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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.



9TH AUGUST 2017.

Dear Parents / Caregivers and Whānau of our students

A warm welcome to Jasminsri Setti, Chloe Crofskey, Matilda Johnson and Aviarna and Tai Waitere–Patterson. We hope you quickly made new friends and enjoy learning with us.

DISCO! DISCO! DISCO!

We are very lucky to have a group of parents who are prepared to put aside some of their time to raise funds for our school and to organise events for the children and parents. Thank you to all parents who are helping out with the disco. I’m off to buy some coloured gel – I’m sure there must have been some trolls who dealt to their curly hair with such potions!!

INTERMEDIATE INTERSCHOOL.

Despite mud, mud and more mud for the football and rugby teams we very much enjoyed hosting the Year 7 & 8 inter school netball, rugby and football teams. There were plenty of supporters for both sides with the games played in great spirits. Victory was shared equally with Puketapu School winning both netball games and Bell Block winning the rugby and football games. Thank you to the coaches, referees and supporters. We are looking forward to the next games against Mangorei School on Thursday.



YEAR 8 DEBATE VS OAKURA SCHOOL.

Penny Hambling, Kaylin Partridge and Tessa Georgeson again showed their skills in debating when they debated the moot, “That Wikipedia is a Better Resource than many Libraries”. Congratulations to both teams for their preparation and delivery especially to Oakura, the winners on the day and Penny Hambling, Best Speaker of the debate.

INTERMEDIATE OPEN NIGHT ROBOTICS.

We were delighted with the attendance and the fun atmosphere at the Open Night for our Intermediate team last Thursday night. Katie Slater, an ex pupil, Suzanne Bradburn and Greg Watt spoke from their own experiences at our school along with the teachers who out-lined what we offer for our Year 7/8 students. If you weren’t able to attend and would like to discuss our Intermediate schooling please make a time to meet me and to look around the classes.

ENROLMENT AT OUR SCHOOL.

All students who live within our Home Zone are entitled to a place in our school. Our roll, at 425, is larger than it has been for many years and we want to ensure our class sizes do not become too big. At this stage we cannot confirm if we will have any spaces for out of zone students in Year 7/8 or Year 1 in 2018. Anyone interested in an out of zone place is encouraged to complete an application form and we will make contact when we know if there are to be any spaces and the process for students being successful.

MEET THE LEADERS.

Kia ora, my name is Amber Jordan and I am your new Head Girl for the second half of the year. I look forward to contributing to the day to day running of our school. I and the other members of the Student Council are your voice and are here for you to bring your concerns and suggestions to. am always around the school, so if you need any help don’t hesitate to ask or just come and say “hello”.



Scholastic Book Orders...Orders close THIS FRIDAY 11th August.

CRICKET PARENTS/WHANAU,

Hickford Park Sports and Community Club are proposing a Cricket Club to be formed and they have requested Bell Block School get on board and support this club’s growth. Before making any decisions we would like feedback from the parents and community involved as this could have an effect on Bell Block School Cricket teams. If you have any thoughts, please come in to see Miss Bower in Room 6 or email emily.bower@bellblock.school.nz by Friday 18 August.

GREETINGS FROM THE INTERMEDIATE TEAM...Puketapu Interschool.

Results from games played against Puketapu School Year 7 and 8 students on Monday 7 August:

- Soccer = Bell Block 5, Puketapu 1
- Rugby = Bell Block 72, Puketapu 12
- Netball = Puketapu 33, Bell Block 11
- Netball = Puketapu 25, Bell Block 2

Some comments from the students after the games:

- There were no serious injuries which was good
- Thanks to the refs for coming and reffing the games
- Everyone played to the whistle
- I’m glad the teachers are organising to wash the muddy shirts!
- Teams were good sports at the end regardless of whether they had won or lost
- No teams gave up
- It was nice to have a feed after the game
- The mud was AWESOME!
- Puketapu have really tall netball players

The students loved playing soccer and rugby on the wet grounds. They gave their best and everyone can be proud of the effort and sportsmanship displayed by the Bell Block students. Well done Bell Block.



FIDGET SPINNER WORLD RECORD.

This Friday we are going to break a world record! We are going to see how many fidget spinners we can spin in 30 seconds! Please meet in the hall at 2pm. Sport Taranaki will be giving out spot prizes and we are having a sausage sizzle. Sausages are \$2 and must be ordered at school by Wednesday. We can’t wait to have heaps of fun! School Council

HIGH SCHOOL ENROLMENTS:.

- Tuesday 15 August – 9:30 – 11:30am Inglewood High School
- Thursday 17 August – 1:30 – 3pm NPBHS & NPGHS

Please phone the office to make an appointment if your child will be attending one of these schools in 2018. Interviews take place in the Library and are 15-20 minutes in duration. Please bring the completed enrolment form, a copy of your child’s latest report and their birth certificate to the interview.

PTA NEWS... Disco TOMORROW.

We have a roster available in the office - please write your name down if you can help out for half an hour. Thank you so much!

TUCKSHOP.

THIS WEEK’S SPECIAL...Hotdog Combo \$6 – Hotdog + drink + large cookie = yum!

Apple Slinky Tuesdays continue this term. The Term 3 menu is out now – check it out.

TE REO PHRASE OF THE WEEK

Ko taku ihu, waha e.....My nose and mouth



DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR.

- Thursday 10 August.....Intermediate Interschool vs Mangorei at BBK – 12noon
BBK School Trolls Disco – BBK Hall - Junior & Middle 5:30 – 6:30pm
- Senior & Intermediate 6:45 – 8:15pm
- Friday 11 August.....Y7/8 Chess Tournament
- Tuesday 15 August.....ICAS Maths
Inglewood High School Enrolments – 9:30 – 11:30am
Intermediate Interschool vs Stratford at BBK – 12noon
- Tuesday 22 August.....Cross Country - Juniors at BBK School Field start 10:30am
- Rest of school at Mangati Walkway start 12:45pm
- Friday 25 August.....Tatarakihi Festival 9:30am City West Church

COMMUNITY NOTICES:.

Strengthening the NZ Curriculum... Two Digital Technology workshops are being held that focus on parents/caregivers, whānau, community and industry. The workshops provide an opportunity to learn more about the draft Digital Technologies | Hangarau Matihiko curriculum content and provide feedback. The Devon Hotel, New Plymouth on 24 August 6.30 pm–8:00 pm <http://www.education.govt.nz>

Daffodil Day... The Cancer Society is fundraising for Daffodil Day during the month of August. A donation box is located in the office should you wish to donate to this worthy cause. Silk flowers cost \$1.

The Taranaki Careers and Training Expo is on at the TSB Stadium on Sunday 13th August 2017 and Monday 14th August. Doors open Sunday at 10am and close at 3pm and from 8.40am on the Monday until 3pm. Here is the link for more information: <http://www.taranakicareersexpo.com/>

The Halberg Disability Sport Foundation is excited to announce the launch of the new Halberg Junior Disability Games website. Visit now to make online registrations, download a copy of the games schedule and keep up to date with the latest games and competitions. The games will be held starting Friday 6 October at 12pm at Kings College, Auckland.

On behalf of the staff
Rog Miller, Principal