

We knew this year would have some challenges that were unexpected, however the return to Level 2 came very quickly. With a return to Level 2 comes some restrictions placed upon us by the Ministry of Health and the Ministry of Education. We are hopeful this will be a short-term interruption but are preparing for escalation if it is required. The key message is that school will be open and teaching and learning will continue as normal. It is important that students don't miss learning opportunities now as we may face an unsettled year ahead.

Level 2 Conditions:

- Students are encouraged not to come to school before 8:25am to prevent gathering in groups each morning.
- Parents are asked to refrain from coming into the school to drop off and collect students. If you need to come onsite please use only the front gate and record your details on the contact tracing register located outside on the yellow table. We had a huge number of parents collecting students onsite yesterday afternoon who had not filled in the contact tracing register. Please help us to meet our obligations.
- Only staff will be allowed to enter the buildings and the office will be closed. You can still contact the office by phone – (06) 755 0838 Text 027 310 9038 or email – office@bellblock.school.nz
- Please have your children bring a drink bottle each day as the drinking fountains will be covered during Level 2.
- Hand sanitiser, hand soap and disposable paper towels are in every classroom and students and staff will be using these each time they enter and leave each area.
- Students will still be able to swim and attend technology and kapa haka at this point and we will advise of any changes to these programmes.
- Students who are unwell should not attend school especially if it is a respiratory illness. If students display respiratory symptoms while at school, parents will be required to collect their children and keep them at home until they are well.
- Families will not be able to attend assemblies during Level 2. We will run digital Celebration Assemblies if we are still in Level 2 next Friday.
- Regular device and hard surface cleaning will be undertaken each day.

Celebration Assembly

Last Friday we had our first Celebration Assembly for the year. At these assemblies we recognise students for their amazing work, positive attitudes and living up to our school vision and values. All our families are welcome to attend these assemblies which start at 2pm in the hall.

Congratulations to the following students who received awards for making a great start to the year:

Jali Deuart, Mandy Yang, Kazara Morrell-Walker, Red Marzan, Kyra Khan, Nya McLeod, RJ Whittaker, On You Han, Regan Martin, River Sandford, Chloe Gacuma, Ethan Sahin, Matai Mauga, Aiden Morgan, Taj Taogaga, Itrat Afroz, Azra Khan, Charlotte Thompson, Bentley Vile, Jaxon Bartle, Charlie Parkinson, Harper Daniels, Amrit Singh, Sara Talab, Jahrlin Gordon, Alisha Wong, Sophie Chen, Yuki Wada-Butcher, Maeve Luke, Eli Lilomaiva, Hannah Buckley, Ruby Evans, Bree Koning, Noah Hooper.

Technology at Bell Block School

We have been able to secure the staffing to run our own Intermediate Technology programmes this year. We will be starting off with eight technology subjects – Hospitality, Music, Manufacturing, Digital Media, Wearable Arts and Design, Environmental Education, Coding and Robotics and Dance and Drama. Each student will do two techs each Thursday for a term and rotate around the eight techs over the year. We have eight very excited teachers ready to bring these programmes to life. Part of the Technology programme will be a technology showcase each term to give the students an audience for their creations and to recognise student achievement. We hope you will attend and support our students.

Hospitality	<p>We are very fortunate to have the use of an industrial kitchen at PIHMS. Students will be walking from Bell Block School to PIHMS during this Technology rotation.</p> <p>This hospitality programme will develop knowledge, understanding and skills about the hospitality industry and emphasises the food sector, which includes food production and service. Students will learn about safe food production and serving skills in a range of contexts to benefit a stakeholder.</p>
Music	<p>An exciting and innovative subject giving all students the opportunity to express their musical ability. We will be looking at why music is important, composing a range of tunes and most importantly, developing new musical skills and putting them to practise.</p>
Manufacturing	<p>Students will use the latest 3D modelling and laser cutting technology to design, create and build solutions to real life problems. Students will learn to apply digital and practical design tools alongside the limitations of different materials, to manufacture products that are both visually appealing and fit for purpose.</p>
Digital Media	<p>Throughout our digital media lessons, students will be challenged to engage with a range of cutting edge technology. They will learn to use augmented and virtual reality to present information and share ideas. They will also learn to create interactive posters using QR technology. We hope to put the future into the hands of our students and equip them with the skills to use this technology to enrich their learning.</p>
Wearable Arts and Design	<p>Students will discover and explore the wonderful world of wearable arts. They will take inspiration from one of four design briefs (Futuristic, Aotearoa, Excessive Accessories and Open) and create a wearable art garment solo or in a small collaborative group. They are encouraged to think outside the box, embrace their creativity and have fun with big, bold and theoretical concepts. Students will exhibit their creation on display or on stage (Toi, school assembly or the school production).</p>
Environmental Education	<p>Students have an opportunity to learn how living things are suited to their habitats and how they respond to environmental changes, both natural and human induced. They will focus on how to manage their behaviour and ecosystems to live sustainably as 'Eco Warriors'. As 'Eco Warriors' we will learn an important skill of reducing our carbon footprint, by reducing waste and making sustainable vegetable gardens.</p>
Coding and Robotics	<p>Students will develop an understanding of computer science by developing skills in coding and programming robots and drones. These skills have become increasingly essential in today's world. The ability to code and understand the power of computing is crucial for a student's success in a hyper-connected world. In the classroom, coding is linked to improved problem solving and analytical reasoning.</p>
Dance and Drama	<p>This year's focus will be on preparing the Intermediate students for their roles in the Term 3 school production. Students will explore the elements and techniques of Dance and Drama through musical theatre. They will learn the skills and techniques required to prepare them for performance on the stage in the school production. Most importantly, they will have a safe, creative space where they are free to express themselves and support others in their creativity.</p>

Teacher Only Day

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

Introducing our Student Leaders

Hi, I'm **Chris Evans** and I'm your new Head Boy for the first half of 2021. My hobbies are playing football and futsal so you will mostly find me on the field playing with my friends. I also do taekwondo (a martial art) and enjoy running and bike rides. My favourite subjects are maths and geography. I'm friendly, approachable, kind and responsible. So if you see me around you can say, "hi". I will work to provide opportunities for others and help to resolve problems in the playground.



Kia ora, ko **Jeanmarie Terblanché** taku ingoa! I am very privileged to be your Head Girl for the first half of this year. I am so excited to tackle projects and tasks to improve our school, and to assist fellow students to do their best always. I love playing chess, netball and tennis and also love writing poetry, learning languages and hanging out with my friends and family. I can't wait to work with my fellow student leaders, and I am looking forward to every second of the rest of this year.

Parent/Teacher/Student Interviews

The booking system is now open for parents/caregivers to book interviews for either 2 or 3 March. Please see the attached information below.

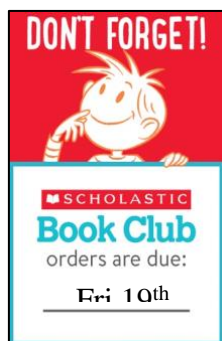
Gala Day

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. There will be lots of information coming home over the next few weeks so keep an eye out.

PTA

The PTA have a new initiative to recycle unused or partially used stationery to assist those students in need. If you have unused stationery at home in new or nearly new condition, or a surplus school hat, please feel free to leave in the donation box available at the office and we will see that it is put to good use.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB



The Scholastic Book Club *Issue1 for 2021* is out now! All orders must be in by **this Friday 19 February**. You can use the Scholastic 'Loop' app/website on your computer or device, which is an ordering and payment system or students can bring cash with their order form to the school drop box - please ensure that all details are correct on the form. All items purchased from Book Club gain rewards for the school that can be used to get more books in our library! For more information go to:

<https://www.scholastic.co.nz/parents/lucky-book-club/>

Thank you for supporting our school.

Conrad Hailes
Principal

CALENDAR OF EVENTS TERM 1 2021

FEBRUARY

- Tue 16** School visits CANCELLED
 - Thu 18** BOT Meeting 5pm
 - Fri 19** Intermediate Bike Trip to Ngamotu Beach
 - Mon 22** Immunisation briefing Y7/8
 - Tue 23** NE School Visits 2-3pm
 - Fri 26** Celebration Assembly 2pm
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- Tue 2 &**
 - Wed 3** Parent/Teacher/ Student Interviews
 - Fri 5** Teacher Only Day – SCHOOL CLOSED
 - Mon 8** Taranaki Anniversary Day – SCHOOL CLOSED
 - Tue 9** Junior Swimming Sports Y7/8 Immunisations
 - Wed 10** School Swimming Sports
 - Thu 11** NE School Visits 11:45am

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.

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Parent / Teacher / Student Interviews



Dear Parents/Caregivers

Parent/teacher/student interviews will be held on **Tuesday 2 March from 3:10 – 7:30pm** and **Wednesday 3 March from 3:10 - 4:30pm**. All bookings will be done online. If you do not have internet access we are happy to do the booking for you. Please phone Kim Thomas or Kim Hill, at the school office and they will make a booking for you.

Points to note:

- All meetings will be held in the classrooms.
- We hope all our students will have at least one parent or guardian come to these very important meetings to discuss progress so far this year.
- Each meeting will be of 10 minutes duration. So that we can avoid long delays for other parents, if you need longer, please arrange to meet the teacher on a future date.
- Students are encouraged to attend with you. There will be an opportunity to have some time without your child if you so wish.
- You may also meet with our Principal Conrad Hailes and the Deputy Principal Danielle Hill if you wish (this can also be booked online).

Booking Interviews Online:

To book your interviews, go to www.schoolinterviews.co.nz/code and enter the event code **8njc8** then follow these three simple steps:

1. **Enter your details.** First enter your email address, your name and your child's name. (Tick the box if you wish to book for more than one child.)
2. Choose from the list of teachers.
3. Choose times. Then you will see a timetable showing when your chosen teacher is available. Simply click on the time that suits you.

When you have finished, your interview timetable will be emailed to you. You can return to the site and enter the event code **8njc8** again to change or cancel your interviews.

Regards

Kim Hill
Executive Officer