

BELL BLOCK SCHOOL NEWSLETTER #13

Friday 10 May 2024



Focus Value:
Manaakitanga - Caring

School Goal:
To help others to show
tū māia in the
playground

Week 2 ended with our traditional Celebration Assembly acknowledging the efforts of students over the first weeks of the term. With the cancellation of the final assembly last term, it was great to see so many students earning awards. Well done to all the students who received Triple A and Values awards this week.

Kyson Rowe, Kora Ardern, Eddie Marsh, Charlie Corp, Save Sauliga, Nicholas Hessel, Lachlan Poole, Jali Deuart, Alex Lockley-Marsh, Omar Ali, Vanessa Cheav, Charlotte Poole, Arlo Macken, Mindy Lin, Jarrah Thompson, Kayden Marshall, Braxton Hinz, Jahraz Adamson, Sophia Fisher, Eva Piripi, Wynter Ngoi Hawaiki Te Amora, Rory Gardiner, Karam Kaur, Apikale Ligavatu, Preston Adlam, Mason Williams, Hania Mustafa, Mackenzie Price, Arleen Kumar, Aryan Kayastha, Serena Wong, Lani Johnstone, Lyla Watchorn, Etta Patten

Next week we look forward to hosting the Weet-Bix TRY Challenge, our Sports Assembly and the Intermediate Technology Showcase. We invite all our families to come along and be a part of these activities if they are able.

There is a lot going on in education at the moment with the increasing number of changes put in place by the new government. With the cell phone policy “phones away for the day”, one hour a day of reading, writing and maths, structured literacy rollout, changes to attendance data/monitoring and changes to funding and support, we will do our best to continue to provide students with a wide curriculum and opportunities where every student can experience success. We have several focuses for the year developed from our community consultation from the end of last year and also have staff focusing on a range of professional development areas. We are sharing knowledge and ideas that will improve school programmes so that the education our students receive at Bell Block School continues to grow and improve.

As many of you will know, Miss Monique Johnson in Room 7 is expecting her first child later this year and we wish her all the best for this exciting adventure and next stage in her life. We are currently in the process of filling the position and will update whānau as soon as possible.

We wish to extend our thanks to Crazy Pumpkin for providing the kai for our students and whānau at our Mihi Whakatau last week.

Looking Ahead

	Monday 13 May	Tuesday 14 May	Wednesday 15 May	Thursday 16 May	Friday 17 May
Week 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none">8:00 Breakfast Club		<ul style="list-style-type: none">8:00 Breakfast Club9:00 New Entrants' Transition Visit2:00 Kapa Haka group practice	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Weetbix TRY Challenge5:00 Board Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none">8:00 Breakfast Club10:00 Sports Assembly1:45 Technology Showcase
Week 4	Monday 20 May	Tuesday 21 May	Wednesday 22 May	Thursday 23 May	Friday 24 May
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Attendance

With the government's continued focus on attendance, as a school we too continue to monitor attendance and expect that all students attend school regularly. **During Term 1 of this year 68% of Bell Block School students attended school regularly** (regularly = at least 90% of the time).

This term we are pleased to acknowledge the efforts of 80 students who attended school every day during Term 1. 100% attendance is determined by following the Ministry of Education guidelines for being present at school. Attendance codes included in the calculation are (but are not limited to) Late, Medical Appointment and Off-site Course.

As a result of a survey undertaken by the Class Councillors we established that most students are positive about the attendance award initiative and voted to continue with attendance wrist bands as a reward for 100% attendance.

Student attendance (along with effective teaching) has the greatest impact on student engagement and achievement. We believe that our community is stronger together, with all of our students in school, on time, every day. We are building life skills, friendships and preparing your child for future success.

Every day of school matters.

Weet-Bix Kids TRY Challenge – Thursday 16 May



The Weet-Bix Kids TRY Challenge team is coming to visit next week 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 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. Please sign in at the office before making your way to the Technology classes.

Community Open Afternoon – Thursday 6 June

We would like to invite our community and whānau to our Open Afternoon on **Thursday 6 June from 2.00pm – 3.30pm**. The Open Afternoon will be led by students, showcasing their learning progress and sharing what they've been up to throughout the year so far. Students will share how they have improved their writing, what they're learning in maths, their artwork on the walls, demonstrate their PE skills, explore the brand new science room, and other areas of their life at Bell Block School. All welcome. Please sign in at the office and then meet your child in their classroom.

School Production



We are in the beginning stages of getting this year's production up and running. We will be taking on *Shrek Jr The Musical* this year and with performances planned for the second to last week of Term 3, the time will pass very quickly. The main roles will mostly go to Intermediate students but our goal is to have every student up on stage at some point during the performances. This is a great opportunity for students, including those who find this type of activity a challenge. Pushing themselves outside their comfort zone for a short time and being a part of something bigger than themselves is such a valuable experience.

Intermediate Camp Fundraising

The Intermediate Team are currently seeking donations of new or used quality family and household items to auction off as part of a fundraiser for their 2024 camp. Quality items such as clothing, furniture, toys, decor, sporting equipment and other household items that you think another family may find useful are all welcome. If you have any items that you no longer require and wish to donate, please bring the items to Room 17.

We are hoping to run our first silent auction in early June. If you have any questions or require assistance in transporting these items to school, please email Hannah Purser at hannah.purser@bellblock.school.nz.



Subway Lunch Orders



With all Subway lunch orders next **Thursday 16 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 fundraising for 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 www.lunchonline.co.nz for all menu details – there's something to suit everyone. Orders can be placed up until 9am on the Thursday and will be delivered to students at lunchtime.

Ryan Hailes Memorial Scholarship

The Ryan Hailes Memorial Scholarship recognises emerging young sports people who demonstrate excellence in their chosen sport. The purpose of the scholarship is to offer financial contribution in recognition of the costs involved in competing at a regional and/or national representative level. If you know a deserving recipient, please apply in writing by email to sport@bellblock.school.nz. Applications must be received no later than Friday 7 June.



Conrad Hailes
Principal

COMMUNITY NOTICES

ReCharge
 It's your best time
 alone and your parent
 is not a responsibility here
 when you drop you off.
 Thanks Anna

OBSTACLE COURSE

FRIDAY 10TH MAY
 6:00-8:00PM

@ NORTHPOINT BAPTIST
 116 MANGATI ROAD,
 BELL BLOCK

Girls bring something savoury and
 Boys bring some fruit for shared kai

ReCharge is a youth group for kids in Year 7 & 8 at school.
 For more info contact us at recharge@northpoint.org.nz

KELLY CLUB

Is work getting busy?

Here at Kelly Club Bell Block School we take care of your little one's, so you can take care of your busy day!

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Taranaki Science and Technology Fair presents:
 A robot-building competition

BATTLE OF THE SUMO BOTS

Find more at www.taranaki-sciencefair.co.nz

Place - New Plymouth Boys High School - Pavilion
 Date - Tuesday 6th of August 2024
 Time - 9:00am to 11:00am


Taranaki Science and Technology fair will hold **Grandstands** in preparation to the competition

When: Thursday 11th April
 Thursday 9th May
 Thursday 15th June
 Thursday 25th July

What time: 4:00pm
 How long: 9h to 1h30

Where: Science room at Highlands Intermediate School on 260a Coronation Avenue, New Plymouth

Has your child received support for **ANXIETY or ADHD?**



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 Tell us about their experiences, and you could win 1 of 20 \$30 vouchers!

We are researchers and postgraduate students from AUT, currently investigating treatments for anxiety and ADHD. Parents (of children aged 5-11, living in NZ, with anxiety and/or ADHD symptoms) are invited to participate in the anonymous online survey.

Approved by AUTEC on 08/04/24 (Ref: 24/43) amy.kercher@aut.ac.nz

RE-WRITE THE STORY

A 4 WEEK COURSE FOR PARENT AND CHILD

Beginning Thursday 18th of May
 4:00- 5:30 pm
 New Plymouth CBD

For more info ring Jessica 0277559998

Or visit <https://www.creativeconnections.nz/>

