# BELL BLOCK SCHOOL NEWSLETTER #28 Friday 26 August 2022

Focus Value:
Tu Maia –
Standing Brave



School Goal:

To be organised and ready for learning

Our building work is complete and all our classes and staff are now back in the right spaces again. It has been a long process but the school is looking terrific and students are making the most of the new opportunities our building work has provided. It was great to see so many families attend the Technology Showcase last week, even with the appalling weather. Our Intermediate students were able to have an audience for their work in the Technology subjects and the Dance and Drama, Music and Wearable Arts groups were able to share their skills and creativity with our families. Thank you to all those who were able to attend.

With the Parent Teacher Interviews, Open Afternoon and Technology Showcase we have been able to open the school to our community again to begin to rebuild the informal communication channels which have been challenging over the past few years. This will take some time but our families are welcome to come in before or after school to chat with staff members. You can also make an appointment to meet staff if more time is required.

We finished off last week with another Celebration Assembly. Many students shared their learning about haiku poems which are on display in the Haiku Exhibit in the Gover Street Gallery this weekend. Students from the Middle Team also shared about their recent trip to the airport.

We acknowledged another group of wonderful students at our school:

Elizabeth Fidow, Nadia Green, Zealan Sweeney, Evaan Bal, Maeson Ruwhiu, Mia-may Davis, Blake Whiting, Rayne Lomas, Peyton Metcalfe, Chloe Yang, Allie Carrie, Cooper Scampton, Blaze Wigley, Riley Urlich, Zara Khan, Freya Rook, Emily Collins, Ishmeet Singh, Paula Meafua, Nya Soffe, Tanson Zhou, Archer Jensen-Wade, Lexi Morgan, Cassidy Bhana, Lana Williams, Braxton Hinz, Milla Walden, Elyse Waswo, Logan Metcalfe, Kai Coates

Congratulations to all the students who received awards.

**Cross Country Times (weather permitting)** 

Tuesday 30 August Wednesday 31 Augus	
Mangati Walkway	Mangati Walkway
First race starts 9:30am	First race starts 12pm
9 year old boys	*7 year old boys (in Year 3)
9 year old girls	*7 year old girls (in Year 3)
10 year old boys	8 year old boys
10 year old girls	8 year old girls
Mangati Walkway	School field
First race starts 11:30am	First race starts 2pm
11 year old boys	5 year old boys
11 year old girls	5 year old girls
12 year old boys	6 year old boys
12 year old girls	6 year old girls
13 year old boys	*7 year old boys (in Year 2)
13 year old girls	*7 year old girls (in Year 2)

Looking Ahead					
	Monday 29 August	Tuesday 30 August	Wednesday 31 August	Thursday 1 September	Friday 2 September
Week 6	<ul> <li>8:00 Breakfast Club</li> <li>New Entrant cohort starts</li> <li>9:00 New parent welcome morning tea</li> <li>1:30 Enrolment interviews NPBHS &amp; NPGHS</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>9:30 Senior Cross         Country     </li> <li>11:30 Intermediate         Cross Country     </li> </ul>	<ul> <li>8:00 Breakfast Club</li> <li>Intermediate         Interschool Sports         Tournament - Hawera         9:30 Social Worker in school         12:00 Middle Cross         Country         2:00 Junior Cross         Country     </li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Intermediate         Technology</li> <li>ICAS Maths exam</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>8:00 Breakfast Club</li> <li>Cross Country     postponement day</li> <li>2:00 Celebration     Assembly</li> </ul>
	Monday 5 September	Tuesday 6 September	Wednesday 7 September	Thursday 8 September	Friday 9 September
Week 7	<ul> <li>8:00 Breakfast Club</li> <li>Calendar Art on display in classroom windows</li> </ul>	• 9:00 Inglewood High School enrolment interviews	<ul> <li>8:00 Breakfast Club</li> <li>9:30 Social Worker in school</li> <li>2.00 Kapa Haka Group practice</li> <li>4:00 Board election voting closes</li> <li>Literacy Quiz event</li> </ul>	Intermediate     Technology	<ul> <li>8:00 Breakfast Club</li> <li>9:15 New Entrant Transition visit</li> <li>Singing Assembly</li> <li>Touch registrations close</li> <li>Netball (Year 1/2) registrations close</li> </ul>

#### Office Relocation

The office team have moved back into the renovated office and the office is now open to our community.

# **High School Enrolment Interviews**

A reminder that high school enrolment interviews are taking place this Monday 29 August for NPGHS and NPBHS, and on Tuesday 6 September for Inglewood High School.

Interviews take place in the Bell Block School library - students must be accompanied by a parent/caregiver. Please sign in at the office upon arrival.

Please remember to complete your enrolment prior to the interview.

Interviews for Inglewood High School can still be booked by phoning the Bell Block School office 06 755 0838.

If you are unable to attend an enrolment interview on these dates, please make contact with your chosen high school to arrange an interview at the high school on an alternate date.

# **Senior Team Camp**

In Term 4, our Senior Team students will be attending Vertical Horizon camp from 31 October to 2 November. We are requesting voluntary donations from parents to help towards the cost of the food, activities and accommodation. We are hoping to raise \$180.00 per student. We appreciate your help with this, as without parental support the trip will not be able to go ahead. We will also be fundraising and we encourage students to find ways of helping out and fundraising at home as well.

There is an option to pay smaller weekly voluntary contributions prior to camp. If this would suit you (and you can start straight away, should you wish to do this), please contact the Bell Block School Office (office@bellblock.school.nz).

# **Tuckshop Sausage Sizzle**

Next Friday 2 September the Tuckshop will be having a sausage sizzle to raise money for the Senior Camp. Sausages are available for \$2 each. For pre-orders please contact Lorraine in the Tuckshop on 027 424 9979.

Registrations are now open for the following Term 4 school sports teams:

Touch - Years 1-8

Cricket - Years 1-8

Hockey - Years 3-6

Netball - Years 1-2

# **Touch Rugby**

Touch rugby is open to all ages, boys and girls. Games are played on a Wednesday afternoon at Hickford Park. Registrations are now open. Please register using the following link: <a href="https://forms.gle/qpTXz6w37BeJBiWw9">https://forms.gle/qpTXz6w37BeJBiWw9</a>

\*Registrations close on FRIDAY 9 SEPTEMBER at 11.59pm\*

#### Cricket

Cricket registrations are now open. All ages welcome. Please register using the following link: https://forms.gle/2cefaLMrdBT45pbz8

\*Registrations close on FRIDAY 16 SEPTEMBER at 11.59pm\*

#### Hockey

Hockey registrations are open for students in Years 3-6. This term is a shortened season (4 weeks only) as the New Plymouth Turf is being resurfaced from mid-November onwards. If your child would like to play hockey in Term 4, please register using the following link: <a href="https://forms.gle/gDSUUQmvZWXHCCH5A">https://forms.gle/gDSUUQmvZWXHCCH5A</a>

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### Netball

The ANZ FutureFerns netball programme is running again in Term 4. This is open to boys or girls in Years 0-2 who would like to learn to play netball. Games are played on a Wednesday afternoon at Waiwhakaiho netball courts. (Please note this is the same time as touch rugby games in Bell Block which may create a clash for some whānau). Please register using the following link: <a href="https://forms.gle/dzbP36wb4Y91T8Mn8">https://forms.gle/dzbP36wb4Y91T8Mn8</a>

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#### **Board Election 2022**

There is just over a week left until voting closes on **Wednesday 7 September at 4pm**. Keep your votes coming in! We encourage voting papers to be hand delivered to the ballot box in the office or you can return them by post if you wish.

## **Meet the Leaders**



Kia ora! My name is **Katie Martin**, and I have the privilege of being one of your amazing Kererū Whānau Leaders for the second half of 2022. I have previously been in this same position, and I really enjoyed it. This time, I would really like to push myself to be extra organized and get tasks done early so I don't have to worry about it. I am really looking forward to working with some staff and students again, hosting assemblies, and organizing fundraisers for the school.



Kia ora, my name is **Kupa Walden** and I am proud to be one of your Kererū Whānau Leaders for the second half of 2022. I enjoy playing multiple sports including basketball, rugby league and touch. I love helping around the school as much as possible and being a positive role model. If you need any help, I am the one in the green shirt and I am always happy to help. I am really looking forward to working with the Student Council and staff, sharing ideas and making decisions for the school that make it a better place for students in 2022 and beyond. Bell Block is an amazing school with excellent opportunities and challenges. Our students should be proud to walk under the waharoa and give their Best Always.

#### **PTA News**

Order forms will be coming home soon for our annual art calendar fundraiser (which includes notepads, cards, diaries and drink bottles). Students' artwork will be on display in the classrooms for two weeks before orders close.

Conrad Hailes
Principal
COMMUNITY NOTICES:

The Taranaki Toy Library is holding a Children's MONSTER Book Sale on Friday and Saturday 16th and 17th of September at the Hall of Knox Church in Fitzroy. On their behalf, we are currently collecting any good quality second hand books for children. If you have any unwanted books that you wish to donate, please drop these off to the school office before the 31st of August. Please do not include colouring-in or activity books unless they are in new condition. To find out more about this book sale please browse our Facebook page under "Children's Monster Book Sale.









