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Welcome to Bell Block School for 2021

Happy new year. We hope you have all had a relaxing holiday and enjoyed the summer weather. Hopefully, the students are refreshed and ready to start the year. Our staff have been working hard during the holidays preparing for the students' arrival. We are fully staffed and really looking forward to having the students back to start the year.

We really value working with all our families to make the most of the opportunities and learning time this year. We want our families to be a part of our school and encourage you to be a part of school activities whenever you can. When we work together, our students make more progress and enjoy their time at school more.

Once again, we will be looking to provide lots of opportunities for the students and some of them will start very soon. This term sees our traditional swimming and triathlon events as well as the beginning of the cricket and touch seasons. Along with our regular activities, one of focuses this year is trying to build trips for the students into our learning programmes. As we are a part of the Government's donation scheme, there will be no cost to families for these curriculum-based trips. To welcome our families back to school we will be having a Community Picnic on Wednesday 10 February. This will be followed by a brief Meet the Teacher opportunity where you can meet your child's teacher and hear a little about the expectations, programmes and events coming up for your child. We have lots of events coming up so have a look at the Term One events calendar in the newsletters or check the school website at www.bellblock.school.nz.

Over the holidays our building project has progressed well and our new classrooms are on track to be finished this term. This will be a brilliant addition to our school and provide us with new facilities and spaces to build our vision for the Intermediate team.

Our school newsletter is emailed each week on a Tuesday. It is a great way to find out what is going on and keep up to date with school events and happenings. The first newsletter will be sent out tomorrow.

Please, if you have any concerns about your child here at Bell Block School, please contact the classroom teacher in the first instance and then contact the office to make an appointment to see myself or our Deputy Principal, Danielle Hill.

We are looking forward to working with you and your children this year and delivering the exciting programmes we have been developing.

Conrad Hailes
Principal