

BELL BLOCK SCHOOL NEWSLETTER #34
Friday 28 October 2022

Focus Value:
Tū Māia –
Standing Brave



School Goal:
To face new challenges
with positivity

Our Senior team are off to camp next week. This is a great opportunity for the students to try something new, build confidence and show Tū Māia. Thank you to all those families who contributed towards the cost of this camp through their donations. Without your support this traditional school event would not be able to go ahead. We wish our campers all the best for their time at Vertical Horizon.

This is an important term for academic achievement and should be the culmination of the previous terms' learning. Staff will be undertaking end of year assessments soon that not only inform the classroom programmes for the rest of this year but also help us begin the planning for the start of 2023. Staff are also working on the students' end of year reports which are shared with families towards the end of the 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. If you would like to have input into this process, please ensure your emails are sent by Tuesday 1 November at the latest.

Looking Ahead

	Monday 31 October	Tuesday 1 November	Wednesday 2 November	Thursday 3 November	Friday 4 November
Week 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:00 Breakfast Club 9:30 Social Worker in School Senior Camp 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Senior Camp 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:00 Breakfast Club 9:30 Social Worker in School 2.00 Kapa Haka Group Practice Senior Camp Book Fair Starts 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Book Fair Intermediate Technology 5:00 Board Meeting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:00 Breakfast Club Book Fair Grandparents' Day Outdoor Academy
Week 4	Monday 7 November	Tuesday 8 November	Wednesday 9 November	Thursday 10 November	Friday 11 November
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:00 Breakfast Club 9:30 Social Worker in School Book Fair Year 6 Taster Afternoon 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Senior Camp Intermediate Subway Trip 7:00 PTA Meeting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:00 Breakfast Club 9:30 Social Worker in School 2.00 Kapa Haka Group Practice 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Intermediate Technology 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:00 Breakfast Club Hearing & Vision Testing Puanga Festival 2:00 Celebration Assembly



Friday 4 November

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.

The programme for the day is as follows:

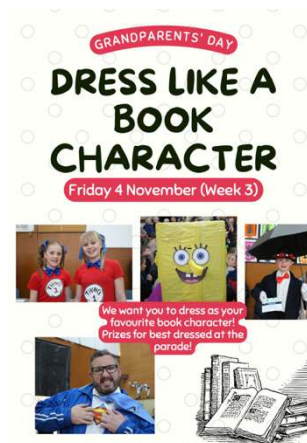
11:00am Morning tea time Grandparents are welcome to arrive at school and head straight to classes to eat morning tea with their grandchildren or take them across to the library to browse the Book Fair.

11:30am The bell will ring and students will go back to their class. Grandparents take a seat in 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.



TUCKSHOP GRANDPARENTS' DAY SPECIAL

During Grandparents' Day the Tuckshop will have freshly made muffins, scones and slices available for purchase for \$2.20. Also available: coffee and tea for \$3. Cash only.

Library News



We are very excited as we have one more week before the Scholastic Book Fair opens! We open the library doors on Thursday 3 November for the Book Fair and will run during Grandparents' Day on Friday 4 November and Monday 7 November. There are amazing books on sale, stationery items, posters, activity books and much more! Cash and EFTPOS will be accepted. We look forward to seeing everyone at the Book Fair.

Senior Team Camp – 31 October – 2 November

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. Anyone who still wishes to make a donation may continue to do so right up until camp.

Cross Country Results

Congratulations to the students who recently competed in the New Plymouth Primary Schools Cross Country and Taranaki Cross Country Championships. Here are the top results from each event:

New Plymouth Cross Country

2 nd	Lyla Watchorn	11 year girls
3 rd	Charlie Goldfinch	11 year boys

Taranaki Cross Country

6 th	Reeve Coster	9 year boys
9 th	Harriet Stretton	10 year girls
4 th	Lyla Watchorn	11 year girls
9 th	Charlie Goldfinch	11 year boys

Our current school attendance rate for this week is 86%

Sports News

Our touch, netball and hockey teams have all had their first games now and the cricket team starts this weekend. The Bell Block Bluebirds and Bell Block Bluebells junior netball teams have made a fantastic start to the season and are loving learning about netball with their coaches, Amelia Plowright (Room 19) and Paige Wilmshurst (Room 17).



Period Products

As part of the government initiative, period products are available to all students. Students are welcome to take what they need for their current cycle. Products are available from the Kererū room, which is located next to the music room (Room 15).

Lost Property

If your child has lost their belongings, please feel free to check the lost property which is located in the cupboard next to the music room (Room 15).

PTA News

Juicie Fundraiser

Order forms are coming home next week. This fundraiser is going towards a digital notice board for the school. For \$10 you can order a 10 pack of Juicies and one Juicie holder. These come in three delicious flavours - tropical, wildberry and lemonade. A great option to have in the freezer over summer.

Book Fair Raffle

The PTA is running a wonderful raffle at our Book Fair next week. Come in and get a ticket for \$2 and you could win one of two awesome book hampers! We have picture books, activity books, pencils, poppets, bookmarks and more in our hampers. Proceeds of the raffles will go back to the library - make sure you bring some change when you visit the Book Fair next week as raffle tickets are cash only.



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

Waitara High School

All students who wish to enrol at Waitara High School in 2023 require an enrolment interview with one of our Senior Leaders. Please make contact with the office (0800 924 8272 and ask for Keri Wallace) to book an interview for this term.

