

BELL BLOCK SCHOOL NEWSLETTER
Tuesday 2 March 2021

Our return to Alert Level 2 has gone relatively smoothly and we have been able to continue most of our programmes with only minor disruption. We thank the community for their support in helping us to meet our Ministry of Health and Ministry of Education obligations.

These quick changes could be a feature of this year and although it may impact how we deliver our key events, we will do our very best to ensure the students don't miss out on any opportunities or learning.

With the changing nature of the COVID-19 alert levels, we may not always have time to get information out to parents about changes to school events such as swimming sports, but the general rule is that if we are at Alert Level 2 parents and families will not be able to attend. We should still be able to run most of our events and our aim will be to keep things as settled as possible.

As we approach mid-term, the focus for our teachers shifts towards more rigorous classroom programmes. With the beginning of year testing and assessments completed, more emphasis is placed on the individualised needs of the students and focused teaching. We try to make the most of every day at school and the opportunities for student growth that come each day.

Celebration Assembly

Last Friday we introduced the Class Councillors from the Middle and Senior teams. We call this group the Junior Council. These students are great role models for our school and work with Miss Hill to develop their leadership skills. Many of our current Whānau Leaders and Head Students were a part of the Junior Council when they were younger.

<i>Room 7</i>	<i>Lily Hooper and Amritraj Singh</i>
<i>Room 8</i>	<i>Zack Green and Alice Stephens</i>
<i>Room 9</i>	<i>Keinnah Jury and Varma Vadapalli</i>
<i>Room 10</i>	<i>Odyn Adlam and Sophie Bryant</i>
<i>Room 11</i>	<i>Neena Waswo and Tai Gilbert-Barlow</i>
<i>Room 12</i>	<i>Caleb Daniels and Cara Yates</i>
<i>Room 13</i>	<i>Marley Norman and Hailey Duncan</i>
<i>Room 14</i>	<i>Charlie Mattson and Kane Christiansen</i>

We look forward to working with you to make our school a better place to be.

The assembly was another opportunity to recognise some more of our fantastic students with both Triple A and Values Awards. Congratulations to:

Isaac Smith, Cindy Liu, Mary Stephens, Harshad Gunnam, Omar Ali, Evelyn Haw, Izzy McMahon, Drey Henry, Jasmin Setti, Kayla McDonald, Archie Bunting, Kanye Pomana, Joel Phillips, Kupa Walden, Kahurangi Emmett-Pene, Nico Jordan, Demi Thompson, Madeline Plowright, Kenneth Moratuwage, Tanson Zhou, Vanessa Cheav, Levi Murray, Cole Lawn, Chloe Bishop, Blake Whiting, Chloe Gu, Luca Caldwell, Serena Wong, Zara Khan, Rimu Austin, Teegan Watt, Logan Metcalfe, Piripi Mokaraka, Autumn Felstead.



The students continue to make a great start to the year and we look forward to seeing their growth over the rest of the term.

Parent/Teacher/Student Interviews

We are very pleased to be able to hold our Parent/Teacher/Student Interviews tonight and tomorrow. They are an important part of developing strong communication between home and school to support students to reach their potential. With the loss of the Community Picnic earlier this year, it is even more important that we meet with every family. If you haven't yet booked a time please give our office team a call and they will try to find a time that suits you.

We always aim for 100% attendance, so please try to find time to book an appointment. Unfortunately, Mrs Stanton and Mr Mackay are unwell and will not be available. They will make contact with their class' families as soon as possible to complete their interviews.

Swimming Sports

Our first annual sports event for the year is the Swimming Sports which is fast approaching.

The Junior Swimming Sports is on next Tuesday 9 March and as Monday is Taranaki Anniversary Day, these students will need help to remember their swimming gear. The rest of the school has Swimming Sports next Wednesday 10 March. If we are in Level 1 we would love to have lots of supporters on the day.

Timetable for Wednesday 10 March

11.20am -11.35am	Room 7 and Room 8 (Middle Team survival skills showcase)
11.40am -11.55am	Room 9 and Room 10 (Middle Team survival skills showcase)
12.00pm -12.50pm	Middle Team length races (finalists only)
12.20pm - 1.00pm	Senior Team races
1.10pm - 2.00pm	Intermediate Team races
2.00pm -	Class relays: Middle, Senior, Intermediate; Whānau relays; Students v Staff v PTA

Sport Update

Netball registrations for Years 3-8 are now open. If your child would like to play winter netball in Term 2, please complete the online registration form in the attached link: <https://forms.gle/4dofYxhuvhQZu3aG7>

Registrations close on **Wednesday 10 March at 11.59pm**. Subs are due by this time as well. We recognise this is a tight timeframe and appreciate your prompt registrations to ensure that all students are able to play.

The registration form contains useful information about game days, the venue and subs.

If you have any queries or any difficulty completing the form, please email sport@bellblock.school.nz

Uniforms

Sports uniforms are allocated to students who have registered to play in a Bell Block School sports team and have paid subs. Uniforms are costly and as such, we request that students only wear sports uniforms during their games and not at school, home or at practices. For any uniforms which are lost or damaged, a replacement fee of \$50 will be requested from parents.

Player of the Day Trophies

There are a number of Player of the Day trophies still outstanding from last year's sports games. If your child has one of these school trophies at home, would you please return it to the office so that it can be allocated to one of this term's teams.

Gala Day

Our PTA are very hard at work preparing for the 2021 Bell Block School Gala. The Gala will be held on **Friday 26 March from 5-7pm**. Mark this date on the calendar and start to get your family and friends ready for this night of food, fun and bargains.

Please check out our Facebook page **Bell Block School Twilight Gala** where we will be sharing some of the raffles and prizes you could take home!

Each class will be organising a stall so talk to your children about what their class is doing.

We need lots of helpers on the night. If you are able to donate your time to help out on the night, please contact the PTA directly pta@bellblock.school.nz.

At the end of this newsletter you will find a timeline detailing the lead up to the Gala. We will gratefully accept any donations of goods or support over the coming weeks. We know that this is a challenging time for our community but it is a great community night of food, fun and festivities so please support us however you are able.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS TERM 1 2021

MARCH

Tue 2 &	Parent/Teacher/ Student Interviews
Wed 3	Teacher Only Day – SCHOOL CLOSED
Fri 5	Taranaki Anniversary Day – SCHOOL CLOSED
Mon 8	Junior Swimming Sports
Tue 9	School Swimming Sports
Wed 10	NE School Visits 11:45am
Thu 11	School Triathlon
Tue 16	Whānau Hui 5:30pm
Wed 17	Outdoor Academy Sailing Celebration Assembly 2pm
Fri 19	Outdoor Academy Sailing
Mon 22	School Photos
Tue 23	BOT Meeting 5pm
Thu 25	Gala Day 5-7pm
Fri 26	

2021 Term dates:

Term 1	1 February – 16 April
Term 2	3 May – 9 July
Term 3	26 July – 1 October
Term 4	18 October – 14 December

Dates for school events are also located on the School Calendar on our website.

Teacher Only Day

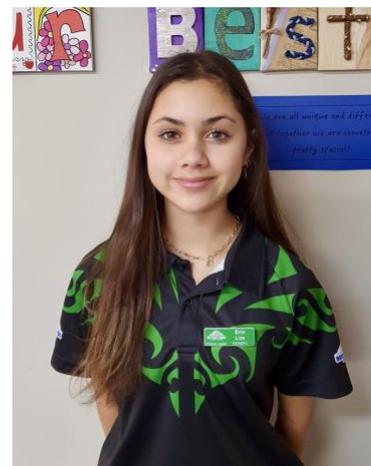
The Board of Trustees has approved a Teacher Only Day for this Friday 5 March. Our staff will be undertaking professional development and developing programmes for students. We appreciate this can be disruptive for families and are grateful your support.

Year 7/8 Immunisations

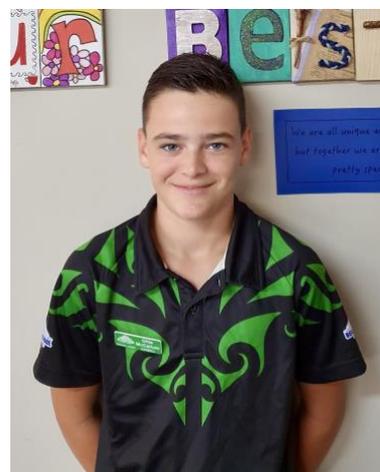
Due to the public health rollout of the COVID-19 vaccine, the Year 7/8 immunisations have been postponed until 13 April. Please continue to return consent forms even if you have opted not to have your child immunised.

Introducing our Student Leaders

Hi, my name is **Erin Lim** and for the first half of 2021 I'm proud to be one of your Kereru Whānau Leaders here at Bell Block School. Since I first attended school I've always aspired to be one of the few leaders to represent our school. My favourite hobbies include playing both indoor and outdoor netball. I think of myself as a friendly, outgoing student and friend, so if you see me out in the playground or around school make sure to say "hi"!



Kia ora! My name is **Ollie McCallum** and for the first half of 2021 I'm proud to be one of your current Kereru Whānau Leaders here at Bell Block School. I have always known that I would try my best to get into the Student Council, but never actually believed that I would get it. My hobbies are indoor netball, gaming, biking, rugby, touch and scootering. I think of myself as a friendly, talkative person, outgoing and sporty. I am very proud and excited for this year.



Tuckshop Specials...This week: Mini Cheeseburger Combo \$6 (Burger + cookie + drink)
Salad of the week: Crispy Noodle Chicken Salad \$5

Conrad Hailes
Principal

COMMUNITY NOTICES:

2021 Junior Rugby Registrations are now OPEN! To register your child for the season please go to: www.sporty.co.nz and search for New Plymouth HSOB Rugby Football & Sports Club (Jnr).

Fees for the season are \$50 per player, and are to be paid to: NPOB Rugby: 15-3942-0005095-000 BEFORE the season starts.

Any questions please contact Justin Looney (NPOB Junior Rugby Convener): 021 02427769

Bell Block United Junior Football Club...Keen to play soccer in winter season? Join our football club!

We welcome new and existing members aged 4-12. To register, please see Facebook - 'Bell Block United Junior Football'

For any enquiries please message us via Facebook or email bellblockunited@gmail.com



New Plymouth Rangers Junior Football Registrations are now open for anyone looking to play football for New Plymouth Rangers in 2021. The club has junior teams for players aged 4 and older and caters to all skill levels from beginners to budding young professionals. To register, visit <https://www.nprangers.co.nz/junior-registration> or contact Director of Football James Malthus (james@nprangers.co.nz) for more information.

Badminton Season is Starting up!..Taranaki Badminton is having an open morning on **Sunday 7 March**, at the Star Gym (Westown), from 10am till 2pm. Everyone is welcome and we'd love to see some families come along and give the game a go. It's a great sport for all ages. No cost.

For anyone under 19 years old, and are interested in having some coaching and/or interested in playing in tournaments for Taranaki, we are having a Junior evening (muster) on **Wednesday 24 February** from 6 – 8pm at the Star Gym (Westown). Please register your interest by completing the registration form on the Taranaki Badminton website <https://www.sporty.co.nz/taranakibadminton/Register-1/Representative-Player-Registration>.

Can returning players also please register using the same link. Alternatively email info@taranakibadminton.org.nz with your details.



Bell Block Pohutukawa Kindergarten



Did you know that we offer 30 hours free for children 2-6 years?

We presently have spaces available. Come and see us today at 39 Murray Street, Bell Block.

Ph: 06 7550130 / Cell: 027 8113 527
bellblock@kindergartentaranaki.co.nz

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- Stable** Leadership and professional support
- Excellent** child centred learning environments and resources
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Offering up to **30 HOURS FREE** per week*
*conditions apply

Come and join us
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CCA ONLINE MODULES

Netball Central is pleased to deliver coach development opportunities online

- Season preparation: 24 Feb
- Player/Coach Relationships: 3 March
- Mental Skills: 11 March
- Team Culture: 25 March
- Planning 1: 31 March
- Planning 2: 14 April
- Developing physical capacity: 26 May (free)
- Cost: \$5 per course

A fantastic way to learn and develop as a coach

To register, please click on the link in the post

More info: ndocs@netballtaranaki.org.nz

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Check out our wide range of activities, easy online booking system, flexible payment options and childcare subsidy information at:

www.kellyclub.co.nz



Bell Block School Gala

Our School Gala is a fantastic community event with lots of food, prizes, entertainment and fun. We need your help to make it an amazing evening again. Lots of local business have generously donated a range of fantastic items. We appreciate all the support from our community and all donations no matter how big or small help our Gala to be a fantastic evening. If you can help out by donating any of the items below it would be very much appreciated.

All donations can be brought to the Piwaiwaka Room (beside Room 13) before school each day where they will be gratefully received.

Thank you for all your support and we look forward to seeing you at school on Friday 26 March from 5:00 to 7:00pm for the Gala evening.

2021 Bell Block School Gala Timeline	
Anytime	Items for the White Elephant/Garage Sale - good quality new or used items including books, games, DVDs, toys, small appliances and kitchen equipment. It's a great opportunity to have a sort through things at home and reduce your clutter. Grocery items - anything non-perishable for our massive grocery lucky buckets.
Week 6 9-12 March	Pamper items – foot soak, moisturiser, mud masks, body lotion, body shimmer, anything that helps to relax and pamper the body and soul. Bottles – Fizzy, sauce, shampoo, soy sauce, orange juice, wine – basically anything that comes in a plastic or glass bottle.
Week 7 15-19 March	Prizes for girls and boys – anything that our students might like to win. In the past people have donated items like stationery, small toys, puzzles, colouring equipment, books, treats, DVDs.
Week 8 22-26 March Gala Week	Easter treats – Any Easter items for the Easter lucky buckets. Any last donations – all donations help make our Gala successful. Home baking - It would be fantastic if you could make us some delicious home baking. It can be anything from biscuits or slices to muffins or cakes. We will collect all home baking on Friday 26 March before school in the office.
Friday 26 March	Gala Day 5pm start - 7pm finish Bring your friends and family for some entertainment, food and fun. Grab a bargain and win some of our sensational prizes

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