

It was a great pleasure to welcome our new staff, students and their families at our Mihi Whakatau on Tuesday. The Taranaki weather turned on a stunning day for our school to welcome, and officially transition, our new whānau into the school and community. I would like to thank those families who were able to attend and our Deputy Principal, Courtney Goldsworthy, for her work in bringing this new event together. Moving forward, we will be holding a mihi whakatau at the beginning of each term to welcome new students and their families to our school.



Neek 2

Week 3





Unfortunately, that meant we were unable to hold our traditional ANZAC assembly which will return next year. Many classes have undertaken work around ANZAC Day and we continue to remember the sacrifice of all those involved in the conflict through our poppy display to honour the fallen soldiers, particularly those who attended Bell Block School. From our new entrant class, we have two examples of the writing they have produced about their learning. These students only started school at the beginning of Term 1. Well done to both these students and all the students who strive hard every day to improve. *Kaha i ngā wā katoa – Our Best Always*.

ANZAC Day is a special day. I wear a poppy on ANZAC Day. Many people went to war and died and got hurt. -Kelsey, Room 4 I went to the parade. I saw the army tanks. The soldiers were marching. On ANZAC Day the soldiers got buried. -Jordan, Room 4



1:45 Technology

Showcase

Looking Ahead							
	Monday 6 May	Tuesday 7 May	Wednesday 8 May	Thursday 9 May	Friday 10 May		
•	8:00 Breakfast Club	 7:00 PTA Meeting 	 8:00 Breakfast Club 9:00 New Entrants' Transition Visit 2:00 Kapa Haka group practice 		 8:00 Breakfast Club 10:00 Celebration Assembly 		
	Monday 13 May	Tuesday 14 May	Wednesday 15 May	Thursday 16 May	Friday 17 May		
•	8:00 Breakfast Club		 8:00 Breakfast Club 9:00 New Entrants' Transition Visit 	 Weetbix TRY Challenge 5:00 Board Meeting 	 8:00 Breakfast Club 10:00 Sports Assembly 		

2:00 Kapa Haka group

practice

Weet-Bix Kids TRY Challenge – Thursday 16 May



In exciting news, we have been selected as one of three schools in Taranaki to have the Weet-Bix Kids TRY Challenge come to our school.

The Weet-Bix Kids TRY Challenge team will be coming to visit on **Thursday 16 May** to run Bell Block School's very own in-school TRY Challenge event. Our tamariki will be

completing an obstacle course as individuals while earning points for their whānau. Students will participate in a course designed to suit all ages from 5 to 13 years and all abilities. The one-hour slot includes a briefing, demonstration, warm up, time on the course and some kai at the Weet-Bix tent afterwards. The overall experience is about the students completing the obstacle course in their own way whether that be doing as many laps as possible, racing their classmates or simply giving it a go – whatever they feel comfortable with.

All students taking part in the event will receive an official TRY Champions t-shirt and will be awarded their TRY Champions medal as they cross the finish line.

A Weet-Bix breakfast will also be available to all teachers and supporters.

We welcome all parents and whānau to come along and cheer for tamariki giving it a TRY on Thursday 16 May.

Bell Block School Event Day Schedule

Sessions (1 hour per session)	Schedule	Times
Session 1 Year 0-2	Briefing	9:15
	TRY Challenge Start	9:30
	TRY Challenge Finish - breakfast opens	10:00
Session 2 Year 3-5	Briefing	10:30
	TRY Challenge Start	10:45
	TRY Challenge Finish - breakfast opens	11:15
Session 3 Year 6-8	Briefing	11:45
	TRY Challenge Start	12:00
	TRY Challenge Finish - breakfast opens	12:30





Sports Assembly – Friday 17 May

We invite parents and whānau to join us on **Friday 17 May at 10.00am** for our Sports Assembly where we recognise the students who took top places in our school Swimming Sports and Triathlon days.



Technology Showcase – Friday 17 May

We are proud to be sharing the learning and creations of the Intermediate students with the school community at the Intermediate Technology Showcase on **Friday 17 May**. We are trialling running the Showcase during school hours. Whānau are invited to walk through the Technology classrooms between **1.45pm and 3.00pm** to see examples of the students' creations from the work they have done in Hospitality, Digital Technology, Enterprise, Manufacturing and Visual Arts & Design. The Music students will be performing at an upcoming Celebration Assembly. We hope to see you there to support the Intermediate students.

Subway Lunch Orders

With all Subway lunch orders next **Thursday 9 May**, Subway the Valley are giving back to Bell Block School. Two dollars from every footlong sub and \$1 from every 6-inch sub will go directly towards the cost of Intermediate camp. Please help get our Intermediates to camp by ordering Subway for lunch next Thursday!

It's simple to place an order, just visit the website <u>www.lunchonline.co.nz</u> for all menu details – there's something to suit everyone. Orders can be placed up until 8am on the Thursday and will be delivered to students at lunchtime.





School Production

Term 2 is always a busy one with a strong academic improvement focus but also many other opportunities for students to be involved in. The preparation for the Production in Term 3 will begin and Mrs Evans, our Production Director, and her team will begin auditions for the main parts over the coming weeks. It is a great time to encourage your child to step out of their comfort zone and go for it if they would like to audition for one of the leading roles.

Teacher Only Day – Friday 31 May

The Ministry of Education has directed schools to take a Teacher Only Day for schools and staff to develop their work on the revised curriculum areas. The Board have decided this will happen on Friday 31 May which links to King's Birthday on Monday 3 June. We understand 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.

Interschool Sports Exchanges

Our Senior team (Year 5/6) are busy with their preparation for the Interschool sports exchanges this term. All Senior students are practising on Tuesday afternoons in their chosen sport - either rugby, football, netball or mixed sports. There will be four sports exchanges with other Taranaki schools spread across the term. Further details about game days will follow when arrangements have been finalised.



Thank You

A big thank you to Noodle Head Bell Block for their generous donation of sports balls for our students. We are so grateful for their partnership which helps ensure that every student has easy access to sports equipment to enjoy during break times.

Yummy Apple Stickers for New Sports Gear

We are now 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.

PTA News

Our PTA fundraising event for this term is going to be a raffle. If you are a local business or you personally have items that you would like to donate as a prize or a service, please let us know by email to <u>pta@bellblock.school.nz</u>. Are you interested in what the PTA is all about? Our next PTA meeting is on **Tuesday 7 May at 7.00pm** in the school staffroom. All are welcome to attend.

Toys for Children's Ward at Taranaki Base Hospital

Taranaki Base Hospital is on the lookout for more toys for their Children's Ward. They are looking for hard toys that are easier to disinfect, rather than toys made of fabric. If you have any good quality second hand toys you would like to donate, you can drop them off at the ward for the attention of Sharon, or bring them to Mrs Evans in Room 2 for delivery.

Conrad Hailes

Principal

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