

Tuesday 15 September 2020

Kia ora, hello, namaste, ni hao, chum reap suor, wai

As we move into the busy end of term activities we have been very impressed by the work produced by the students as they have taken action to think like a scientist. There has been a great deal of learning happening, lots of experimenting and some fantastic work being presented. The hall will be open this afternoon for families to have a look at the experiments the students have undertaken. With Alert Level 2 restrictions in place, we will be contact tracing, have hand sanitiser available and will limit the number of people in the hall to 100 people at any given time. We ask that families who decide to visit the Science Fair maintain social distancing with other groups both before and during their visit. The main door to the hall will be the only entrance to the hall available to allow us manage the Alert Level 2 conditions.

Our traditional end of term celebration days will be running again next week as we recognise the students who consistently meet our behaviour expectations and live the school motto *Kaha i ngā wā katoa – Our best always*. Well done to all the students who will be involved.

At our Celebration Assembly we awarded another group of students Triple A Awards. There were many awards for the great work put into science experiments and it was also fantastic to see awards for the senior students who were supporting each other at camp or stepping out of their comfort zones and giving new and challenging activities a go. The link to watch the assembly is: <https://youtu.be/oANc9vtNjxU>

Congratulations go to the following students who received Triple A Awards:

Tasman Sullivan, Mackenzie Price, Olivia Davis, Harper Taylor, Kurtis Castles, Anthony Reid, Troy Ireson, Zayden Brown-Washer, Zack Green, Ada Ryan, Mason Coster, Charlotte Hambling, Delavan Mackey, Hunter Day, Sam Hunger, Jake Sanderson, Jackson Payne, Elsa Ryan, Nya Waruhia, Holly McLeod, Jack Jones, Jayme Cleary, Taylor Urlich, Willa Clark, Gwenith Genji, Odyn Adlam, Xzaviar Temata, Jason West, Nevaeh Reade, Keegan Yates.

Blessing Ceremony for Roll Growth Classrooms

You may have noticed that fences have appeared on our school grounds. This is the area where the construction of our two new classrooms will begin very shortly.

To mark the occasion, we held a very special blessing ceremony. The whole school was involved and it was definitely the highlight of the week. We look forward to the future of our school, what it will look like and has the potential for being. Thank you to Te Poihi Campbell and Liana Poutu for their support, leading us on the day and helping us to start this process with integrity.



Intermediate Transition

We have re designed our Year 6 transition to Intermediate programme based on the feedback from our community. This will now take on two distinct parts; one for the parents and one for the students.

For the parents of students moving to the Intermediate team in 2021 there will be an Intermediate Open Day on Tuesday 20 October. This day is for those parents who would like to come and see the Intermediate students in action and ask any questions they may have. If you would like to visit on this day please call our office to book in a time that suits you.

After school from 3:00-4:30pm and again from 5:00-6:00pm we will open the Intermediate classrooms and have some Intermediate teachers available to talk to about the Intermediate expectations and programmes. These will be informal sessions and an opportunity to ask questions you and your child may have. There is no booking necessary for these times and you can attend either session at the time that suits you best.

For the students there will be a series of visits to the Intermediate classes during Term 4. This will start in Week 1 of Term 4 with Year 6 students attending the Intermediate team assembly. Over the following weeks, Year 6 students will also visit each of the Intermediate classrooms to meet the teachers and experience a taste of life as an Intermediate student. There will also be an opportunity for Year 6 students to meet to discuss the Honours system and ask questions they may have about being an Intermediate student.



The final part of the transition will be in Week 9 next term when the students spend a block of time with their 2021 teacher and class.

We hope this will help our students to make a successful and positive transition to the Intermediate team and set them up for a successful 2021 school year.

Junior Govett Brewster Art Gallery Trip

Last week the Junior team visited the Govett Brewster Art Gallery. We learnt about the different artworks in the gallery through the medium of dance. Our Junior students loved the whole experience, including travelling on the bus, seeing the gallery and dancing with ribbons with the Sky Snakes sculpture! Thank you to Miss White and Miss van Beers for organising our awesome trip and to all the parent helpers who helped to make it possible!



Sausage Sizzle

To help cover the cost of the Senior Camp we will be running a sausage sizzle each Friday. Each week we will have a limited number of sausages available for \$2 at lunch time. Thank you for your support as it helps to ensure we can keep running events like camps.

Alert Level 2 Restrictions

As Alert Level 2 restrictions are still in place for our school, just a reminder that parents are not allowed to enter buildings. If possible, please try to meet your child offsite after school. Any adults who enter the grounds must use the main gate and sign in using the Covid tracer app or sign the contact tracing register. Once again, we appreciate your support with meeting our obligations.

Meet the Student Leaders

Kia ora. Ko **Nevaeh Reade** taku ingoa. Hello, I am one of the Takahe Whānau Leaders here at Bell Block School. I came to Bell Block School in 2018 and have grown so much as a student here. I love the happy atmosphere that the teachers and students create. I love to dance, swim, play netball and do gymnastics. Being a leader of the Takahe whānau is something I will treasure forever. I am looking forward to the next two amazing terms.



Kia ora koutou! My name is **Lucy Martin** and I am thrilled to be one of your Takahe Whānau Leaders for the second half of 2020. I have had some experience from the first half of the year, and I am very excited to be working with the rest of the Student Council again. Outside of school I like to dance, swim, play netball, and play music. I am looking forward to meeting lots of new students and working with the Student Council to benefit the school.



Sports News



The Mustangs hockey team (Year 3&4 mini sticks grade) have played well and worked hard this season and as a result, have made it into the final. The players are *Milla Walden, Rylee Beard, Lani Johnstone, Harriet Stretton, Ruby-Lee Jeffries, Crudyn Hinz, Braxton Hinz.* Some of the team are pictured with *Blackstick, Holly Pearson.*

The Tuckshop @ Bell Block School

This week's special is Mini Cheeseburger Combo \$6. Keep an eye on our Facebook page for the last week of term giveaways. EFTPOS and text orders are welcome 021 0242 0269.

From the PTA:

Thank you so much to everyone who supported our Anderson's Pies fundraiser last month. We had fantastic success and achieved a profit of over \$2000 for the school, not to mention lots of yummy pies in tummies too!



Students have been busily working on their calendar artwork. A reminder that order forms are due back to the office by this **Friday 19 September** please. A great opportunity to get some of your Christmas shopping done!

Next term, we will be welcoming new families to our school with a morning tea held on the first day of term, Monday 12 October from 8.45am in the staffroom.

As is tradition at Bell Block School, the PTA were happy to once again ensure that students received an ice-block on completion of their cross-country event.

Over the last couple of years, the PTA have been working hard to raise funds towards the upgrade of our outdoor learning environment. We are now in a position to move forward with this exciting project and we will begin to get the ball rolling. Watch this space for updates.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Young Visionaries 2020 After School Art Classes Term 4 Govett-Brewster Art Gallery

Ages 6 – 8 | Wednesdays 14 Oct – 16 Dec | 3.45 – 5.15 pm

Ages 9 – 12 | Thursdays 15 Oct – 17 Dec | 3.45 – 5.15 pm

\$65 per term | Book online. Enquiries phone 06 759 6715

The Monster Children's Book Sale is not just for little children! We have a huge selection for school kids too, right up to young adults! With books such as Diary of a Wimpy Kid, Harry Potter, Marvel, Geronimo and Thea Stilton, Spirit Animals and the Treehouse series, lots of books from David Walliams to Roald Dahl and Margaret Mahy, there are old and new favourites for everybody! Come to the Taranaki Toy Library's Book Sale on Friday 18 Sept 2-6pm or Saturday 19 Sept from 9-1 and get yourself some great reads at bargain prices! Check out our event on Facebook under "Monster Children's Book Sale 2020. See you there!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS TERM 3/4

SEPTEMBER

- Tue 15** New entrants' visit 2-3pm
Science Fair 3-5:30pm in the hall
- Thu 17** Open Morning 9am
Outdoor Academy
BOT Meeting 5pm
- Fri 18** Calendar orders due
Sausage Sizzle 1pm
- Tue 22** New entrants' visit 2-3pm
Intermediate Celebration Day
- Wed 23** Taranaki Primary Schools
Cross Country @ Hawera
- Thu 24** Junior Celebration Day
Middle Celebration Day
- Fri 25** Celebration Assembly 2pm
Last day of Term 3

OCTOBER

- Mon 12** **First day of Term 4**
New entrant parents' morning tea 8:45am in staffroom
- Tue 20** Intermediate Open Day for parents of Year 6 students

Term dates:

Term 3 20 July – 25 September

Term 4 12 October – 16 December



On behalf of the staff

*Conrad Hailes
Principal*