

This is the time of year where the staff are focusing on building relationships and setting up routines. There will be lots of opportunities for students to get to know their new class and teachers. It is also a time to set our standards high. As our school motto says: *Kaha i ngā wā katoa – Our best always*. Right now, that means things like taking pride in our work and giving new learning our best effort. This is a great time to talk to your child about doing their best and giving things a go even if they look hard. *Tū Māia – Standing Brave* is one of our values and means a lot more than just getting up if you fall. Being resilient and having an open mind towards learning helps to make the most of each learning opportunity.

It is also an exciting time of year where we see students moving up into new teams and new students becoming leaders in their classes. It is also a busy time with sports registrations, swimming and new learning programmes being put into place. Also, this week we start Kapa Haka and the Intermediate Technology programmes. There is a lot of organisation taking place at the beginning of the year and much of this is shared with students at the beginning of each day. This helps students be prepared for their day and keeps them aware of what is coming up. It is important that students are at school on time so they don't miss this information. Students who are late often miss this information and start the day on the back foot.

Last week we inducted the new Student Council. They all did very well to learn and share their pledges with the school. It is always a nervous time for students when they stand up in front of the school and their families but this group did an excellent job and we look forward to working with them as the year progresses. They will be introducing themselves in the upcoming newsletters.

Community Picnic and Meet the Teacher Evening

Tomorrow, February 10, we invite all families to join us for a picnic dinner on the school field. The weather looks a bit rough in the morning but may clear during the day. If the weather or the field is not looking good for a picnic, we will cancel the picnic part with a Facebook message at 3pm. Weather permitting, we will picnic from 5-6pm. During that time you are welcome to visit the classes and have a look around the school. At 6pm we will be moving off to the meeting room for each team. This will give parents a chance to put a face to the name of the teachers and hear a little about the 2021 classes. For the parents of Intermediate students, we will also be unveiling the exciting changes to our Year 7/8 Technology programme for the year. We hope you will be able to join us.

Junior team (Rm 1-6)	will meet in the Staffroom.
Middle team (Rm 7-10)	will meet in the Library.
Senior team (Rm 11-14)	will meet in Room 13.
Intermediate team (Rm 15-17)	will meet in Room 15.

Teacher Only Day – SCHOOL CLOSED

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

Covid Tracing

If you visit the school please use the Covid Tracing App. Our school QR code is displayed on the office door.

Office Hours

For your information, the school office is open:	Monday – Thursday	8:30am to 3:30pm
	Friday	8:30am to 3pm

The office can be contacted via email at office@bellblock.school.nz or via telephone on 06 755 0838 or 027 310 9038.

Sport

Introducing our new Sport Co-ordinator, **Gayle Davis**. Gayle is already a familiar face around the school, being a parent and Secretary of the PTA. For any sport related enquires, please contact Gayle who is available in the office between 9am-12pm or via email at sport@bellblock.school.nz.



Touch & Cricket

Today is the last day to register for Touch and Cricket in Term 1. The online registration form is available via your email or the school Facebook page. Registrations close at 11.59pm today (Tuesday) - don't miss out! The registration forms contain useful information about game days, subs and season dates.

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

Canoe Polo

Reminder: Year 7 and 8 canoe polo begins soon! Registrations close on the 14 February and games will commence that week. For the newcomers there is a Come and See/Introduction Session on Sunday 14 February at 5pm. This must be attended prior to playing in a team. The Term 1 venue for canoe polo is now the Bell Block Aquatic Centre. Registration forms were sent home at the end of last year, but there will be extra forms at the school office if needed.

Gayle Davis

Sport Co-Ordinator

Leavers' Hoodies 2020

There are still a number of leavers' hoodies awaiting collection from the office. Siblings are welcome to collect on your child's behalf.

This will be another exciting year of opportunity and learning. We are looking forward to working with you to maximise the learning and personal growth of every student here at Bell Block School.

Conrad Hailes

Principal

COMMUNITY NOTICES:



HEAT 2021

HOCKEY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

HEAT (Hockey Excellence at Taranaki) is a development program designed to assist athletes to improve their technical, and tactical hockey skills for the betterment of their 2021 hockey season.

In 2021 we will be concentrating on improving the players "Base Skills".

This program will be delivered by a range of local and regional coaches which will provide all round hockey knowledge and experience.

NB The cost includes a tee shirt

Registrations close on the 18th of February 2021

Register at: www.taranakhockey.org.nz



New Plymouth
Tuesday Nights
Yr 3-6
1 hour sessions
5pm-6pm

Yr 7-10
1.5 hour Sessions
6pm - 7:30

6 weeks
9th March - 13th April
Cost:
Yr 3-6 \$75.00
Yr 7-10 \$80.00

Stratford
Thursday Nights
Yr 3-6
1 hour sessions
5pm-6pm

Yr 7-10
1.5 hour Sessions
6pm - 7:30

6 weeks
11th March - 15th April
Cost:
Yr 3-6 \$75.00
Yr 7-10 \$80.00

CALENDAR OF EVENTS TERM 1 2021

FEBRUARY

- Wed 10** Kapa Haka starts
Community Picnic & Meet the Teacher 5pm
- Thu 11** Intermediate Tech starts
School visits 11:45am-12:45pm
PTA Meeting 7pm
- Fri 12** Celebration Assembly 2pm
- Tue 16** School visits 2-3pm
- Thu 18** BOT Meeting 5pm
- Fri 19** Intermediate Bike Trip to Ngamotu Beach
- Tue 23** School Visits 2-3pm
- Fri 26** Celebration Assembly 2pm

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.



Lepperton Tennis Club

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Register now for kids tennis coaching run by qualified coach, no previous experience required. Racquets provided if required. Come learn or refine your skills in this cool sport and support our awesome little club. Lessons will start first week term 1 on thursday after school. Times worked out once we have numbers. Any questions to Sheree ph 0210520450 shereandrew@hotmail.com

