

**BELL BLOCK SCHOOL NEWSLETTER #11**  
**Friday 12 April 2024**

**Focus Value:**  
 Respect - Whakaute



**School Goal:**  
 Make eye contact when  
 talking to others

**Mihi Whakatau**

Next term Bell Block School will hold their first mihi whakatau. A mihi whakatau is a form of welcome, similar to that of a pōwhiri, but less formal in nature. The purpose of this mihi whakatau is to welcome in the new families, new students and new staff who have started at Bell Block School this year. The welcome will be held on **Tuesday 30 April at 10.15am** and will include all whānau that began in Term 1 and all of those due to start in Term 2. This will then become a termly event for us. Formal invitations will be sent to all those involved in due course.

Our first whole school practice for the Mihi Whakatau went amazingly well. I am so proud of the way the kaiako and tamariki have embraced these new practices in our kura.

Due to the timing of our Mihi Whakatau, we have made the decision to remove the ANZAC assembly from our school events this year. We will bring this assembly back into our schedule of events for 2025.

**Year 7/8 Social Media Programme**

During Term 2 we are fortunate to have Constable Gary Toa and Constable Brent Parker, our local Police Education Officers, coming in to present some information to our Year 7/8 team about social media, digital etiquette and things to be aware of when using technology. There will be a lot of beneficial information provided to ensure that our students are set up to keep themselves and others safe online.

**Road Patrol Volunteers**

We are looking for parent/caregiver volunteers to donate approximately 30 minutes of their time each week to support our Year 6 tamariki out on Road Patrol. This would include helping our students collect their jackets, flags and signs; supervising them during the crossing period and helping them to return their equipment at the end. Our crossing operates each school day from 8:25am – 8:55am and again from 2:55pm – 3:15pm. If you would be willing to help with this, please email Emily Doelman ([emily.doelman@bellblock.school.nz](mailto:emily.doelman@bellblock.school.nz)) or Courtney Goldsworthy ([courtney.goldsworthy@bellblock.school.nz](mailto:courtney.goldsworthy@bellblock.school.nz)) as soon as possible to let us know your preferred day and time to help out.

**Looking Ahead**

	<b>Monday 29 April</b>	<b>Tuesday 30 April</b>	<b>Wednesday 1 May</b>	<b>Thursday 2 May</b>	<b>Friday 3 May</b>
<b>Week 1</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8:00 Breakfast Club</li> <li>New Entrant Cohort 3 starts</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>10:15 Mihi Whakatau</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>8:00 Breakfast Club</li> <li>10:00 Singing Assembly</li> </ul>

**School Production**

This year our schoolwide production is *Shrek Jr The Musical*. At the beginning of Term 2, we will begin auditions in preparation for the shows which will be held in September. There are several roles available and we will require two students to play each role. The Intermediate students will be auditioned first but there may be opportunities for Senior students to audition for some of the speaking roles. There are also specific roles suitable for Middle and Senior students. Please check your email or the school app for further details and information if your child is interested in auditioning.



## Yummy Apple Stickers for New Sports Gear

Once again, we will be collecting stickers from individual Yummy apples or cut-out labels from bags of Yummy apples to earn FREE sports gear for the school.

Collect your Yummy Stickers during Term 2 and Term 3 and place the Yummy stickers on Sticker Collection Sheets and the cut-out labels on Cut-Out Label Collection Sheets (available to download from the school app under 'Documents', school website or collect from the school office).

*Your Yummy stickers will then be converted into FREE sports gear for the school! The more support we have, the more sports gear we receive for all to enjoy!*



Yummy apples can be purchased from your local New World, Pak'n Save and participating Four Square stores. You can collect either individual apples with Yummy stickers or bags with cut-out labels. One cut-out label is worth 10 apple stickers. Sticker sheets should be handed in to the school office before the end of Term 3.

## Holidays

As the holidays approach, we would like to acknowledge the hard work of our teachers, students and support staff. We are privileged to have an entire team who are passionate and committed to providing high quality teaching and learning for our tamariki to ensure the best outcomes right across our school.

We hope everyone is able to enjoy a well-deserved, safe and happy holiday break!



**Courtney Goldsworthy**  
**Deputy Principal**

## COMMUNITY NOTICES

**Flourish**  
Te Pūkēpē o te Hīpōri

**We are a community collaboration focused on making parenting a little bit easier.**

We aim to enable Taranaki whānau to flourish through support, growth, connection and play. If you're looking for informative parenting workshops, engaging coffee groups or weekly activities, we've got you covered.

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