

BELL BLOCK SCHOOL NEWSLETTER #9
Thursday 28 March 2024

Focus Value:
 Respect - Whakaute



School Goal:

Accept others for
 who they are

The highlight of this short week has been the Senior students and their efforts at camp. It was great to see them enjoying this experience and giving their best efforts in trying something new or challenging. For many of our students this is their first camping experience at school and is a great preparation for the longer, out of province Intermediate Team. Camp is more than just the activities the students partake in. It's also about the experience of being away from home with others that allows students to develop connections with a wide range of other students right across the team as well as with staff and camp parents that is a valuable outcome. There is always a noticeable change to class culture when they return to school - after a good sleep. Thanks must go to the Senior Team teachers for their hard work that allows camps like this to go ahead and also to the parents who volunteered to be camp parents, many taking time away from their families and work to support our students to have these experiences.



A group of our Intermediate students took on the challenge of golf at the Ngamotu Golf Club on Monday. This is part of the Outdoor Academy programme which offers Intermediate students the chance to give new things a go each term. We have received some excellent feedback from the parents who attended about the respect shown by the students and the way they supported each other in such a positive way. Well done to all the students involved for being such great ambassadors for our school.



With Easter approaching, we are rapidly closing in on the end of Term One. We will close out the term with each team having a Celebration Day activity acknowledging all the students who meet our behaviour expectations day after day. The students always enjoy these activities, which range from a teddy bears' picnic to pool time with the inflatables. It is great to see how many students we have who live our school vision and values each day.

Looking Ahead

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	Monday 1 April	Tuesday 2 April	Wednesday 3 April	Thursday 4 April	Friday 5 April
Week 10	EASTER MONDAY SCHOOL CLOSED	EASTER TUESDAY SCHOOL CLOSED	<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"> ● Interschool Swimming Sports Y6-8 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 8:00 Breakfast Club ● 10:00 Singing Assembly
Week 11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 8:00 Breakfast Club ● Immunisation catch ups Y7/8 ● Hearing/Vision testing new entrants ● Vision testing Y7 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Lost property on display ● Intermediate Team Celebration @ pool 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Pizza Day ● 8:00 Breakfast Club ● 9:00 New Entrants' Transition Visit ● Kids' Literacy Quiz ● 2:00 Kapa Haka group practice 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Senior Team Celebration 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 8:00 Breakfast Club ● 10:00 Celebration Assembly ● Junior Team Celebration ● Middle Team Celebration ● LAST DAY OF TERM

Teacher Only Day – Friday 31 May

The Ministry of Education has directed schools to take a Teacher Only Day next term for staff to develop their work on the revised curriculum areas. The Board has decided this will happen on **Friday 31 May** which links to King's Birthday on Monday 3 June. We understand that this impacts on our community and certainly don't take these decisions lightly. We thank you for your support and hope the advanced warning will lessen the impact.

Easter Tuesday

A reminder that school is closed for Easter on Friday 29 March, Monday 1 April and Tuesday 2 April. School resumes as normal on Wednesday 3 April.

Hearing and Vision Testing

Vision and hearing screening is completed by Te Whatu Ora Health New Zealand Vision and Hearing Technicians at our school. The technician will be visiting our school on **Monday 8 April** to test eligible children for vision and/or hearing. Eligible children include:

New Entrants - Routine screening is completed for children 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 students - 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.

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

Pizza Day

Pizza Day is on **Wednesday 10 April** to raise funds for the Student Council Legacy Project. Please return the order form and correct money to the Office 'Dropbox' **by 12pm next Friday 5 April**.



Winter Sports



We are looking for a coach for our Year 7/8 volleyball team. If you, or anyone you know, would be interested in helping out with our volleyball team, please email sport@bellblock.school.nz as soon as possible.

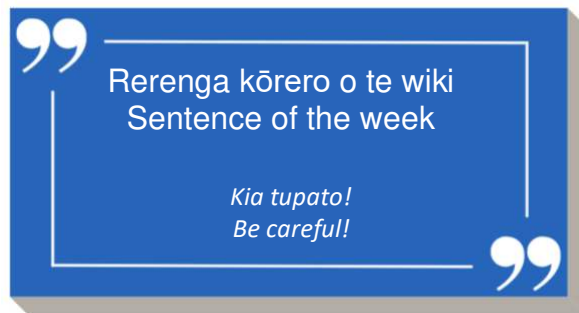
A reminder that registrations for Year 7/8 volleyball close this Friday. Please register via the link on our website: www.bellblock.school.nz.

Intermediate Camp

The Intermediate Camp to Forest Lakes, Otaki will be held from **Monday 23 September – Friday 27 September 2024**. A permission slip was published on the @school app this week requesting expressions of interest for parent volunteers and whether students will be attending. Please complete the slip before Monday 8 April.

At this stage, we anticipate the voluntary donation to be approximately \$470 per student. There is an option to pay smaller weekly or fortnightly voluntary contributions prior to camp. If this would suit you, you are able to start straight away. Please contact the Bell Block School Office to make the necessary arrangements. (Email office@bellblock.school.nz).

Conrad Hailes
Principal



COMMUNITY NOTICES

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 PlayHa, registrations close 22 March
If you have any questions please email: development@taranakihockey.org.nz

JUNIOR RUGBY REGISTRATION FOR YEAR 1-8

Register today at <https://www.sporty.co.nz/bellblockrugby/Juni-or-Rugby-Player-Registration/Juni-or-Rugby-Player-Registration>

Muster Day
2nd April 2024 @6pm

Bell Block Rugby Club
Hickford Park, Bell Block



General Information: We believe in giving children opportunities to do the things they love and enjoy in a supportive and encouraging environment. We provide quality childcare in safe and fun surroundings for children out of school. Our holiday programme is focused around sports, games, and outings to local attractions. Our friendly staff are passionate about working with children. They are provided with training on behaviour management techniques, first aid and activity planning/delivery.

Who can attend: Children aged 5-13 yrs

What do you need to bring: Shoes and appropriate clothing, packet or sweatshirt, hat, drink bottle and food.

Food: Please bring plenty of packed food and drink for morning tea/lunch/afternoon tea. Lunch will be from approximately 12:30pm to 1:00pm each day.

Programme activities: Programme activities are adapted to suit children of all ages and children may be grouped by age depending on numbers. Programme activities may vary without notice dependent on weather conditions and programme numbers.

Payment details: Payment is required before the holiday programme begins. An invoice will be issued when a completed booking is received. All payment details will be included on the invoice.

Work and Income OSCAR Subsidy: Parents / caregivers that meet certain criteria will be able to access a WINZ subsidy to help cover the cost of our programme. For more information visit www.workandincome.govt.nz

Please note: Every care will be taken to ensure the safety of your child/ren and their property. However, organisers of Kelly Club accept no liability for any injury sustained to your child/ren or any loss or damage to his/her property whilst at a programme. If your child/ren are collected late after the conclusion of the programme you will be charged \$20 per 15 minutes or part thereof.

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APRIL 2024 HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

BELL BLOCK SCHOOL

	Mon 15 April	Tues 16 April	Wed 17 April	Thurs 18 April	Fri 19 April
WEEK 1	<p>KELLY CLUB NINJAS Hi-yah! It's time to train and chop through the fun at Kelly Club. Together let's find your ninja name!</p>	<p>RAINFOREST ADVENTURE Silently creep into the evergreen forest for an adventure. Will you be as fast as a jaguar or as slow as a sloth?</p>	<p>INGLEWOOD MINI PUTT Join us for an awesome trip day to Inglewood Mini Putt \$20 extra for the day. Please remember a big lunch, drink bottle, shoes and a hat.</p>	<p>WHEELS DAY Bring along your bike, trike, scooter, or skateboard and join us for a day of wheely good fun! Race your friends and navigate our wheels course. Don't forget, no helmet, no ride!</p>	<p>ROCK 'N' ROLL Get ready to rumble and rock on your air guitar. Today we dance the day away.</p>
WEEK 2	<p>BUBBLES & BOUNCE Come and join us for a day full of all things bouncy plus have fun with some really huge bubbles!</p>	<p>SERGEANTS & SOLDIERS Being in the special forces is an honor and takes real bravery. Today we will acknowledge those brave men and women that represent us!</p>	<p>BOWLARAMA Join us for an awesome trip day to Bowlarama \$20 extra for the day. Please remember a big lunch, drink bottle, shoes and a hat.</p>	<p>PUBLIC HOLIDAY</p> <p>ANZAC DAY No programme today, see you on Friday!</p>	<p>HUMAN BOARD GAMES Bring the games you love playing with your family to life. Do you think you've nailed all the classic board games? Try it in the human edition.</p>
	FULL WEEK: \$255 8.30am-5.30pm	FULL DAY: \$55 8.30am-5.30pm	SCHOOL DAY: \$40 9am-3pm	HALF DAY: \$34 8.30am-1pm or 1pm-5.30pm	EVENT DAY: Extra \$20 Excluded in full week

PLEASE GET SUBSIDY FORMS IN ASAP



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