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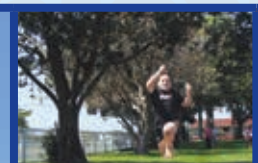
# BELL BLOCK SCHOOL

“ Kia kaha i ngā wā katoa ”  
Our Best Always

## NEWSLETTER

### WHATS INSIDE THIS WEEK

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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.



### 23RD AUGUST 2017.

Dear Parents / Caregivers and Whānau of our students

Special congratulations to Tessa Georgeson who was awarded her well deserved Honours Badge at assembly. Tessa has been very focused on this achievement over the last 18 months, making the most of every opportunity available.

#### **Congratulations to the following students who received Principal’s Awards at last week’s Celebration Assembly:**

Archie Bunting, Connor Mischeski, Matthew Masters, Sarah Roderick, Shontae Swete, Joweli Ligavatu, Troy Ireson, Jai Pringle, Melody Robertson, Lucy Ireson, Taryn Christiansen, Laura Sarten, Taj Taogaga, Teegan Watt, Natalia Bhana, Amelia Bishop, Nicholas Gunther, Zach Peniero, Peyton Metcalfe, Shivaan Kataria, Jamie Clark, Kayla Williams, Luca Caldwell, Zara Khan, Piripi Mokaraka, Jasiah Berge, Vinnie Luke, Lucy Evans, Kristian Magon, Heath Cummings, Sienna Percy.

### THE LION KING – 13-14 SEPTEMBER.

The excitement is building as the music reverberates around the school, dance moves are practiced and large animals are beginning to appear all around the school.

To ensure every family has an equal chance to see the show of their choice we will allocate 4 seats to each family in the school which will be available to purchase from the school office for one week. Any tickets not purchased after a week will go on public sale along with all other tickets, sold on a first come first served basis.

Every person, including pre-schoolers over 1 year old, and children who do not attend Bell Block School need to have a ticket - \$5 each.

There will be **NO DOOR SALES.**

#### **Ticket Sale Timeline (from the school office):**

28 August - 1 September - family tickets available for purchase

4 September until sold out - any additional tickets available for purchase

Show times:

12 September - Dress Rehearsal - local schools, pre schools and Retirement Village residents invited

13 September - two performances - 1pm and 7pm

14 September - 7pm

#### **2018 SCHOOL TERM DATES**

<b>Start Date</b>	Wednesday 31 January
<b>Term 1</b>	11 Weeks/47 Days
<b>Term 2</b>	10 Weeks/49 Days
<b>Term 3</b>	10 Weeks/50 Days
<b>Term 4</b>	9 Weeks + 2/46 Days
<b>Finish Date</b>	Tuesday 18 December

#### **STATUTORY HOLIDAYS:**

<b>6 February</b>	Waitangi Day
<b>12 March</b>	Taranaki Anniversary
<b>30 March</b>	Good Friday
<b>2 April</b>	Easter Monday
<b>3 April</b>	Easter Tuesday
<b>25 April</b>	ANZAC Day (during holidays)
<b>4 June</b>	Queens Birthday
<b>22 October</b>	Labour Day

#### **SCHOOL DOCUMENTS**

All school policies and procedures can be viewed at this link: **Username: bellblock Password: Best**

### LOOK AFTER THOSE TEETH.

Snacking often on sugary foods and drinks can lead to tooth decay. As parents we want to reward our children for making the right choices or for achievement. Unfortunately, the rate of dental decay in New Zealand is a big problem with large numbers of children needing fillings and general anaesthetics to have teeth removed. Instead of sugary food and drinks try an age-appropriate alternative reward such as:

toothbrushes, magnets, stickers, bookmarks, certificates, colouring pages/activity sheets, pencils/erasers/mini note pads/ink stamps, coloured chalk, balloons, a plant or seeds and a pot for growing them in.

Or best of all – reward them with your time - play a game or do an activity together.



### MEET THE LEADERS.

Hi, I'm Madison Paris and I am one of your terrific Takahe Whanau Leaders for the second half of 2017. I enjoy sports and art. In my spare time I like to draw and chat with friends.



### GREETINGS FROM THE MIDDLE TEAM.

We are currently working on our items for our production 'The Lion King'. In Room 11 and 12 we have been researching Wildebeest, especially their facial and body features. We have used our research to design Wildebeest masks and incorporated African patterns to our designs. Next week we will begin painting our masks using bold colour so our stampede really stands out on stage.

In Room 13 and 14 we are busy designing costumes and masks that represent African bugs and butterflies. We have researched about these insects and their features and have used this information to design costumes for our dance. When designing our costumes we needed to consider colour, the practicality of the materials that we chose, and the space that we had available on stage.

During performance practices we have discussed what is a quality performance. We try hard to use strong actions, keep in time with the music and remember all our dance moves together.

### STRATFORD INTERSCHOOL.

Results from games played against Stratford Primary School Year 7 and 8 students on Tuesday 15 August:

Soccer = Bell Block 8, Stratford 4

Rugby = Bell Block 46, Stratford 37

Netball = Stratford 28, Bell Block 3

Netball = Stratford 60, Bell Block 0

Some comments from the students after the games:

- It was very, very, very muddy
- 2 players from Bell Block scored a hat-trick in soccer
- Stratford soccer team played fair
- The rugby game was a little bit tough
- The soccer ball stopped in the mud and was hard to kick
- The rugby ball was slippery because it was covered in mud
- Netball was hard - their players were tall

Everyone should be proud of the way that the Bell Block students played. All players gave their best effort. Soccer and rugby teams now have 2 wins from 2 games with only Mangorei left to play. Netball has had some tough games and don't have all their top players as some have chosen to give other sports a try. Just remember whatever the score, we give "Our Best Always."

### CROSS COUNTRY.

It was so good to see many of our whanau supporting the Juniors as they gave their best to the Cross Country. Well done Junior team and Miss Bower for the organisation.



### SPORTING SUCCESS.

We are very proud of these talented students who have been selected to play in representative sports teams:

Sarah Roderick Taranaki Under 10 Football Team

Toby Webb Central Region Under 12 Inline Hockey Team

Kate Henry Central Region Under 12 Inline Hockey Team

### INTERMEDIATE HOCKEY.

Well done to our Intermediate hockey team for winning their final against Manukorihi Intermediate last Friday night. You tried your very best and have remained undefeated all season. We are very proud of you! Big thanks to Julia Johnson for coaching this team.



### NETBALL YEAR 1-2.

Registration forms for years 1-2 netball played next term have been handed out to students who are interested.

These need to be returned to the school office with the sub by Friday September 8th. Extra forms can be found on the sports notice board by the staffroom.

### TATARAKIHI FESTIVAL - Friday 25th August at City West Church. Performance time: 9:30am

Just a reminder that it will be an early start to the day for everyone as children need to be at school by 7am. This allows time for us to apply moko, get hair done and be dressed and ready to go.

Tickets will be available from today and will be held at school for all the performers. If you have paid for extra tickets, these can be collected from the school office.

If you need us to send tickets home with your child, we can do this but can't take responsibility for tickets not reaching you. Any additional tickets can be purchased at the door on the day for \$5 each.

Nga mihi nui kia koutou

Anna McKey and Morag Hunter

*On behalf of the staff  
Roz Miller, Principal*

### SPOTSWOOD COLLEGE ENROLMENTS.

Students wishing to enrol at Spotswood College for 2018 can arrange enrolment interviews by calling the school reception on (06) 751 2416 or by contacting the Deputy Principal (Martyn Knapton) on 027821939.

### TUCKSHOP.

**THIS WEEK'S CHALKBOARD SPECIAL...**Mac n Cheese \$5 AND Nachos \$6..."Keeping it warm at lunchtime."

### TE REO PHRASE OF THE WEEK.

Ko aku taringa...My ears Ko aku pāpāringa e...And my cheeks too



### DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR.

Friday 25 August.....Tatarakihi Festival 9:30am City West Church

Wednesday 30 August.....Y7/8 Interschool vs Mangorei at BBK - 1:15pm start

Friday 1 September.....Celebration Assembly 2pm in the hall