

BELL BLOCK SCHOOL NEWSLETTER #4
Friday 24 February 2023

Focus Value:
Respect - Whakaute



School Goal:
To respect the opinions
and differences of others

Our Intermediate students tested their resilience and perseverance on the annual bike ride to Ngāmotu Beach. The weather turned on a picture-perfect day for the ride and beach activities. Thank you to all the parents who also jumped on their bikes to support and encourage the students. It was great to hear such positive feedback about our Year 7 and 8's and the way they represented our school out in the community.

Next week will be a busy one with Parent Teacher Interviews, Mufti Day for the Bay (see below) and a Singing Assembly as well as Road Patroller training for the new crossing on Murray Street. This is not the crossing we, and many from our community, had asked the council for but as Wynyard Street is part of a bigger council project looking at the entire block on which the school sits, it is all they were able to commit to at this point. We will be having a Kea Crossing with Road Patrollers and crossing signs up and running shortly so please encourage your children to use this crossing if they can.

Thank you to all the families who were able to come to the Open Afternoon yesterday. It is another way to help build connections with our families and keep you informed about what your child is learning about and see the work they are doing. The stronger the bond between home and school, the better the outcomes for our students. We look forward to meeting with all our families next week at the Parent Teacher Interviews so book a time slot if you haven't already.

We have a number of developments planned for the year with our learning programmes and the way we assess students' academic progress as well as our outdoor environment. One development that will be visible soon is the Outdoor Classroom that Mr Forsyth, ably assisted by our students, is building on the grass area next to Room 20. This project has been several years in the planning and will highlight aspects of our school's pepeha and connections to our local area. Students will work alongside Mr Forsyth to help build this space on Friday afternoons. Keep an eye on their progress to see what they are making.

Mufti Day for The Bay

In support of the East Coast families and schools, we will be having a Black and White Mufti Day on **Wednesday 1 March**. Bring a gold coin donation, or more if you would like, and all the funds raised will be given to schools in Hawkes Bay and Gisborne areas most effected by Cyclone Gabrielle. After seeing the devastation so many are facing, let's show our support and do what we can to help out just a little. Many other Taranaki schools will also be having a Black and White Day in support as well.

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 89%

Swimming Sports

Swimming Sports is just around the corner and is the first big whānau competition for the year. The relay events are always hotly contested and the team support is something to behold. Swimming Sports is in Week 6 so students can begin to organise their outfits to show their whānau spirit. Parents are encouraged to show their support as well and get a little colour into their outfits on the day. We are hoping to have a big community turnout and a festival atmosphere. Come along, bring a friend and support our students in their efforts at the Swimming Sports day.

Tuesday 7 March – Years 3-6

11:30am	Years 3-6	Width Events
12:00pm	Years 3/4	Length Events
12:15pm	Years 5/6	Length Events
1:15pm	Years 7/8	
2:00pm	Relays	

Wednesday 8 March – Junior Swimming Sports

11:30	Years 1-2
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Senior students learning water safety and survival skills

Looking Ahead

	Monday 27 February	Tuesday 28 February	Wednesday 1 March	Thursday 2 March	Friday 3 March
Week 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:00 Breakfast Club 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:00 Breakfast Club 9:30 Social Worker in school 2:00 Kapa Haka Group practice Mufti Day for the Bay (Dress in black and white) Parent/Teacher Interviews 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Intermediate Technology Parent/Teacher Interviews 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:00 Breakfast Club 9:15 New Entrants' transition visit Singing Assembly
	Monday 6 March	Tuesday 7 March	Wednesday 8 March	Thursday 9 March	Friday 10 March
Week 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:00 Breakfast Club Cohort 2 New Entrants start 9:00 Welcome Morning Tea 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> School Swimming Sports – Years 3-8 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:00 Breakfast Club Junior Swimming Sports – Years 1-2 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 9:15 New Entrants' transition visit 2:00 Celebration Assembly

School Photos

Each student's unique Key Code has now been emailed direct to parents from PhotoLife. You can go online to view and purchase 2023 school photos. Please check your junk/spam folder if you have not received the email. Free delivery expires at midnight on Sunday 5 March.

Meet the Leaders



Kia ora tatou, my name is **Charlie Goldfinch** and I am the Head Boy for the first half of 2023. Some things I like to do in my free time are games, play basketball, body board and read. Some things that the Student Council does is help fundraise, set up games for the school and show our school motto Kaha i ngā wā katoa. We always help when needed, be a role model to younger students and be respectful, kind, responsible and be the best we can be.



Kia ora, my name is **Charlie Mattson** and I am really excited to be your Head Girl for the first half of 2023. I think leadership is about being confident and courageous, but it's also about being compassionate and respectful. I am super approachable and friendly, so if you see me in the playground, feel free to come up to me for advice, help or even just a chat. I play netball and the piano. I love doing art, reading and you can often find me playing my ukulele or guitar.

Gala



We have only 5 weeks until our fabulous Gala! Don't forget to tell your friends and whānau about this amazing community event. It is all on - Friday 24 March from 5pm - 7pm! We have lots of amazing food, entertainment and activities for the whole family. Tractor rides, horizontal bungy, bouncy inflatables, and don't forget - if you have been having a clean out, keep all your toys, books and clothing and donate them to our White Elephant stall. Keep an eye out in the newsletter for more information and exciting news regarding our Gala over the next few weeks.

Conrad Hailes
Principal

COMMUNITY NOTICES

BELL BLOCK UNITED JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB

Club Night this Friday 24th February has to be cancelled as Jason is unavailable. We will continue with Club Nights from the 3rd March.

*** 2023 Season Registrations ***

Registrations for the 2023 season are currently open. If your child is new to the club please use this form:
<https://www.sporty.co.nz/viewform/220019>

We are open to all ages from 4 to 13yrs.

Existing members that have not registered yet can use the above form, message us or send an email to bellblockunited@gmail.com with your child's name confirming you want to re-register for 2023.

Many thanks
Bell Block United Committee



BELL BLOCK JUNIOR RUGBY

Registrations are now open for Junior Rugby at Bell Block. Please register your interest at
www.sporty.co.nz.

Muster Days are Sunday 12 March, Sunday 18 March and Sunday 25 March at 1pm at the Bell Block Rugby Clubrooms at Hickford Park.

Contact Matiu for more information 022 130 9628



Bell Block Indoor Bowls

Opening Night

Monday 27 February at 7.15pm.

Come and give it a go for the first 3 Mondays.

Enquiries to Judy Chapman

755 0439 or 027 475 5150