

BELL BLOCK SCHOOL NEWSLETTER #6
Friday 8 March 2024

Focus Value:
 Respect - Whakaute



School Goal:
 Respect other people's
 personal space

The school Swimming Sports held on Wednesday and Thursday this week was, once again, a festival of swimming with the cheering reaching new heights during the class and whānau relays. The Juniors showed their skills in events ranging from running in water to freestyle and it was pleasing to see how much the students had improved over the very short swimming season. Thank you to our families who were able to attend and support the students in action.

I would like to congratulate all the students who got involved and gave it their best even though swimming isn't their favourite activity. It is this giving things a go and doing your best regardless of the situation that helps students build resilience and gain a sense of achievement even when faced with challenges. Of particular note, were the students who filled gaps in several of the races who just said "I will give it a go". These are the attitudes that help our students be successful.



Congratulations must also go to the student relay team who absolutely thrashed the staff team this year. We have some outstanding swimmers who were genuinely too fast for the staff who were giving it their all.

Although the first Parent/Teacher Interviews are complete, please feel welcome to continue to build communication with your child's teacher. When our links with parents are strong, we can improve the outcomes for our students. You can also speak to our Team Leaders or make an appointment to speak to Mrs Doelman, Mrs Goldsworthy or Mr Hailes via the office team.

Looking Ahead

	Monday 11 March	Tuesday 12 March	Wednesday 13 March	Thursday 14 March	Friday 15 March
Week 7	TARANAKI ANNIVERSARY SCHOOL CLOSED	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> New Entrant Cohort 2 starts 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:00 Breakfast Club 2:00 Kapa Haka Group practice 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Triathlon Years 3-8 Senior Camp donations deadline 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:00 Breakfast Club 10:00 Celebration Assembly Netball, hockey and basketball payments due
	Monday 18 March	Tuesday 19 March	Wednesday 20 March	Thursday 21 March	Friday 22 March
Week 8		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7:00 PTA AGM Meeting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:00 Breakfast Club 9:00 New Entrants' Transition Visit 2:00 Kapa Haka Group practice 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Last day for class swimming lessons 5:00 Board Meeting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:00 Breakfast Club 10:00 Singing Assembly

School Triathlon – Thursday 14 March

Next week we are holding our school triathlon with opportunities for students to compete as an individual or as part of a team. We encourage all of our students from Year 3 upwards to give this event a go, whether they are elite level or trying it for the first time. Everyone can be involved so have a talk to your child and encourage them to give it a go.

Any students who choose to participate in this event must ensure they have the correct gear to compete safely. Please check bikes thoroughly before the day to ensure they are safe. Please note that cyclists must have a helmet, shirt and shoes.

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 Wynyrd, Kingsford and Hua Streets and ending with the run inside the school grounds.

If you are driving around the school on Thursday please look out for our students on the roads around the school.

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 contact Abby Piercy via email 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 close today for netball, hockey and basketball. Please visit the school website and click on the relevant sports page for all season information and the registration form.

Netball	(Years 3-8)	Payment due Friday 15 March
Hockey	(Years 3-8)	Payment due Friday 15 March
Basketball	(Years 3-8)	Payment due Friday 15 March
Volleyball	(Years 7-8)	Registrations close Friday 29 March

Gymsport Festival

In Term 2, there is an opportunity to participate in the School Gymsport Festival held at Gymnastics Waitara. This is a two day event hosted by Gymnastics Waitara to celebrate gymnastics in all its forms. It is an opportunity for school-aged children to learn a routine and perform amongst peers in either an individual or group performance. There are events for artistic and rhythmic gymnastics, trampolining, cheerleading, hip hop and aerobics. This is an extra-curricular, parent-led experience so no school staff member will be in attendance at any time. If you are interested in learning more or seeing the Festival Handbook, please email sport@bellblock.school.nz to register your interest.



Meet the Leaders



Kia ora, my name is **Ty Hardgrave** and I am your Takahē Whānau Leader for the first half of 2024. I am a very sporty person that likes to stay active and play fun games. If you see me around the playground or out of school, please don't be afraid to come over and introduce yourself. If you're ever looking for someone to talk to, come and find me.



Kia ora, my name is **Ayla White**. I'm your Takahē Whānau Leader for the first half of 2024. I enjoy the beach, kapa haka and music. You may see me on the field or in the playground, feel free to come and say "Hello". If you have a problem, you may come and ask for help and I will gladly help you. Ka awhina tonu ahau, I will always help. Kia pai tō rā, have a wonderful day.

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

HOCKEY

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.

ReCharge

No charge, but koha is welcome

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

Movie Night

soul surfer

movie: "soul surfer"

Friday 8th March
6:00-8:00pm

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

FAMILY FUN AFTERNOON!

BOUNCY CASTLE! **SAUSAGE SIZZLE!**

GAMES! **Colouring In Competition!**

New Registrations Welcome.
Merchandise available for purchase.

Saturday 23rd March
3-5pm
Vogeltown Park

Taranaki 11 a side Introduction

Years 7-9 can get a taster of full field hockey!
5pm Tuesday 26/3 & 2/4 for one hour.
New Plymouth Turf

A short introduction to full field hockey followed by a half of full field fully coached!

Each position has unique roles and responsibilities. Though every position is a hockey player, and are less different than they are similar. So should learn all the skills!

This will be a quick walkthrough each position and their responsibility before getting into a full field game! (Parents may need to get involved)

Please register on PlayHQ, registrations close 22 March
If you have any questions please email: development@taranakihockey.org.nz

CAPE EGMONT VIRTUAL HALF MARATHON 2024

Want to walk or run in your own time, but also be part of a fantastic event? Then we would love you to join us.

The Cape Egmont Virtual Half Marathon offers three distance options - 5 km, 10 km and 21 km - which can be completed any time anywhere from the 1st to 31st July 2024. Simply record your time via Strava, Map my run, Fit Bit or screenshot and upload through our website. Every finisher receives a medal and all money raised goes to the Taranaki Cancer Society and the Taranaki Men Can Exercise Group to help those in our province affected by cancer.

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