

With the great news announced yesterday, we have returned to Alert Level 1. That means we will be able to finish the term together as a school and community. QR codes for the school will be placed on the gates for use with tracing apps but there will no longer be a contact tracing sheet to sign in with. The final Celebration Assembly for the term will be open for families to attend on Friday. We have a lot of awards and presentations to make to our very patient students so our community is welcome to come along and join us. As it will be busy, we will be starting the assembly a little earlier so families can arrive any time after 1:45pm.

We have come to the end of our first full term this year. Although it has not been our regular term by any means, we have been able to do some of our traditional Term 3 activities. It was a pleasure to have our community back at a school event with the Science Fair last week. It was noticeable how excited the students were as they showed their families their projects and discussed what they had been learning about. There were so many projects of a high standard, across such a wide range of topics it made the job of judging very difficult for the marking team. Well done to all the students who had work in the Science Fair. You all showed what *Triple A – Ability, Attitude, Action* looks like at Bell Block School.

**Congratulations to the following students who won awards:**

*Noah Hooper, Curtis Peters, Sophie Chen, Jed Williams-Jones, Everlit Lovus, Peyton Hancock, Ocean Felstead, Itrat Afroz, Katie Gorrie, Cara Yates, Katie Martin, Riley Davis, Caleb Daniels, Azra Khan, Zara Khan, Benjamin Whiteley, Quin Jeffries, Kanye Pomana, Teegan Watt, Hayden Green, Lily Watchorn, Mellissa Burnard, Leo Padrutt, Joel Phillips, Flynn Grennell, Jayme Cleary, Hannah Bradburn, Riley Urlich, Summer Taylor, Gemma Maltby, Amelia Austin, Libby Warner, Aaliyah Blake, Lihini Moratuwage, Charlotte Hambling, Natalie Smith, Rhia Barlow, Hamin Yim, Delavan Mackey, Herzius du Preez, Jaydeen Badenhorst, Miro Amooore, Cian Flannagan, Kelly-Ann Lockley, Dylan Chilcott, Jayden Badenhorst, Kaitlyn Maltby, Sydney Ainsworth, Kyle Beard, Karanbir Walia, Nevaeh Reade, Charlize Duncan, Jesse Leach, Mia Padrutt, Keegan Yates, Jeanmarie Terblanche, Charlotte Bradburn, Jorja Castles.*

**Outdoor Academy**

We were lucky to have perfect weather for the Outdoor Academy mountain hike on Thursday 17 September. The atmosphere on the bus was one of energy and excitement. After departing the bus at Dawson Falls Visitor Centre, our group of 24 began a steady uphill journey towards the plateau with the intention of stopping at Jackson’s Lookout for morning tea. This track was mainly wooden steps and was a well maintained track. Along the way Cliff and Neil introduced us to lots of different plants. After our morning tea break, which we spent tucked into a nicely sheltered spot, we were briefly ambushed by wind as we walked the very top of the ridge under the translator tower, before dropping down onto the Enchanted



Track. The Enchanted Track was more rugged, comprising of a steep downhill full of overgrown shrubbery and rooted foot holes.

Once we got to the bottom of this track we took a right turn to head for the Waingongoro Hut, where we were to stop for lunch. Just before reaching the hut we had to cross a 24m high swing bridge.

After lunch we began our uphill climb to head back to the bus. This part of the walk showed up the youth, who were still bouncing up the steps. The adults...less so. On returning to the bus, we quickly boarded and headed back to school to make it back in time for the final bell. This bus trip was significantly quieter than the outward trip, though it emanated positivity, pride and challenges met.

A huge thank you to the parent helpers who made this trip so successful.  
*Miss Charlotte White*



### Hockey Finals

On Saturday the Bell Block Mustangs, our Year 3&4 team, were involved in the hockey final for their grade. It was a nail biting game with play swinging from one end of the turf to the other. Our students played hard right to the final whistle and came away with a 2-1 victory. Congratulations to all the players in the team, the coaches and the parents and supporters who ran practices and supported our students to do so very well.

We also wish the Intermediate team all the best for their championship game on Friday!

Well done, **Milla Walden, Lani Johnstone, Rylee Beard, Harriet Stretton, Braxton Hinz, Ruby-Lee Jeffries and Crudyn Hinz.**



### Sausage Sizzle

To help cover the cost of the Senior Camp we will be running a sausage sizzle again this Friday. There will be 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 the Senior Camp.

### School Trips

Due to our school's health and safety systems, we are unable to accommodate students who do not return permission slips and/or payments by the due date. Please ensure you return these before the due date to avoid disappointment.

### Junior Technology Topic Term 4

In Term 4, the Junior team will be making all kinds of transport. We would love (cleaned) donations of the following, if you are able to collect them over the holidays: small cardboard boxes, milk bottle lids, plastic trays. Thank you.

### Kapa Haka Community Day

Our Kapa Haka rōpu recently spent a day in and around our local community performing and interacting with local preschools. This was a great experience for all and one we would like to do more of in the future. The rōpu also visited Puke Ariki and had a guided tour through Te Takapou o Whāriki o Taranaki. The day was finished with a swim at the Bell Block Aquatic Centre. All students performed exceptionally well and they received wonderful feedback from every place they visited. Well done to our Kapa Haka rōpu for getting out there and thank you to Mr Forsyth for all of his input, extra practices and organisation on the day.

*Mrs Sacha Buckley*



*It has been another great term and I have been impressed with the quality of student learning, the effort they have put into their work and their ability to cope with change this term. We hope you enjoy the holidays and look forward to seeing all the students back for the final term starting on Monday 12 October.*

*On behalf of the staff*

*Conrad Hailes  
Principal*

**Mother Earth**  
**future FERNs**  
**FESTIVAL DAY**  
SAT 19 SEPT - STRAT & HAW  
MON 21 SEPT TIL THURS 24 SEPT - NP, WAI & ING  
**DRESS UP IN YOUR FAVOURITE COSTUME**  
**Netball TARANAKI**  
Pohorangi Taranaki

**SCHOOL HOLIDAY ART CLASSES**  
28TH SEPTEMBER : DRAWING  
29TH : CRAFTS  
30TH : PAINTING  
*and*  
5TH OCTOBER : DRAWING  
6TH : CRAFTS  
7TH : PAINTING  
Limited Places  
Booking Essential  
**@ Gover St Gallery**  
06 757 4278 : [goverstgallery@gmail.com](mailto:goverstgallery@gmail.com)  
Same medium : different activities each day  
**10 am - 12.30 : \$30 pp p class**  
All materials, snacks and drinks supplied