

BELL BLOCK SCHOOL NEWSLETTER #24
Friday 29 July 2022

Focus Value:
Responsibility –
Takohanga



School Goal:
To look after
our belongings

The students have made a settled start to Term 3 despite the wet and windy weather. This term includes the Cross Country in Week 6 and this week the students will begin their training in preparation for the big day. The Intermediates have their Interschool Sports Exchange this term and with minimal interruptions we look forward to a settled term for teaching and learning programmes.

School Open Afternoon

Over the past four years much of the school has been upgraded. As we have nearly finished, we would like to extend an invitation to all our community to come in and have a look at the changes. We will be holding an Open Afternoon on **Thursday 11 August from 3:00-4:30pm**. We will have all the school open to view and the students will have selected pieces of their work to share so you can see what they have been learning during the first half of the year. The teachers will also be available for informal discussions as we rebuild the communication after a long period of parents being offsite.

Our property projects have included upgrading two of the accessible bathrooms, building a brand-new Intermediate block, creating a new Technology room, upgrading Rooms 1–4 and 11–14, and modernising the office area. The school is looking great and with the students' work now being displayed on the walls, it has certainly been worth the challenge of building during the COVID era. Do come along if you are able to have a look at the changes and enjoy seeing what your child has been doing for the past two terms.

Student Council 2022

Today we inducted our new Student Leaders for the second half of the year. We know they will fulfil their roles with pride and be great examples of our motto *Kaha i ngā wā katoa*.

Congratulations go to our new Head Students, **Autumn Felstead** and **Nico Jordan**.

Also to our new Whānau Leaders and ICT Leader:

Kōtuku	Pīwaiwaka	Kererū	Takahē	ICT Leader
Aaliyah Blake	Azra Kahn	Katie Martin	Itrat Afroz	Teegan Watt
Frankee O'Brien	Daniel Fidow	Kupa Walden	Gaganpreet Kaur	

Our Head Students from the first half of the year, **Maddie Dagger** and **Noah Hooper**, now take on the role of Ex-Officio.

I would also like to thank the Student Leaders from the first half of the year. They did an excellent job and despite a few learning experiences along the way, the work they have done and the service they have provided has helped make our school a better place.

ICAS Exams

For those students who would like an extra academic challenge, we will once again offer the ICAS exams this year. This year all entries will be completed online and close by Monday 1 August. If you would like your child to participate, the registration information is in the notice sent out on the school app.

Your Contact Details

With the School Board Election coming up, it is important that we hold up-to-date contact information for all eligible voters. Please check your contact details in the school app and let the office know if any of your details have changed.

Our current school attendance rate for this week is 91%

Looking Ahead					
Week 2	Monday 1 August	Tuesday 2 August	Wednesday 3 August	Thursday 4 August	Friday 5 August
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:00 Breakfast Club 9:00 Promotional visit from NPGHS & NPBHS 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:00 Breakfast Club 9:30 Social Worker in school 11:30 Promotional visit from Inglewood High School 12:00 Board nominations close 1:45 Kapa Haka Group practice NPBHS Open Day 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Intermediate Technology NPGHS Open Day 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:00 Breakfast Club 9:15 New Entrant Transition Visit 2:00 Celebration Assembly (Class Councillors announced)
Week 3	Monday 8 August	Tuesday 9 August	Wednesday 10 August	Thursday 11 August	Friday 12 August
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:00 Breakfast Club 9:00 -11:00 Intermediates – Trap building with Predator Free Taranaki 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ICAS Digital exam 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:00 Breakfast Club 9:30 Social Worker in school 1:45 Kapa Haka Group practice 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Intermediate Technology ICAS Writing exam 3:00-4:30 School Open Afternoon 5:00 Board Meeting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:00 Breakfast Club 9:15 New Entrant Transition Visit

Taranaki Cricket Award

Congratulations to Tim Connole, winner of the Taranaki Cricket Thelma Luxton Trophy for the Most Promising Coach 2021/2022! Tim coaches our Bell Block Blue Caps junior cricket team and was the recipient of the award as he goes out of his way to share his enthusiasm and create lifelong passion in our youngest cricketers.



New Entrants

We are currently planning for the New Entrants who start during the second half of the year. If you have not yet enrolled, and have a child who will be starting in the second half of the year would you please enrol as soon as possible. If you know of any other families in zone who are wanting to have a child start this year, please encourage them to make contact with the school. This information is critical for us to give the best possible start to our youngest students.

Out of Zone Students for 2023

This term we begin the Out of Zone application process for students wishing to attend Bell Block School in 2023. Out of Zone place details will be advertised on the school website and Facebook page. Applications will close on 26 September at 3.30pm. To be included in the ballot (if required) all you need to do is drop an enrolment form into the office. This can be done at any time from now until the applications close. If you or someone you know wants their child to come to Bell Block School in 2023, we encourage you to get the enrolment form in as soon as possible so you don't miss out.

High School Enrolments 2023

Important Dates :

1 August	Promotional visit to Bell Block School – NPGHS and NPBHS
3 August	Promotional visit to Bell Block School – Inglewood High School NPBHS Open Day from 3:30pm
4 August	NPGHS Open Day from 3:30pm
29 August	Enrolment Interviews at Bell Block School – NPGHS and NPBHS from 1:30pm
6 September	Enrolment Interviews at Bell Block School – Inglewood High School from 9am

- Please remember that enrolment interviews for Inglewood High School on 6 September must be booked by phoning the Bell Block School office on 06 755 0838.
- If you are unable to attend an interview on the allocated days please contact the high school directly to book an interview on an alternate date.



New Plymouth Girls' High School
Te Kura Taitamawāhine o Puke Ariki

Shape Your Future | Tāraia Tāu Wāheke

Enrolment Hui Day at Bell Block School:

Monday 29 August 2022

To book an Enrolment Hui, please go to the link below

www.schoolinterviews.co.nz

Enter the event code: v8j9x

Select "Go"

Follow the three steps – enter your name and email address, your daughter's name, and current classroom, choose a time with any of the enrolment team that best suits you.

Select "Finished"

Bookings open: Monday 27 June 2022 10am

Bookings close: Friday 26 August 2022 1pm

Please complete an online enrolment prior to your Enrolment Hui.

To do this, please go to <https://www.npghs.school.nz/> and click on 'Enrol Now'.



Bell Block School
Year 8 Enrolment Interviews

Monday
29 August
Bell Block

Please login to the following website for a NPBHS enrolment interview time that is suitable for you and your son.

<https://npbhs.schoolpoint.co.nz/c/5ad1acd4>

If you have any problems making a booking, please contact the New Plymouth Boys' High School office 06 7585399 or Lynda Mace@npbhs.school.nz

Enrolment packs will be available.

New Plymouth Boys' High School
107 Coronation Ave, New Plymouth

www.npbhs.school.nz
office@npbhs.school.nz

NPGHS:

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Board Elections

Don't forget to put your name forward if you are interested in standing as a candidate for the School Board. The nominations close at **noon on Wednesday 3 August**.



We are looking for five parent representatives. You can nominate yourself or someone in your community to stand as a candidate. Nomination forms are available from the school app under 'Documents' or from the school office. Completed forms should be delivered to the school office or emailed to returning.officer@bellblock.school.nz


There is a list of candidates' names on display in the office window and the list is updated as nominations are received.

Standing for election to the School Board is a great way to get involved in your child's education and be part of some of the most important decision making for Bell Block School. The Board is elected by members of the school community to ensure that the school community has a voice in how its school operates. The Board's core role is to govern the school.

If you have any questions about the process, please contact the Returning Officer, Gayle Davis, in the school office.

Conrad Hailes
Principal

COMMUNITY NOTICES:



Get on board!

Nominate yourself or someone you know to be a school board member.

SCHOOL BOARD ELECTIONS

New Season

New season is under way and we would like you to come and give this fantastic sport a go.



New Plymouth BMX Track, Bell Block

Club days are on every Sunday with registration and warm up from 10:15-11am
Racing starts at 11.

For new riders the first three club days are free, and we have all the equipment including bikes available for hire.

All you need to do is wear long pants, good covered shoes, and a long sleeved top. We can sort you out with the rest.

All ages and abilities are catered for including strider class (no pedals) for the little tackers.

For further information check out the website bmxnewplymouth.co.nz or contact us via our facebook page, New Plymouth Bmx.



No charge but koha welcome

Weather Dependent

FIREPIT NIGHT

FRIDAY 29th July

Bring a head torch if you have one

6:00-8:00PM

ON THE NORTHPOINT FIELD

Wear warm clothes and covered shoes

SPOTLIGHT SARDINES

SAUSAGES S'MORES



ReCharge is a Youth Group for kids in Year 7 & 8 at school.
For more information contact us at recharge@northpoint.org.nz

Puke Ariki and Bell Block Library:

Puke Ariki and the Bell Block Service Centre are having Free Play LEGO in the Library again this term from 4-5pm on Tuesday afternoons. This is for primary school children and a parent would need to supervise their child/children.

They are also running an After School Club on Thursdays from 4-5pm for 6 weeks from 11 August to 22 September. This is suitable for 8 to 12 year olds and includes activities such as collage, silk-clay modelling, VR headsets, K'Nex, robots, and decorating a fabric tote bag. There are limited numbers for this so please go to the Library to book in or call on (06) 759 6060.

