

Tuesday 18 February 2020

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

We are now getting into routines and classroom programmes are developing, even though we have only had nine school days. This week is assessment week for many of our teams. Students will be undertaking a range of standardised tests to see where they are at. We use these assessments to drive our teaching and learning programmes and to target the things we need to teach each student. The assessments help us to understand what the student can do and where we need to go next in their development, as well as identifying areas they need to be taught. At the upcoming Parent/Teacher Interviews our staff will be able to share this information with you.

Community Picnic

Thank you to all the families who were able to attend the school picnic. There was a great feel around the school and it was nice to see some new faces being a part of our community. One of our goals is to develop a school where parents feel like they are a part of the school and active partners in their child's learning. Thank you to the PTA for their organisation, and as a community we raised over \$900 towards the Senior team camp.

Celebration Assembly

At the celebration assembly last week, we started a new tradition by presenting the first ever Triple A Awards. It was great to be able to recognise students who are already displaying our new vision and values.

Congratulations to the following students who received awards at the assembly last week:



Tanson Zhou, Lara Wakabayashi, Isaiah Inglis, Liam Johns-King, Camaro Swan, Peyton Hancock, Mika Homma, Brooklyn Childs, Amelia Plowright, Isa Talab, Tyler Bisson, Eli Lilomaiaava, Sophie Bryant, Erin Lim, Piripi Mocaraka, Alex McCallum, Bella Watson, Kyra Khan, Kenneth Moratuwage, Lohith Vadapalli, Izzy McMahon, RJ Whittaker, Logan Metcalfe, Gaganpreet Kaur, Zara Khan, Harshal Nand, Indie Rook, Matilda Johnson, Cassidy Bhana, Matai Mauga, Sienna Percy, Tyler Reade, Cade Johnstone, Lacey-Leigh Tumai.

We also talked about teamwork and how this can lead to better outcomes for those in the team. Ask your child about what they learnt from geese about how great teams work together. This links really well into our Triple A vision.

We have had a great response for touch and cricket players again this year. Thank you to Mr B for all his work collating the information and entering our teams. Thank you also to the parents who have met these tight deadlines – unfortunately, we have to live by the dates set by the individual sports groups at this very busy time of year.

New System for School Trips

On Friday the Intermediate team go on the traditional bike ride and beach day. Thank you to all the parents who are available to help on these school trips. As you may be aware, they are becoming increasingly harder to organise with new regulations and conditions that we must meet. We have spent the last eight months developing a new system to allow staff to plan and prepare for trips with the aim of allowing classes to go on school trips while keeping students safe. Many parents will have noticed some changes already with parental consent for camps and school trips. We are doing our best to keep school trips as part of our programme as they are great fun and opportunities for students to learn outside of their classroom.

To ensure planning and preparation is completed to the required standard, there are deadlines for things like permission slips. These need to be adhered to and unfortunately, we will not be able to have the flexibility we have had in the past. Students who miss deadlines will not be able to participate in the trips. We have designed a timeline for events that will allow lots of time for students to get organised and staff will be reminding students regularly about due dates. We are hoping to have a parent information meeting later this term to go over the system and answer any questions you may have.

Students After School

We encourage students to be off the school grounds by 3:15pm unless they are under parent supervision. The Kelly Club hire our school grounds for their after-school care programme and it can make things difficult when we have other students milling around. We have also had a number of students coming to the office after school needing help who have become upset if the staff have finished for the day.



Last year we had some incidents of students going home with other parents without their parents knowing. Please ensure that you have communicated with the other child's parents before taking any students home with you. This can be very stressful for parents who arrive after school to find their child is not here.

If students are waiting for parents after school who are running late we move them to the office and will try to get in contact with parents. If you are running late to pick up your child a call to the office is much appreciated.

Meet the Leaders

Kia ora everyone, Ko **Jorja Castles** taku ingoa!

I am very honoured to be your Head Girl for the first half of this year! I am passionate about making our school a better place and participating in lots of school activities. Some of my favourite things are netball, touch, Kapa Haka, musical performances and any other activities that are provided for me! One of my goals for this year is to receive my Honours badge with support from the staff of the school! I am excited to work with the new council and I am looking forward to the rest of the year.



Whānau Points Update

The students and staff have shown lots of whānau spirit and have been earning points for their new whānau. In the past two weeks students have earned points by earning Blockbusters at break times, being awarded Triple A and Values certificates and for their assembly behaviour.

At the end of Week 2 the points are...

Whānau	Points
Kotuku	31
Kereru	24
Takahe	18
Piwaiwaka	17

It is early days for the whānau competition and there are lots of points to be earned before we announce the Term 1 winner.

Government Funded School Donations

At the end of last year our Board of Trustees signed on to the government funded school donation scheme. The idea behind this is to save our families money but still provide opportunities for students. With the scheme in place there will be no school donations or technology fees requested this year. We have also been able to put aside money for students to attend curriculum-based class or team trips without asking parents to pay for each trip. This scheme will allow all students to attend curriculum-based activities without adding additional financial pressure to parents.

The government scheme does not however cover any optional activities.

Unfortunately, the government donation also does not cover the full cost of the senior camp so we are asking parents to pay a voluntary donation to allow us to continue to offer this excellent opportunity. If we raise enough money through the donations and the fundraising the seniors undertake we will continue to offer this opportunity to our students in the future. If we are unable to raise enough funds through voluntary donations and fundraising we will have to look at the duration and activities undertaken on the camp.

School Sores

There have been some instances of school sores at school recently. If your child has school sores please keep them covered at school as they are highly contagious. Students are also required to avoid swimming while they have school sores.

Tuckshop...This Week's Chalkboard Special...Large Chicken Burger \$4

EFTPOS available, Text orders welcome 021 024 20269

For the full menu and updates please find us on Facebook: The Tuckshop Bell Block School

Nicky



COMMUNITY NOTICES

Kia ora from the Kelly Club Bell Block New Management and Team.

We are so excited to be working with the school and the local community. I am the new owner and Co-Ordinator, Lindsay Stones. For the past 2 years I have been running Oakura Kelly Club and last year we won an award for small venue of the year with the Kelly Group. My purpose is to ensure children are happy, supported and involved in activities whether it be active or relaxing after a busy day at school.

We are here to cater for your needs to continue to work after 3pm, whether you just need an extra half hour to an hour at work or have a few chores to do, you can relax knowing we can care for your children. We take casual and last minute bookings, you do not need to have a regular booking. We have OSCAR accreditation for those that are eligible for WINZ subsidies.

We have great team members at our venue that will care for your children, support and engage with them. Our supervisor, Sonja is a trained Early Childcare Teacher and is training to become a school teacher. We have Ngahuia who wishes to pursue teacher training and Danielle who is passionate about children and worked here last year, a familiar face for the children. As for me, I have worked as a Teacher Aide for 5 years in NZ and 4 years in the UK and my passion is to organise activities to suit all ages and then join in!

Our afternoon program is based around a weekly theme and involves crafts, discovery, science, sports, games and cooking. We do provide a healthy afternoon tea snack at 3.10pm. The children play a game and then go into the activity for the day. If the children are not interested in the activity, no problem, we have plenty of other options, we have a reading area (books from the library) arts and craft table, activity books, board games, construction blocks and we head out onto the field and play games. After the main activity we have quiet time for those who like to do their homework and then free time until 5.30pm. We will collect your child especially the new entrants. We understand the younger ones may forget or head to the playground, we know! We are more than happy to collect from their classroom.

Do come visit us, meet the team and have a look around at our new set up. See our flyer with further information and contact details. *We look forward to meeting you, from the Team: Lindsay, Sonja, Danielle and Ngahuia.*

Bell Block Rugby Club...Junior Rugby Muster 23 February 12:30pm & 5 March 5:30pm at Hickford Park, Bell Block.
For enquiries phone Brad: 021 065 6530

Conrad Hailes
Principal

CALENDAR Term 1 2020

FEBRUARY

Thursday 20 Board of Trustees meeting 5pm
Friday 21 Intermediate Activity Day
Friday 28 Celebration Assembly 2pm

MARCH

Wednesday 4 Parent/Teacher/Student Interviews
Thursday 5 Parent/Teacher/Student Interviews
Monday 9 Taranaki Anniversary Day – School closed
Wednesday 11 Swimming Sports – Middle/Senior/Intermediate
Thursday 12 Swimming Sports – Junior Whānau Hui 5:30-6pm staffroom
Friday 13 Celebration Assembly 2pm
Monday 16 School Photos
Tuesday 17 School Triathlon
Monday 23 – 25 Senior Camp – Vertical Horizons
Wednesday 25 Weet-bix TRYathlon
Friday 27 Celebration Assembly 2pm

TERM DATES FOR 2020

Term 1 3 February – 9 April
Term 2 28 April – 3 July
Term 3 20 July – 25 September
Term 4 12 October – 18 December

Dates for school events are also located on the School Calendar on our website.

BELL BLOCK SCHOOL PARENT/TEACHER/STUDENT INTERVIEWS

18 February 2020

Dear Parents/Caregivers

Parent/Teacher/Student interviews will be held on Wednesday 4 March 3.10 – 7.30pm and Thursday 5 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 or Christine, 755 0838 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 class programmes and to set goals for the first half of the 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.
- Children 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 Deputy Principals Sacha Buckley and Sian Evans if you wish.

Booking Interviews Online:

To book your interviews, go to www.schoolinterviews.co.nz/code in your browser, and enter the event code **ebap3** then follow these three simple steps:

1. Enter your details. First enter your email address, your name and your child's name. Book for one or more students.
2. Choose from the list of teachers.
3. Choose times. Then you'll 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 **ebap3** again to change or cancel your interviews.

Regards

Christine Shaw

Executive Officer

TRIPLE A

The grey part represents the korowai or cloak. A school and community supporting students to live the motto Our Best Always – Kaha i ngā wā katoa.

ABILITY

Embrace the things we can do and strive to reach our potential

ATTITUDE

Have a positive outlook and willingness to grow

ACTION

Use our abilities and knowledge to make a positive difference in our world

RESPECT - WHAKAUTE

At Bell Block School we value other people and celebrate uniqueness

MANAAKITANGA - CARING

At Bell Block School we act in a way that shows we care about ourselves, others and the world around us

RESPONSIBILITY - TAKOHANGA

At Bell Block School we take personal action to do our best always

TU MAIA - STANDING BRAVE

At Bell Block School we face challenges with positivity and self belief

COMMUNITY - HAPORI

AHUREA - CULTURE

INNOVATION - AUAHATANGA

HURIKIKO - ASPIRATION

VALUES

The black side of the logo represents The Mountain. The strong, unchanging foundation of what we do.

PRINCIPLES

The blue side of the logo represents the rivers and sea. It is an adaptable, unstoppable force that impacts the landscape over time.