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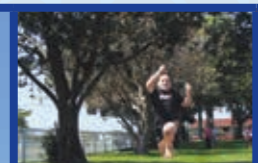
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NEWSLETTER

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OUR VISION

To provide in partnership with home and community the educational opportunities for all pupils to develop into life long learners who actively contribute to society in a positive way.



13TH DECEMBER 2017.

Dear Parents / Caregivers

The 442nd student enrolled at our school this week – Lily Hooper who joined her brother, Noah. A little taster of school before the holi-days for you, Lily and then you can look forward to the start of next year knowing lots about what goes on here.

GOODBYE AND THANK YOU

This is the very last newsletter I will write after 9 ½ years at Bell Block School, and while I am looking forward to my new position as a Leadership Advisor for Beginning Principals, I know I will miss the people who are attached to our school. Bell Block is a very special community; I think because it sits outside the city and therefore has its own special character. To each and every one of you who have been right there for the staff and myself, and those parents who no longer have children at our school too, can I say thank you for believ-ing in us and trusting us with your children.

Throughout my time here I have been very fortunate to have had wonderful Boards of Trustees and PTAs to work alongside. They have all put in the “extra mile” to voluntarily contribute to the education of our children.

As to the staff – how lucky am I to have worked with truly dedicated caretaking, cleaning and office staff, teachers and teacher aides. They are a very special bunch and I know the school will continue to flourish under the leadership of Mr Conrad Hailes.

One staff member in particular deserves special mention – Mrs Judy Knuckey who retires next week after teaching here for thirty years. When I was appointed as Principal, a teacher from outside the area told me Judy was the best new entrant teacher in Taranaki and it didn’t take me long to work out that that was the truth. Judy has exemplary teaching skills and an abundance of common sense. She is unflappable and wise and I have frequently sought wise counsel from her.

We wish Judy a long and happy retirement with some days spent relieving at Bell Block School.

FAREWELL FROM JUDY KNUCKEY.

As my time at Bell Block School comes to an end, I find myself reflecting on all the great experiences I have had since I started here. Al-though there have been many changes over that time, one thing that has always stayed the same is the warm and friendly nature of the Bell Block community and the way they work together and support each other. This has meant that Bell Block School has been a special place and a big part of my life. I would like to sincerely thank the Board of Trustees, Roz and the rest of the staff and all the children and their families for their support over the years. I have loved teaching the five year olds and watching them grow and develop in such a short space of time.

The past few weeks have been very special, with lots of little surprises and kindness from so many people. Thank you so much to those of you who nominated me for a morning tea shout from The Hits radio station. The staff really enjoyed the treat.

Now I move on to the next chapter of my life with interest to see what it will bring.

Once again, thank you to you all.

Judy Knuckey

Congratulations to the following Year 7/8 students who received their Excellence Awards at the Sports Assembly:

Services – Havana Verstraten-Parekura, Yi Qian Song, Taryn Christiansen, Caleb Petersen, Shanae Cameron

Academic – Shanae Cameron, Yi Qian Song

Cultural – Amber Jordan

2018 STAFFING UPDATE

With Judy Knuckey’s well earned retirement and my appointment to Principal we are currently advertising for two Deputy Principal positions to begin in Term two. To get the school off to the best start for 2018, Sian Evans will be stepping into Mrs Knuckey’s role and Morag Hunter will take on the walking Deputy Principal role for Term one while we make these appointments. To release Mrs Hunter we have been very fortunate to secure Mrs Jodie Leach to teach in Rm 17 for the first term. She has been a wonderful reliever for the school over the past few years and her talents will be a great addition to our Intermediate Team. With Mrs Leach on board, Room 17 will have the best possible start to the year.

I hope you all have a safe and relaxing break and I look forward to working with you all in 2018.

Conrad Hailes

MEET THE NEW TEACHER

On Friday December 15 at 9.30am children will spend time in their 2018 classroom, meeting the teacher and their new classmates. Children moving into our school have been invited to join us at this time too.

Thank you to the TSB Community Trust who have generously supported our school this year by providing extra funding.



HELLO FROM THE INTERMEDIATE TEAM.

We are coming to the end of a very busy 2017. What a massive year it has been. Production, interschool sports, camp at Te Wera, Stu-dent Council leaders, Outdoor Academy, marae visit, Leaders Conferences, Puanga Festival and Grandparents Day are just a few of the highlights that stand out. The three Intermediate classes have been flat out all year and all students look (and act like) they are ready for a good holiday. As our 30 Year 8 students move on to High School we wish them all the best.

Looking forward to 2018, we have a couple of events that next year’s Intermediate students might like to note down. At the start of the year (week 3) we have our traditional overnighter at school. On this day we all need bikes to ride as we travel along the walkway from Bell Block to Ngamotu Beach for a swim. Over the holidays get your bikes sorted and spend some time practicing those riding skills! Also next year we have our famous one week Ski Camp. We will be leaving on the 6th August and returning on the 10th August. It has been great to hear how some students have been saving already to pay for camp. Keep it up.

Have a great holiday break and a very Merry Christmas from everyone in the Intermediate Team.

MIDDLE TEAM CELEBRATION.

The Middle Team are excited about their tabloid water sports on Thursday the 14th December. Please make sure your child has a spare t shirt and shorts for this event as they will get wet!

We would also like to invite all our lovely parents and caregivers to a Teddy Bears’ Picnic at school on Friday from 12:15pm. We will be having our picnic in a shady spot and would love for you to join us. Bring a teddy of course, a rug if you wish and something to share with your family. Meet in your child’s classroom.

SPORTS NEWS

Well done to the Bell Block School Blue Caps Team JP2 - they had their final on Saturday and came first in their grade! We are so proud of the sportsmanship that they displayed.

Thanks heaps to our amazing cricket coaches, Jayson Vinsen and Paul Walden for a successful season.

Our summer sport for Term four has wrapped up. Thank you so much to all the coaches, managers and parents who have helped our players this season. We are so lucky to have a supportive community at Bell Block School.

If you have netball uniforms still at home please return them before the end of this week.

Looking forward to another year of sport in 2018.

Kind Regards
Emily Bower & Dave Bilderbeck

LIBRARY BOOKS!!

Can everyone have a really good look at home for any library books/school readers and get them back to school this week.

PTA NEWS.

Sunblock - As always, we would like to keep the students protected from the sun. We have purchased a few more sunblock bottles as some classrooms were running low. The sunscreen we are now providing is Cancer Society SPF50+ Kids Pure (low irritant).

Book Covers - Together with the reports and stationery list please also note the flyer with information on book covers for the next school year! Samples of these book covers are now available in the office. If you purchase these amazing looking covers, 10c per cover will go directly to Bell Block School. This is a great little fundraiser and you can be sure your children’s books will be protected.

We would like to thank you all for your support throughout the year and we wish you a Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year!

TUCKSHOP.

THIS WEEK’S CHALKBOARD SPECIAL.....Hotdog Combo \$6 (hotdog + drink + large cookie)

Next week on Tuesday: Half day–Half price on a limited menu! Check out our Facebook page for further information.

LOST PROPERTY.

Please have a look through the Lost Property (at the end of the corridor next to Room 4) and encourage your children to do the same. At the end of the term all remaining items will be donated to charity.

END OF YEAR ARRANGEMENTS.

Final Assembly in the Hall - Monday December 18, starting at 7pm: We expect all students to attend the final assembly which is a celebration of the year’s learning when each teacher will present one student in their class with the Endeavour Award. The recipient is someone who always displays our School Values and tries their best with all learning.

Please arrange for your child/ren to meet in their classroom at 6.45pm and collect them from their classroom after the assembly, at approximately 8.30pm.

Kapa Haka students will meet in Room 15 at 6.15pm.

We know sometimes it is difficult to get babysitters for your pre school children, and if this is the case for you and you bring your pre schoolers with you, please keep them seated with you. You may be best to sit near an exit downstairs so that if they become restless you are able to leave easily. If they are allowed to walk or run around this can be a distraction for the students who try really hard to sit still and listen during what is our most important assembly of the year.

Upstairs in the hall is reserved for adults over 17 years of age unless accompanied by an adult.

SCHOOL CLOSING DAY AND TIME

School will close at 12 noon on Tuesday 19 December. The school bus does not run on that day. Some parents find their children are tired after the assembly and choose to keep them at home. If you do that please advise the school, to save a large number of phone calls being made.

On behalf of all the staff, I wish you all a very Happy Christmas and New Year and thank you all for the part you have played in the education of your children.

DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR.

Wednesday 13 December.....Reports go home

Thursday 14 December.....Y8 Celebration Dinner at Marbles

Friday 15 December.....Meet the Teacher 9:30am

Farewell Assembly to Mrs Knuckey and Mrs Miller 2pm in the hall

Monday 18 December.....Leavers Assembly 7pm in the hall

Tuesday 19 December.....End of school year 12noon

Wednesday 31 January.....Term one begins 8:55am

On behalf of the staff
Roz Miller, Principal

