

The students continue to make a great start to 2022. To see the students giving their best in all their learning activities has been really pleasing. The school has a really nice feel both inside and outside of the classrooms with minimal behavioural incidents so far. Some students are already receiving Juicies as part of our behaviour programme rewarding those students who do their best every day.

We know it is challenging not having our community on site and our team are looking for ways to help keep families informed and up to date with what is happening at school. As I shared last week, the best option is to drop your child's teacher an email or make a time for them to phone you. We will also be adding information and clips of students in action to our celebration assemblies and each of our teams will be sending out a newsletter each term so that our families will be able to know some of the things going on at school.

Even though it is now business as usual in our classrooms, the arrival of COVID in New Plymouth schools means we will be taking the next step to keep our students safe and minimise the impact it will have when it arrives in our community. The key aspect is that classroom programmes are not affected by these changes and our focus remains on giving students the best possible outcomes from their time at Bell Block School. The students will now have staggered break times where teams will have reduced interactions with students from other teams.

In preparation for students who may have to isolate we will be sending home workpacks this week. Hopefully, our families will not need them but by the time students begin isolating at home it will be too late to get learning to them. These workpacks can be used when students are required to isolate at home, if families would like to use them. If students are sick there is no requirement for students to be doing work. This is just a way we can help to support our families should COVID numbers continue to rise.

If there is COVID in our community, as a school, we are required to undertake contact tracing so please ensure your contact information held by the school is correct. If COVID cases emerge in our community our communication will be done through the eTAP parent app '@school' so please make sure you have downloaded it and check it regularly. Those who are not yet connected will receive a notice this week with all the information to get you set up. If you need help, please call the office.

As part of the limit on group sizes Swimming Sports will still go ahead but will only be for the finalists from each year group. The classes will do a special mini Swimming Sports including some fun swimming activities in their last week of swimming.

### **2022 Teacher Only Day**

We are required to have the final 2 Teacher Only Days as part of the most recent teacher collective contract this year. As such the Bell Block School Board has approved a Teacher Only Day for Friday 11 March. Our staff will be undertaking professional development and developing programmes for students. We appreciate this can be disruptive for families and appreciate your support.

### **Intermediate Camp**

We are still planning for the intermediate camp to go ahead. Please continue to make donations into the school bank account to ensure that we meet our full financial target before the deadline on Friday 25 February. School bank account details: Bell Block School 15 3956 0057371 02. Please use your child's name and 'camp donation' as reference.

***Our current school attendance rate for this week is 93%***

## Touch

There have been some changes made by City Touch for this term due to the Red Covid Protection Framework regulations. In an effort to minimise Covid-19 transmissions, the grades are now split into alternate weeks to reduce numbers at the park. This means that each team will now be playing every second week, not every week, and teams will play 2 games per night at 4.15pm and 4.55pm.

U8s, U10s and U12s will play Odd weeks (23 Feb, 9 Mar and 23 Mar)  
Year 7/8's will play Even weeks (2 Mar, 16 Mar, 30 Mar)

The following conditions apply to touch:

- Touch is a vaccine pass event. ALL COACHES, MANAGERS and PLAYERS over 12 years 3 months will need to provide proof of their Vaccine Pass to participate. Vaccination passes must be provided on request.
- Scanning in, sanitising, social distancing as per MOH guidelines is compulsory.
- Wearing of masks while not playing or coaching is also compulsory.
- NO SPECTATORS ALLOWED

## Student Leader Introductions



Kia ora, I'm **Autumn Felstead** and I am one of your Piwaiwaka Whanau Leaders for the start of 2022. I am really excited to be a Whanau Leader this year because of the exciting new ways to show who I am and improve my skills in leadership. The things I enjoy doing are playing sports like touch, rugby, basketball and netball. I am part of the Kapa Haka group, I like dancing and performing with the Jump Jam team. I really enjoy tech and meeting new people. So if you see me around school or on the field playing, don't be afraid to come say Hi or join in and give something new a try. 2022 is going to be a fun and challenging year and I am really looking forward to helping everyone!



Kia ora, my name is **Olive Roach** and as you may already know, I have the privilege of being a Piwaiwaka Whanau Leader for the first half of 2022. Some things I enjoy are helping others, putting my hand up for various activities, stepping out of my comfort zone, playing sports, drawing and more. To all the students of Bell Block School, if you have any questions about me, don't be too shy to ask! I will try my best to answer your questions. If you are having a bad break time, come and find me so we can hang out.

## Tuckshop Specials

*This week's highlight:*

Mini Cheeseburger combo \$6 (Burger + drink + cookie)

EFTPOS and text orders are welcome to 021 0242 0269.....See Facebook for our full menu.

**Conrad Hailes**  
**Principal**

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS TERM 1 2022

### FEBRUARY

**Fri 25** New Entrant Visit 11.45am  
Digital Assembly 2pm

### MARCH

**Fri 4** New Entrant Visit 11.45am  
**Wed 9** Swimming Sports Finals Year 3-8  
**Thu 10** New Entrant Visit 11.45am  
**Fri 11** **SCHOOL CLOSED Teacher Only Day**  
**Mon 14** **SCHOOL CLOSED Taranaki Anniv.**  
**Mon 21** Intermediate Camp  
**Fri 25** Digital Assembly 2pm  
**Tue 29** PTA AGM 7pm  
**Thu 31** Board Meeting 5pm

### 2022 Term dates:

**Term 1** 31 January – 14 April  
**Term 2** 2 May – 8 July  
**Term 3** 25 July – 30 September  
**Term 4** 17 October – 14 December

*Dates for school events are also located on the School Calendar on our website and parent app.*

# Intermediate Team Newsletter

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

**We have had a very positive and successful start to the year in the intermediate team. The students have set their standards high, and are stepping up as leaders in our school. Our emphasis is always on our school motto; Kaha i ngā wā katoa – Our best always.**

"The first week at school this year was an exciting and nerve-wracking time. The Year 8's were excited to be back at school with all their friends from last year and seeing all of their classmates. The Year 7's were ready to begin their intermediate journey with the new teachers and classrooms. It was also a challenge for lots of students as we had to get used to wearing masks and listening to teachers in masks during class. Each class worked hard to develop the culture they wanted for the year and get to know each other. You could often see them outside trying new challenges and games. The vibe during break times was awesome and if this is how we are going to start the year, we know 2022 is going to only get better from here."

- Various Room 18 Students

**We are currently working on our Whakapapa unit of inquiry, focusing on who the students are and where they belong. Alongside discovering their own identity, students were working on building a positive classroom environment, culture and expectations that align with our school values and vision.**

"This year in the intermediate team, instead of a class treaty, we made our class kawa and tikanga. Kawa is what we do and tikanga is how we do it. For example, one of our kawa is initiative and some of the tikanga were asking three people before the teacher, being independent and thinking ahead. The five class Kawa we decided on were initiative, open mindedness, fairness, being helpful and respectful.

- Taj Taogaga (Year 8, Room 19)

"Our class self portraits show our amazing personalities and what makes us unique. Half of our portrait represents what you see on the outside, what you would know about a person just by looking at them. The other half is bright, colourful and has drawings and words that describe us on the inside."

- Marley Norman (Year 7, Room 19)



(Hailey Duncan and Quin Jeffries portraits)

“In Inquiry we learnt about how to work well as a team, we did this by participating in different team building games. We worked in groups of 4-5 and some of the games we did were magic carpet, balloon race and the stacking cup game. For the cup game, the aim was to make a 6 cup tower only using pieces of string attached to a rubber band. Everyone had to pull at the same strength to grab ahold of the cup and put it on the cup tower, without making the whole cup tower collapse. From these games we learnt to share and listen to everyone's ideas.

- Gemma Maltby (Year 7, Room 19)

“In the first week of school we made DNA strands, they were double helixes. We learnt that DNA carries information about us from one generation to the next. We had to fold out DNA strands until they looked right and then we wrote on one side things we liked to do or things we liked and then on the other side we drew the things, for example if you had written books then you drew them on the opposite side. We also learnt a fun fact; if you stretch out all of your DNA then it can reach the sun and back a hundred times.”

- Maddie Dagger (Year 8, Room 17)

**We have also begun our Intermediate Technology Programme, with new spaces bringing exciting new opportunities for our students.**

“In **Hospitality** last week we began by getting familiar with the equipment and space that we will be working in. We are so lucky to have this new tech space. Next we did a taste test with various fruits and we completed a sensory analysis on them. I liked how we had to eat it slowly and think about using our senses. We will be using these skills when creating and designing an original frozen dessert over the next few weeks. We will complete a few sensory analysis trials and taste the best option amongst a few of our concepts.”

- Quin Jeffries (Year 8, Room 19)

“As a part of our first week of tech, we started our **Visual Arts** and **Digital Technology** programmes. In the Arts, we learnt about TOI 2022 (Art in Maori). TOI is a huge wearable arts event for young children to experience WOW (World Of Wearable Arts). It looks so exciting and we are looking forward to being involved in it. In Digital Technology we tried to make websites using Wix to build websites. Sadly this didn't work out as we had hoped, but we were able to use Google sites which successfully worked. After that we got to interact with the robots. We will be learning to write code for them this term which will be awesome. The first week of Tech was a wonderful experience to have had and we can't wait for more opportunities!

- Itrat Afroz and Paige Wilmshurst (Year 8's, Room 17)



**Reminders:**

- Intermediate Camp - We are still planning for the intermediate camp to go ahead. Please continue to make donations into the school bank account to ensure that we meet our full financial target before the deadline on Friday 25 February when a final decision will be made. School bank account details: Bell Block School 15 3956 0057371 02. Please use your child's name and 'camp donation' as reference.
- Homework is issued weekly by your child's classroom teacher. Homework is designed to support the learning completed during school time. It also develops independent learning and organisation skills in preparation for Secondary School. Please contact your child's teacher if you would like a digital copy of their homework. Extra credit homework is issued termly.
- Hats are compulsory during Terms 1 and 4, and they must be a Bell Block School hat. School hats can be purchased from the office for \$13 each.
- Please do not hesitate to contact us, either via a note in your child's diary or by our emails below:  
**Room 17** - Mr Adam Groen (Technology Team Leader) - ([adam.groen@bellblock.school.nz](mailto:adam.groen@bellblock.school.nz))  
**Room 18** - Mr Kade Forsyth ([kade.forsyth@bellblock.school.nz](mailto:kade.forsyth@bellblock.school.nz))  
**Room 19** - Miss Hannah Ross ([hannah.ross@bellblock.school.nz](mailto:hannah.ross@bellblock.school.nz))  
**Room 20** - Mrs Renee Pearce (Intermediate Team Leader) - ([renee.pearce@bellblock.school.nz](mailto:renee.pearce@bellblock.school.nz))
- Our swimming timetable has changed slightly. Please find your child's time below:

Week 4	Monday	Tuesday	Friday
1:40- 2:20	Room 20	Room 17	Room 20
	Room 19	Room 18	Room 17

Week 5	Monday	Tuesday	Friday
1:40- 2:20	Room 19	Room 19	Room 18
	Room 18	Room 20	Room 17

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Year 0 to 8 at Bell Block School

**After-school options:**

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