

BELL BLOCK SCHOOL NEWSLETTER #20
Thursday 27 June 2024



Focus Value:
 Manaakitanga - Caring

School Goal:
 Show a random act of kindness for someone at school

Thank you to all the families that were able to come to the Parent Teacher Interviews this week. It is a key part of building positive relationships with our families and informing them about learning. If you were not able to attend, please get in contact with the classroom teacher to arrange a time that suits you to have the interview. We aim to speak to the family of every single student. If the classroom teacher was unable to hold their interviews due to absence, you will be contacted to reschedule during Term 3.

Our Student Leader nominees are now nervously waiting until the last Celebration Assembly of the term after presenting their speeches to the Intermediate Team. They all did an amazing job and although they were nervous about speaking to 120 of their peers, I would like to congratulate each of them for the way they presented themselves and the preparation that was put into their presentations. Although there are limited roles available, each of the candidates should be proud of their effort and preparation.

The Middle Team held their own Olympic Games this week with a variety of student-led games and activities to challenge their skills and co-ordination. As part of their classroom learning, the students were involved from the planning stage right through to running the games on the day.

Next week sees the Celebration Days with each team choosing an activity to reward the students who come to school every day and give it their best efforts. This is a really nice way to end the term for so many of our students and another way we recognise the efforts of our fantastic students. With the celebrations and Pizza Day, it will be a great end to Term 2, culminating in the Celebration Assembly on Friday.



Looking Ahead

	Monday 1 July	Tuesday 2 July	Wednesday 3 July	Thursday 4 July	Friday 5 July
Week 10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 8:00 Breakfast Club ● 1:40 Intermediate Team Celebration 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 9:00 Junior Trip to Brooklands Zoo ● 1:00 Intermediate Team Cultural Picnic 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 8:00 Breakfast Club ● 9:00 New Entrant Transition Visit ● Pizza Day ● 11:00 Senior Interschool Sports vs Stratford Primary (Away) ● 11:30 Junior Team Celebration ● 2:00 Kapa Haka group practice 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 11:30 Middle Team Celebration ● 11:30 Senior Team Celebration 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 8:00 Breakfast Club ● 10:15 Celebration Assembly ● Student Leaders announced ● LAST DAY OF TERM 2

Matariki Holiday – School Closed

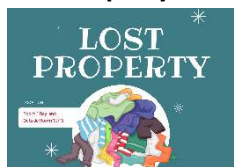
A reminder that school will be closed tomorrow, Friday 28 June, for Matariki Holiday. We are planning a schoolwide Matariki celebration for early in Term 3.

Pizza Day

Pizza Day is on **Wednesday 3 July** to raise funds for the Student Council Legacy Project. If your child is away that day and has ordered pizza, please contact us to make alternative arrangements for their pizza order.



Lost Property



We are at that time of term when we make an extra push to reunite lost property with its owners. Lost property will be out on display in Room 1 bay on **Wednesday 3 July**. Classes will be taken to view it but parents are welcome to have a look as well to reclaim any lost items. Any items left at the end of term will be donated to charity. The lost property cupboard is located in the corridor by Rooms 15/16.

ICAS Exams

For those students who would like an extra academic challenge, we will once again offer the ICAS exams this year for our Year 3-8 students. If you would like your child to participate, all information is in the notice sent out via the @school app. Entries need to be completed online through the parent portal by **Wednesday 24 July**.

Sports Team Photos

Sports team photos have been taken and will be available to view and purchase online with PhotoLife Studios in approximately two weeks. Caregivers will be emailed a keycode which enables you to view all the photographs of your child. It is then an easy process for you to shop online and purchase the photograph if you wish. Orders placed before the Free Delivery Expiry Date will be bulk printed and delivered to school for your child to bring home. Any orders placed after the Free Delivery Expiry Date will be sent directly to your specified delivery address and will incur an \$8.00 Postage and Packing charge. (You will see this message when you go online to view and order your photographs).

If your child borrowed a sports shirt for the photo, please return it to the office as soon as possible.

Indoor Netball – Year 3-6

Registrations for Year 3-6 indoor netball in Term 2 and 3 close today. The season runs for 8 weeks and concludes on 1 September. Fees are set at \$100 per player. If your child is interested, please complete the registration form [here](#) by **today, Thursday 27 June at 11.59pm**.



Coach/Manager – due to the number of indoor netball registrations already received, we are now looking for another team manager to assist the team on game day. If you, or anyone you know, would be interested in managing a team, please email sport@bellblock.school.nz as soon as possible. Each team needs an adult to supervise/manage otherwise we cannot enter the team to play and players will miss out on the opportunity to play. Please put your hand up to help if you can.

Term 3 Volleyball – Year 7/8



Registrations for Year 7/8 winter volleyball in Term 3 **close tomorrow**. Games are played on Sunday afternoons at TSB Stadium. Please complete the registration form via the school website.

Yummy Apple Stickers for New Sports Gear

Please continue saving your stickers from Yummy apples (or bags of Yummy apples with larger cut-out labels) to help us earn FREE sports gear for the school. We will collect stickers through until the end of Term 3.



The Sticker Collection Sheets are available to download from the school app under 'Documents' or can be collected from the school office.

Sushi Lunch Orders - Fridays

St Pierres Sushi have dropped their prices for LunchOnline orders that are delivered to school on Fridays. Sushi is now between \$1 and \$2 cheaper. Orders close at 9am on Fridays. Please note, there will be no delivery this week, Friday 28 June, due to Matariki.

Kelly Club Announcement

From Krystal and the team at Kelly Club...

The past two years have brought a mixture of emotions and challenges both personally and professionally. The combination of working from home, sickness and changes in work circumstances has had significant impacts on the business.

*The result of this is that we have made the very difficult decision to **close the programme at the end of this term**. This has been a very hard decision to make, one we haven't made lightly.*

July Holiday Programme

With the Kelly Club programme finishing at the end of term, this means there will not be a holiday programme here at Bell Block School in the July holidays. However, there will be a programme running at St John Bosco School, which you can find online [here](#) to book in.

For those parents who have already booked and paid for your holiday programme, this will be refunded to you.

Thank you for your understanding.



Conrad Hailes

Principal

COMMUNITY NOTICES



We have been offering our out of school care service to the Puketapu School community for just over a year now, and we would love to extend an invitation to all families at Bell Block School who would like supervised care for your child/children out of school hours. So what would this look like?

Before School Care

2 booking options available

7am till 8.30am = \$10 per session

7:30am till 8.30am = \$7 per session

This includes breakfast for all those who would like it before 8am, supervised free play, and drop off to Bell Block School by our staff around 8.30am. (Staff will be fully licenced, and have a fully registered and warranted vehicle, and booster seats for your child/ren to use if required).

Drop your child off at those times to us at Northpoint Church through our entrance way (17 Maralyn Place, off Dillion Drive) and we will drop your child to school.

After School Care

3 booking options available

3pm till 4pm = \$7 per session

3pm till 5pm = \$14 per session

3pm till 6pm = \$21 per session

You can pick up your child within these time slots. E.g. if you need care till 4.30pm, you book till 5pm.

This includes a filling afternoon tea offered to every child, pick up from Bell Block School and transported back to Northpoint, a planned activity every afternoon that encourages your child's curiosity and teaches life skills, and supervised free play.

To book for Good Seeds Before and After School Care for Term 3 follow this link: <https://enrolmy.com/good-seed-trust/book-now/36-Bell-Block-Good-Seeds-Before-and-After-School-Care---Term-3>

Holiday Program

We also offer School Holiday Programs with themed days and engaging activities that your kids will love. To check out or book in for our July Holiday Program follow this link: <https://enrolmy.com/good-seed-trust/book-now/37-Bell-Block-Good-Seeds-Holiday-Programme---July-2024>

WINZ Childcare OSCAR Subsidies

If you need extra support financially paying for child care ALL of our programs we offer are OSCAR Accredited and our staff are happy to support you in the application process for OSCAR Subsidies if you require them.

Our Staff

All our staff are police vetted before working with us and do a first aid course and introduction to childhood trauma course within the first few months of working with us. We do monthly/bimonthly trainings with our team to regularly upskill and check in with the needs of the children and families we support.

Lastly our "Why?"

Why do we do what we do? As a Christian organisation we care holistically about the children and families coming through our programs. We want to be seen as more than "just a babysitting service." We want to strengthen families and strengthen these kids to have the tools they need to have fruitful and thriving lives. We purposely provide opportunities for your child/ren to learn emotional regulation skills, life skills like cooking, cleaning and building, social skills like how to be a kind friend. And have a safe and fun space where kids can just be kids.

Pop in and see what we do

17 Maralyn Place, Bell Block

Thursday 4th July between 7am and 8:15am or 3:30pm and 5pm

Friday 5th July between 7am and 8:15am or 3:30pm and 5pm

Contact Us

If you'd like to find out more feel free to contact me on 027 201 8079 | letitia.white@goodseedtrust.co.nz