

**BELL BLOCK SCHOOL NEWSLETTER #5**  
**Friday 1 March 2024**

**Focus Value:**  
 Respect - Whakaute



**School Goal:**  
 Use good manners to  
 everyone

Thank you to all our families who were able to attend the Parent Teacher Interviews this week. It is a very important part of our communication plan with families and a great opportunity to discuss your child's goals this year. If you were unable to attend, please contact your child's teacher to make an appointment or time for them to call that suits you. We always aim to speak to all of our families at both of the interview opportunities each year.

Week 5 ended with our second Celebration Assembly and another group of students were recognised for their outstanding start to the year. Certificates are awarded to students who model our Triple A vision of 'Ability, Attitude and Action' particularly with a focus on their learning. We also recognise students who show the focus value for the term and in Term 1 we are working on showing respect. Well done to all the students who received awards today.

*Ruby Northcott, Edie Green, Jordan Vile, Dylan Washer, Mela McGovern, Orin Jacobs, Chester Mattson, Lachlan Lewis, Reeve Coster, Blake Whiting, Alice Stephens, Lani Johnstone, Chloe Yang, Harriet Stretton, Cruz Northcott, Felix Rook, Amayra Kumar, Leo Peters, Livinu Dasanayaka, Charlotte Thompson, Nadhir Ali, Vinneesha Dolan-Walker, Lucy Upton-Fleming, Harper Daniels, Kyan Iremonger, Willa Clark, Kahn Hamann, Alex Ewing*



**Looking Ahead**

	Monday 4 March	Tuesday 5 March	Wednesday 6 March	Thursday 7 March	Friday 8 March
<b>Week 6</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>9:00 New Entrant Transition Visit</li> <li>11:30 Junior Swimming Sports</li> <li>2:00 Kapa Haka Group practice</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Swimming Sports Years 3-8</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8:00 Breakfast Club</li> <li>10:00 Singing Assembly</li> <li>Netball, hockey and basketball registrations close</li> </ul>
	Monday 11 March	Tuesday 12 March	Wednesday 13 March	Thursday 14 March	Friday 15 March
<b>Week 7</b>	<p align="center"><b>TARANAKI ANNIVERSARY</b></p> <p align="center"><b>SCHOOL CLOSED</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>New Entrant Cohort 2 starts</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8:00 Breakfast Club</li> <li>2:00 Kapa Haka Group practice</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Triathlon Years 3-8</li> <li>Senior Camp donations deadline</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8:00 Breakfast Club</li> <li>10:00 Celebration Assembly</li> <li>Netball, hockey and basketball payments due</li> </ul>

## Swimming Sports



Next week we have our first major school sports event for the year - Swimming Sports. We expect all students to take part either in the participation events or the finals as they earn points for their whānau with every event they participate in. Students and staff will be dressed up in their whānau colours showing their whānau spirit. It is always a great day of students giving things a go and ends with the hotly contested class, whānau and Staff vs Students relay. All our families are invited to come along to support the students in action at the Junior event on Wednesday and the rest of the school on Thursday. Please know it can get very loud, particularly in the Thursday afternoon session!

### 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 have been recorded during class time. The heats swum on Swimming Sports day are participation events only.

## School Triathlon – Thursday 14 March

On Thursday 14 March we will be holding our school triathlon for Years 3-8 students. Please talk to your child about whether they wish to enter as an individual or part of a team (or both). 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. 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](mailto:abby.piercy@bellblock.school.nz)

### 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	25m (1 length) swim	2km (1 lap) bike ride	1.5km run
Years 5/6	75m (3 lengths) swim	4km (2 laps) bike ride	3.0km run
Years 7/8	125m (5 lengths) swim	6km (3 laps) bike ride	4.5km run

## 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



## Yummy Stickers

Thank you to everyone who saved their Yummy apple stickers for us last year. With your help, we collected nearly 5000 stickers and were lucky to receive a big delivery of wonderful new sports equipment for our students to use at break times.



We will again collect the stickers from Yummy apples this year during Terms 2 and 3. Keep an eye out for more information to follow.



Room 5 proudly showing some of the new balls we received thanks to our Yummy apple sticker collection.

## Meet the Leaders



Kia ora, my name is **Harriet Stretton** and I'm proud to be one of your Kōtuku Whānau Leaders for the first half of 2024. For those of you who have no idea who I am, here's a little about me: I love playing sports, especially hockey and tennis. I have two younger siblings at this school in Rooms 7 and 11. Some extra-curricular activities I've done throughout my time in the Intermediates include Kapa Haka, Kids Lit Quiz, PCT Challenge, Leadership Conference, and much more. As a Whānau Leader of Bell Block School I will always show the values and vision, the school motto *Kaha i ngā wā katoa* and never give up. I will be a role model for younger students and provide great opportunities. I love being on the Student Council and won't let our school down.



Hi, I'm **Hunta McGovern** and I am one of the Kōtuku Whānau Leaders for the first half of 2024. I applied for this role so I could help the school and community and to be a role model to members of our school whānau. And that's what I'm going to do! I'm always happy to help so if you need a hand come and find me around the school.

**Conrad Hailes**  
Principal

## COMMUNITY NOTICES

**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](http://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 - 12 year olds.

**16TH MARCH**  
OAKURA BEACH TARANAKI  
**FREE ENTRY!**

**TARANAKI JUNIOR BEACH 5'S RUGBY FESTIVAL**

PLAY WITH YOUR MATE. YOUR SCHOOL. YOUR CLUB.  
A FUN DAY OF RUGBY ON THE BEACH

AGE GROUPS:  
YEAR 6 (SQUAD MAX WEIGHT 400KG) - SQUAD SIZE 10  
YEAR 7 (SQUAD MAX WEIGHT 450KG) - SQUAD SIZE 10  
YEAR 8 (SQUAD MAX WEIGHT 500KG) - SQUAD SIZE 10  
MAX SQUAD 10 PLAYERS

FOR TEAM REGISTRATION PLEASE CONTACT:  
ANDREW CHAMBERS  
E-MAIL: [ACTIVITIES@TARANAKI.CO.NZ](mailto:ACTIVITIES@TARANAKI.CO.NZ)  
TEL: 02102972817

**ReCharge**  
Intermediate Youth

No charge but a koha is welcome  
**WE'RE GOING SWIMMING**  
@ PUKETAPU SCHOOL POOL

Friday 1st March  
6:00-8:00pm

Meet at Northpoint Baptist Church first (116 Mangatū Road, Bell Block), & pick up from Northpoint at 8pm  
BRING TOGS & A TOWEL

**BRING SOME FRUIT OR A PACKET OF CHIPS TO SHARE AFTER THE SWIM.**

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

**KIDS DON'T COME WITH A MANUAL**

CASTING CALL FOR FAMILIES  
Nathan Wallis Parenting TV Series - Kids Don't Come With A Manual (Season 2)

After 10 years on screen, Nathan Wallis is back with a new series of Kids Don't Come With A Manual. Season 2 is his first foray into the world of parenting.

Season 2 is an exciting journey for Nathan Wallis as he explores the challenges of parenting in the modern world. Nathan is a father of four and a successful entrepreneur. He is a role model for many young people and is passionate about helping parents navigate the challenges of parenting.

If you are a family in NZ, or a family with a family member in NZ, and are currently facing challenges with your children, children, or teenagers, then we want to hear from you! Send us a short video submission introducing yourself! MORE: Casting date is Monday 4th March 2024.

Video requirements:

- Approx 1 minute clip (you must have 1 minute introducing yourself, this to include where you are located and what help/guidance you require from Nathan. Please also mention how we can help you.)
- No cost involved. You are invited to participate in our series.

Send us your video clip to: [info@nathanwallis.com](mailto:info@nathanwallis.com)

Note: If your video file is too large to send us email, then try sending us [info@nathanwallis.com](mailto:info@nathanwallis.com)

If you missed the casting of our 1st series, then you can find the link below:  
[www.nathanwallis.com/kids-dont-come-with-a-manual](http://www.nathanwallis.com/kids-dont-come-with-a-manual)

Any questions please email: [info@nathanwallis.com](mailto:info@nathanwallis.com)