

## BELL BLOCK SCHOOL NEWSLETTER #34

Friday 21 October 2022

### **Focus Value:**

Tū Māia –  
Standing Brave



### **School Goal:**

To have a positive start  
to Term 4

Welcome back to what will be a busy and exciting term and end to the year. We welcomed Ms Susannah Pitcairn to our teaching staff in the Intermediate Team. Mrs Aleisha Parkinson is also back with us fulltime for Term 4 providing additional teacher support to our new entrants.

We have many exciting events in Term 4.

- Students have already begun developing and refining their skills in preparation for the Athletics Days on 22 and 23 November
- We are able to hold the Grandparents' Day for the first time in three years. Please read below for additional information
- Our Senior students will be heading off to Vertical Horizons for their camp
- Our Year 7 students will shortly be putting their names forward for student leader positions for 2023
- Our Kapa Haka group is ramping up their practices in preparation for their upcoming performance at the Puanga Festival
- We also have 13 touch teams, 3 hockey teams, 2 summer netball teams and a cricket team in action this term.

### **2023 Classes**

We have begun the process of organising 2023 classes. As always, we invite parent input into this process. We make no promises but do take parent shared information into account when placing students. This is not an opportunity to directly request a teacher as staffing placements for 2023 have not yet been confirmed, or a particular student for your child to be placed with, but rather an opportunity to share the things that will help your child make the most of the learning opportunities, for example – strengths in maths, P.E. or writing. We appreciate that many families are busy during the day so this year you can email in any information you wish to share to [principal@bellblock.school.nz](mailto:principal@bellblock.school.nz). If you would like to have input into this process, please ensure your emails are sent by Tuesday 1 November.

Each year half of our students move class and join a new team. In preparation for this, your child will be asked for the names of some students who they would prefer to be placed with next year. It is a very good idea to have a talk to your child about who they work well with and who helps their learning so they can make a good choice. Just being placed with their best friends can be detrimental for their learning. In the past some students have made very odd requests that have led to a great deal of anguish for themselves and their parents. Again, we cannot guarantee that the students will be placed with the first person on their list but we do our best to ensure the students are placed with someone they have asked for.

### **Sun Hats**

Sun hats are compulsory during Term 4 and Term 1. Hats are available for purchase from the school office for \$13. Payment can be made by internet banking to 15 3956 0057371 02. Please include your child's name and 'sunhat' in the reference. Hats will then be delivered to the student's classroom. Otherwise, cash or EFTPOS is available at the office.

Sunscreen is also very important and is provided in each class by our PTA.

Students not wearing a hat from Tuesday next week will be encouraged to play in the shade.

| Looking Ahead |  |  |   |   |   |
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| Week 2        | Monday 24 October  | Tuesday 25 October   | Wednesday 26 October  | Thursday 27 October   | Friday 28 October   |
|               | <b>LABOUR DAY</b><br><br><b>SCHOOL CLOSED</b>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>7.00 PTA Meeting</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8:00 Breakfast Club</li> <li>9:30 Social Worker in school</li> <li>Kapa Haka Marae trip</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Intermediate Technology</li> <li>Rms 8 &amp; 10 trip to Lake Rotokare</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8:00 Breakfast Club</li> <li>2:00 Celebration Assembly</li> </ul>                  |
| Week 3        | Monday 31 October  | Tuesday 1 November   | Wednesday 2 November  | Thursday 3 November   | Friday 4 November   |
|               | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8:00 Breakfast Club</li> <li>Senior Camp</li> <li>9:30 Social Worker in school</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Senior Camp</li> <li>Kapa Haka performance at Muru Raupatu</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8:00 Breakfast Club</li> <li>9:30 Social Worker in school</li> <li>2.00 Kapa Haka Group practice</li> <li>Senior Camp</li> <li>Book Fair starts</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5:00 Board Meeting</li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8:00 Breakfast Club</li> <li>Grandparents' Day</li> <li>Outdoor Academy</li> </ul> |



### Friday 4 November

We are excited to announce that we are able to hold our Grandparents' Day again! The last time we were able to do this was in 2019.

Grandparents' Day is a great way for Kuia, Koro, Grandmas and Grandads to come into school to have morning tea with their family, spend time in classes and browse our Book Fair. All are welcome to attend!

Grandparents' Day is held in conjunction with our Book Fair.

Throughout Book Fair week (Thursday 3 November – Monday 7 November) students will have the opportunity to browse through a selection of items on sale – books, posters, stationery - and take part in exciting competitions and giveaways that will be held in the library at break times.

The programme for the day is as follows:

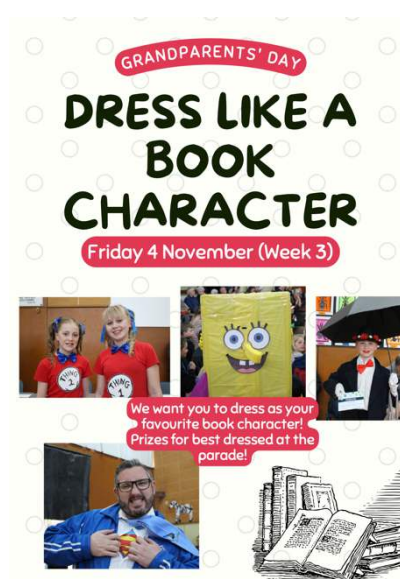
**11:00am Morning tea time** Grandparents are welcome to arrive at school and head straight to classes to eat morning tea with their grandchildren or take them across to the library to browse the Book Fair.

**11:30am** The bell will ring and students will go back to their class. Grandparents can head to the hall ready for our parade.

**11:40am Parade** - Students are encouraged to dress up as their favourite book character. There will be prizes for the best costumes.

**Approx 12:15pm** After the parade, grandparents are welcome to join us around the school until lunchtime at 1pm. Your tamariki may wish to share some work in their classroom or take you to the Book Fair in the library.

**1.40pm** Classes resume as normal after lunch.



***Our current school attendance rate for this week is 86%***

## Senior Team Camp – 31 October – 2 November

We are pleased to announce that the Senior Camp will be going ahead!

Thank you to all those parents who have donated funds towards the Senior Camp and special thanks to those who have donated a little extra to help us reach our financial target. Anyone who still wishes to make a donation may continue to do so right up until camp.

## Library News - LEGO Club

This week our library hosted our first LEGO Club. Thanks to the wonderful donation by the Student Council and the Legacy Project team in the first half of the year, our librarian, Ms Manukonga was able to purchase enough LEGO to host a student club.

Due to popular demand, Ms Manukonga has decided to run separate LEGO Clubs fortnightly - Junior and Middle builders together and Senior and Intermediate builders together. These will be run at lunchtimes on Wednesdays. We are still looking for minifigures for our club. If anyone has any minifigs they are prepared to donate to our school, we would greatly appreciate it. The most fun is finishing off our builds with a LEGO character! These can be left at the office. Lots of fun was had by everyone this week and we are all looking forward to some themes and challenges during this term.



## PTA News

Thank you all so much for all your calendar art orders. Together we have raised just over \$2000 to go towards Senior Camp. We hope to have your calendar orders ready to go home by mid-November.

This term our fundraiser is Juicies - just in time for summer! For \$10 you can order a 10 pack of Juicies and one Juicie holder. These come in three delicious flavours - tropical, wildberry and lemonade. Order forms will be coming home next week.

**Gala 2023!** Mark Friday 24 March 2023 in your diaries for our Twilight Gala. A fun, family evening of games, rides, food and so much more!

**Conrad Hailes**  
**Principal**



## COMMUNITY NOTICES

