interested, please complete the registration form on the school app. Registrations close TODAY, Friday 23 February at 11.59pm. If you or someone you know is able to assist as coach or manager of a team, please email me as soon as possible sport@bellblock.school.nz.



Meet the Leaders



Rimu Tiakihana Austin. Ko wai ahau? Ko Tongariro tōku maunga. Ko Whanganui tōku awa. Ko Te arawa tōku waka. Ko Ngati Tuwharetoa tōku iwi. Ko Hikairo tōku marae. Ko Rimu tōku ingoa. I was given the privilege to be a Kererū Whanau Leader for the first half of the year. I'm someone who loves sports and hanging out with friends. I look forward to seeing what 2024 has in store for us all. Kia pai tō rā.

Kia ora, my name is **Milla Walden** and I am ecstatic to be your Kererū Whanau Leader for the first half of 2024. In my free time, I usually listen to music, draw, play sports, or whip up some baking. I will strive for my whanau's success, treat everyone with respect, and always give it my all. If you see me out in the playground, don't be scared to come over and introduce yourself.



Conrad Hailes
Principal

COMMUNITY NOTICES

No charge, but take a welcome

**ReCharge**
Recharge Youth Group

If it's your first time, a parent/caregiver needs to fill out a registration form. Thanks.

Gene fishing

Friday 23rd February
6-8pm

Northpoint Baptist Church
116 Mangati Road, Bell Block



ReCharge is a Youth Group for kids in Year 7 & 8 at school.
For more information contact us at recharge@northpoint.org.nz



SEAWEEK

CELEBRATING TARANAKI MARINE LIFE

3 MARCH

SEASIDE MARINE FAMILY EXPO

NGAHOTU BEACH 10am - 12pm

6 MARCH

SPEAKERS EVENING

PUKE ARIKI FOYER 6pm - 7.30pm

9 MARCH

POOLSIDE MARINE FAIR

HAWERA AQUATIC CENTRE 10am - 12pm

10 MARCH

KORORĀ/BLUE PENGUIN THEMED FAMILY ART

GOVETT BREWSTER ART GALLERY 10.30am - 12.30pm

IN COLLABORATION WITH



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Ravens Inline Hockey Youth Development

Starts Feb 20th @5:30pm



Youth Development for inline hockey aimed at beginners wanting to improve their skating and skills. Ages 5 through to 14 year olds - no gender. Parents welcome to watch. Some fees encouraged to watch. School league players encouraged to attend.

Hosted by club coaches and experienced players. Registration will be provided after first session. Cost \$10 per 10 sessions. First session - start 12.30, 10 sessions - start 5.30pm. East End Leisure Park



TARANAKI

SKILLS TO IMPROVE YOUR GAME



NP WINTER FUN STICKS

SAT 4 MAY - 22 JUN 2024 (7 WEEKS)
8.00 AM - 9.00 AM
NEW PLYMOUTH TURF

\$ 40 PER CHILD

Register via www.taranakihockey.org.nz



Fun Sticks is a 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 at school and 4 - 6 year olds.