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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.



## 27TH SEPTEMBER 2017.....

Dear Parents / Caregivers and Whānau of our students

Currently we are working out how many students who live out of our Home Zone we can offer a place to in 2018. We have received a number of applications for the places available – more applications than there are places. To allow us to accept Out of Zone students we need to know as accurately as possible how many students will be in our school in 2018. If you know you will not be returning to Bell Block School after the Christmas break please will you ring the school office and notify the office staff.

## LINKHORN CUP VICTORY.....

Following in this newsletter there is an interesting article written by two of our students, about the winning game. We were very proud of the way the team played with and for each other. It really was a very exciting game to watch.

We are warming up and our players are shaking, our coach says ‘just be happy, you’re in the final and you get to play on the big boys field’. We walk to the tunnel and the ref informs us of the rules. Our team runs out of the tunnel as ready as you can be and as we are running out we see the cup silver and shiny and some of our team kissed the ground.

The opposition run onto the field. The ref asks for the captains to do a coin toss - Heath chose to kick off. The whistle blows and Heath starts us off with a kick. They receive and their halfback runs the ball down the sideline but Heath tackles him out. But after that they score and our hearts dropped but we didn’t give up. At halftime it was 35-19 to the other team. Our team was doubtful of winning the cup because we were down by so much but our coach gives us a team talk to rev us up and it worked. The ref blows the whistle to start the second half but it didn’t start too good, because they scored straight off the kickoff. But we didn’t give up. Heath kicks off again and we push them right to their try line, they gain a few metres and Heath ends up scoring from a scrum.

But then we started getting back into it with Jackson scoring one and Ashdin scoring two by using Heath’s and Cole’s setups. Heath scores two more and then Heath gives a try to Caleb. Our team starts to get faith that we will win. In the last minute they knock it on and we get a scrum, Cole passes it out to Heath and he runs around them and finishes it off with a try. Heath kicked the conversion and the final score was 50-55 to us.

We hear the ref blow the whistle and our team goes crazy with excitement but we were still humble. The two teams shake hands and huddle around and one of the Taranaki Rugby organisers hands us the Linkhorn Cup. We felt like the All Blacks when they won the World Cup because it was the first time in 30 years that Bell Block had won the cup.

We wouldn’t have been able to win without these people: Heath, Ashdin, Jackson, Mahliek, Logan, Caleb, Devon, Chris, Lucas, Heino, Daniel, Karl, Cross, Laura, Michael, Cole and our amazing coach Mr Forsyth. It was a great moment when we won - emotions were running wild with everyone hugging, screaming and being so happy.

*By Ashdin and Jackson*

## IMMUNISATIONS FOR YEAR 7.....

The HPV Booster immunisation will be given to Year 7 students during week one of next term. Please check your children’s bags during week one for a letter confirming the immunisation has been given. If you have any queries regarding this please contact the Public Health Nurse, Angie Fry on 753 7790 extension 8780.

## HOMEWORK BOOK ART COMPETITION.....

Congratulations to Lucy Evans in Room 10 whose calendar artwork was chosen to grace the covers of our free homework books in 2018.



## MEET THE LEADERS.....

Hello, I am Samantha Reade and I’m proud to be one of your Takahe Whanau Leaders for the second half of the year. I enjoy dancing, netball and canoe polo. In my spare time I enjoy hanging with my friends and family.



## GREETINGS FROM THE SENIOR TEAM.....

Wow, what a busy term we have had. The Disco, Cross Country and Production are just some of the events we have enjoyed taking part in. Here is Abbie’s recount about her experience when taking part in the Production:

### Production Nerves

I could feel my face getting hotter like a burning fire.  
I could taste the lipstick as it sunk into the tastebuds on my tongue like poison.  
The strong smell of face paint burned my nose.  
I could hear the booming music as we lined up to go on.  
The glaring lights blinded me as I walked onto the stage.  
I could hear the crowd fall into a deep whisper as we walked on stage.  
I could feel my stomach tie up in knots as all eyes turned to us.  
I could feel my face break into a gigantic smile as the loud clapping boomed in my ears.

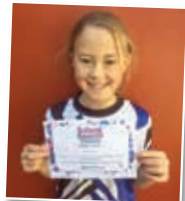
*By Abbie Daken  
Room 8*

Next term will be just as busy so make sure you get lots of rest over the holidays!

## GYMSPORTS COMPETITION.....

Well done to all the students who competed in the Taranaki Primary and Intermediate Gymsports held in Waitara last Wednesday. You all tried your very best and made us proud. Bell Block School was awarded the prize for the Best Dressed Team in Taranaki!

Special congratulations go to Dahntay Friedrich as she was placed 1st in the Vault Springers Division (yr2-6).



## TUCKSHOP.....

THIS WEEK’S CHALKBOARD SPECIALS.....	Mac n Cheese	\$5
	Hawaiian Pizza	\$3
	Pizza & Chips	\$5

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## TE REO PHRASE OF THE WEEK.....

Ko aku ringaringa e / And my hands too



### More photos from the fabulous Lion King:



## DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR.....

Thursday 28 - 29 September.....Y5/6 Energy Skills Science Fair at The Devon Hotel

Friday 29 September.....Celebration Assembly 2pm in the hall

Last day of term - finish 3pm

Monday 16 October.....First day of Term 4

Monday 16 – Friday 20 October.....HPV Booster Year 7 this week

Monday 23 October.....Labour Day – school will be closed

Tuesday 24 October.....Pet Day 12:30pm

## COMMUNITY NOTICES.....

**2017 PRIMARY SCHOOLS TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS...**This is an open competition for players up to and including Year 8 on Friday 27th October (postponement day Monday 30th October). There are two grades: Open (7 & 8) and Year 6 & under grade. Each player is guaranteed 2 games. If interested please pick up an entry form and info from the office. <http://taranakitennis.org/>

**School Holiday Music Workshops with Taranaki Jam...**Tuesday 3rd - Songwriting. Wednesday 4th - Performance Skills. Thursday 5th - Guitar boost and song club. Friday 6th - Electronic Dance Music. Limited spaces available. Venue: Vogeltown School in New Plymouth. Email [taranaki.jam@gmail.com](mailto:taranaki.jam@gmail.com), call Peter on 027 4313544, or check out the Taranaki Jam Facebook page. Limited scholarships available.

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*On behalf of the staff  
Roz Miller, Principal*