

**BELL BLOCK SCHOOL NEWSLETTER #3**  
**Friday 17 February 2023**

**Focus Value:**  
Respect - Whakaute



**School Goal:**  
To respect the opinions  
and differences of others

It has been a challenging week for many all around the North Island and we hope that all our community's friends and families across the country are safe and well. At school we were relatively unscathed other than downed branches and quite a big clean-up. Thank you to our Caretaker, Colin Rutherford, for his efforts in cleaning up the grounds.

Our school events this year are starting with our summer sports kicking off and the Intermediate team bike trip returning as an opportunity for our students to experience a fun day out team building and feel the accomplishment of completing a significant bike ride.

Last week at the Celebration Assembly we gave out the first of the Triple A and Values Awards. These are given to students who have displayed our school Vision and Values during the previous two weeks. Well done to all the students who have made an excellent start to the school year and those who received awards.

*Amelia Chapman, Bryson Tamaiparea, Novak Kendall, Destiney Yang, Lexie Old, Raihaan Gill, Paula Meafua, Harmanjot Singh, Cale Nikolajenko, Andre Paris, Maatai Taogaga, Kiarna-Jay Verstraten-Richardson, Cain Logie, Lacey Sole, Tai Gilbert-Barlow, Liam Harris, Indi Deuart, Samaira Nand, Elizabeth Fidow, Max Geraghty, Harper Daniels, Zaiden Bishop, Carraeah Stevens-Rapana, Ngaia Roach, Payton Rook, Aayden Morgan, Likith Vadapalli, Ruby Jefferies, Hunta McGovern, Isa Talab*

#### **Open Afternoon**

With the weather forcing us to cancel the Open Afternoon we have rescheduled for Thursday next week. We invite all our families to come along if they are able and look forward to seeing as many of our families as possible. This is a great opportunity to come in and see what the students have been learning, meet the teacher and see the spaces our students are working in in a less formal setting than Parent Teacher Interviews. The Open Afternoon will be held from **3:00pm - 4:30pm on Thursday 23 February**. We hope you can join us.

#### **Parent App – '@school'**



Our office staff will be available to assist parents during the Open Afternoon next Thursday to help you get connected or trouble shoot any issues you may be having getting logged in.

#### **Parent Teacher Interviews**

Interviews will be held on **Wednesday 1 March** from 3pm - 7:30pm and **Thursday 2 March** from 3pm - 4:30pm.

The online booking system is now open for booking Parent/Teacher Interviews. Please book your interviews by tapping on the Interviews button on the @school parent app. If you have any issues booking your interviews, please don't hesitate to contact our office team on 755 0838.

The upcoming interviews are a key aspect of our communication with parents. The beginning of the year, in particular, is the perfect time to see how your child has settled in and set some goals for the following terms. We aim to speak to every family at these interviews so please book in for a time that suits you.

***Our current school attendance rate for this week is 88%***

## Looking Ahead

	Monday 20 February	Tuesday 21 February	Wednesday 22 February	Thursday 23 February	Friday 24 February
<b>Week 4</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8:00 Breakfast Club</li> <li>Year 7/8 Immunisations</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> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Intermediate Technology</li> <li>3:00 Open Afternoon</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8:00 Breakfast Club</li> <li>9:15 New Entrants' transition visit</li> <li>2:00 Celebration Assembly</li> </ul>
	Monday 27 February	Tuesday 28 February	Wednesday 1 March	Thursday 2 March	Friday 3 March
<b>Week 5</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8:00 Breakfast Club</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>Parent/Teacher Interviews</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Intermediate Technology</li> <li>Parent/Teacher Interviews</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8:00 Breakfast Club</li> <li>9:15 New Entrants' transition visit</li> <li>Singing Assembly</li> </ul>

### Touch – all ages



Touch fees are due by TODAY at 3pm please.  
Games start next Wednesday 22 February.

### Coaching

Thank you to the 22 parent volunteers that have stepped up to coach and manage our cricket and touch teams. We are always so grateful for your assistance which enables us to offer many fantastic sporting opportunities to our students. If you're not coaching or managing a team, please

If you have any sport queries, please get in touch with our Sports Co-Ordinator by email to [sport@bellblock.school.nz](mailto:sport@bellblock.school.nz)



### Weetbix TRYathlon

Entries are open for the **New Plymouth Weetbix TRYathlon** on **Thursday 30 March** at **Ngāmotu Beach**. The TRYathlon is all about giving it a TRY and is a rewarding and fun day out for you and your child. Participants need to be aged 7-15 years old on event day, and can complete the TRYathlon as an individual or in a team of two. Six year old participants may complete the Splash&Dash.

The direct link to register into our school group is [here](#). Please note, parents will be responsible for their own child as no school staff member will be in attendance.

### Gala

Every two years we have a school Gala with lots of food, activities and bargains to be had. This year our school Gala is on **Friday 24 March from 5-7pm**. Save the date and make sure you bring all your friends and family along to join in the fun. There will be lots of communication coming home over the next few weeks so keep an eye out. Thank you to our wonderful PTA who have been working hard behind the scenes in preparation to make this another awesome school and community event.



**Conrad Hailes**  
**Principal**

## COMMUNITY NOTICES

### BELL BLOCK UNITED JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB

Club Fun Nights run every Friday until the last weekend of Term 1.

Venue: Bell Block School

Time: 4pm to 5pm - 4 to 8yrs old  
5pm to 6pm - 9 to 13yrs old

Gear: Boots and shinpads are recommended as your child may get hurt without them.  
If your child wears sports shoes, they risk an injury.

Your child does not need to be registered to our club (can be a member of any club or just want to see if they enjoy it before registering) and there is no cost or sign up required.

For more information or to enrol for the 2023 season please refer to our Facebook page 'Bell Block United Junior Football' or [email bellblockunited@gmail.com](mailto:bellblockunited@gmail.com)



**AFTER SCHOOL CLUB**  
**BELL BLOCK LIBRARY**

6 weeks from 23 Feb to 30 March  
Thursdays 4pm – 5pm

A mixture of craft, STEM, and digital activities

Suitable for 8 - 12 year olds

6 spaces available – see a staff member to enrol or phone 06-7596060 and ask for Bell Block Library

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**ReCharge**  
Intermediate Youth

**HANGOUTS**

**FRIDAY 17TH FEBRUARY**

6:00–8:00pm  
@Northpoint Baptist Church  
116 Mangati Road, Bell Block

Come hangout with us and bring some food for a shared kai

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

**JUNIOR INDOOR NETBALL**

Friday evenings & Sundays  
Years 3 - 13 (Age 8 - 18)  
6 aside - Boys and Girls  
Begins 17th & 19th FEB

Entries open NOW at...  
[actionindoorsports.com/taranaki](http://actionindoorsports.com/taranaki)  
[jaz@actionindoorsports.com](mailto:jaz@actionindoorsports.com)  
[facebook.com/ActionTaranaki](https://facebook.com/ActionTaranaki) or 021 0239 5885

[www.actionindoorsports.com](http://www.actionindoorsports.com)