

**BELL BLOCK SCHOOL NEWSLETTER #7****Friday 17 March 2023**

**Focus Value:**  
Manaakitanga - Caring

**School Goal:**  
To care about our school environment by keeping it tidy

The preparation for Gala is now in full swing. The students were very excited to hear the Dunk the Teacher stand was returning this year. There will be lots of activities, food, prizes and entertainment so come along and support our biggest fundraising event. If you are able to help out on the night, please let the classroom teacher or our PTA know. Any help would be very much appreciated.

At the Celebration Assembly last Friday, we acknowledged another amazing group of Bell Block School students who have been working hard to improve their Ability, show a positive Attitude and take Action with their learning. They were the recipients of a Triple A Award. Our school value has now changed to Caring – Manaakitanga and we also recognised the students around our school that help make our school a nice place to be with Values Awards.

*Ryan McKenna, Apikale Ligavatu, Taiga-Dean Tako, Ayon Saha, Mary Stephens, Vanessa Cheav, Caleb Williams, Nikolina Meafua, Reeve Coster, Emma Davis, Alivia Martin, Serena Wong, Sophie Chen, Nathan Bell, Milan Coster, Tess Sanderson, James Epping, Lucy Bisson, Fynn Chaloner, Mackenzie Price, Jaxon Bartle, Jali Deuart, Charlie Parkinson, Alice Stephens, Keinnah Jury, Glacia Ngoi Hawaiki Te Amora, Gwenith Genji, Lani Johnstone, Rylee Beard, Milla Walden*

Well done to all the students who received awards at the Celebration Assembly.

Our road patrollers have had their training and are excited to be starting their new roles next week. Our crossing on Murray Street will now have road patrollers before and after school each school day. Please encourage your children to use this crossing if it is on their way to school.

**Looking Ahead**

	<b>Monday 20 March</b>	<b>Tuesday 21 March</b>	<b>Wednesday 22 March</b>	<b>Thursday 23 March</b>	<b>Friday 24 March</b>
<b>Week 8</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>Board Meeting</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8:00 Breakfast Club</li> <li>9:15 New Entrants' transition visit</li> <li>Basketball registrations close 5.00 Gala</li> </ul>
	<b>Monday 27 March</b>	<b>Tuesday 28 March</b>	<b>Wednesday 29 March</b>	<b>Thursday 30 March</b>	<b>Friday 31 March</b>
<b>Week 9</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8:00 Breakfast Club</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>7:00 PTA AGM</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>9:00 Open Morning for new whānau</li> <li>Weetbix TRYathlon</li> <li>5:15 Open Evening for new whānau</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8:00 Breakfast Club</li> <li>9:15 New Entrants' transition visit</li> <li>Basketball fees due</li> <li>Volleyball registrations close</li> <li>2:00 Celebration Assembly</li> </ul>

**Our current school attendance rate for this week is 90%**

## Winter Sports

Basketball registrations are open for Years 0-8. There is space in our Miniball team for any new players wanting to give Miniball a go. Registrations close next Friday 24 March.

Volleyball registrations are now invited for Years 7/8. Please register via the school app or website. We will need a parent volunteer to coach the team – please email the Sports Co-Ordinator if you are able to assist – [sport@bellblock.school.nz](mailto:sport@bellblock.school.nz)

## Coaches

We are also looking for basketball coaches for our teams. Please let the Sports Co-Ordinator know if you can assist or would like to know more information.



## Meet the Leaders



Hi my name is **Yuki Wada-Butcher**. I'm 12 years old and I am one of the amazing Pīwaiwaka Whānau Leaders for the first half of 2023. I want to introduce myself as some of you may not know me. My mum is from Japan, my dad is from New Zealand and I was also born here. I have one older brother and a precious dog named Kai. One of my favourite hobbies is dance. I take dancing classes for ballet, contemporary and lyrical and I am currently working on my lyrical competition dance. One of my other favourite hobbies is travelling. I have been out of the country about four times to Japan and it is my favourite place to travel to. That's a bit to know about me and if you have any questions about anything feel free to ask me when you see me around the school.



My name is **Sophie Chen**. I am your Pīwaiwaka Whānau Leader for the first half of 2023. I am currently 11 years old turning 12 in April. I have many hobbies like art, netball and bullet journal. I am a positive role model and bring a good atmosphere to the community.



## Gala

Our Gala is NEXT WEEK! Donations have been coming in all week – thank you to everyone who has brought something in whether it be for our White Elephant stall, grocery items, sweet treats or for our prize boxes. All donations will make our Gala an amazing success!

## Major Raffles

We have two amazing pre-gala raffles running this year with great prizes up for grabs!



### Raffle #1: Welder

A GYSARC 200, single-phase 200 A inverter welding station, Auto Darkening Welding Helmet, Gloves, Chipping Hammer and Stick Electrodes.

*\*Worth over \$950!\**

Kindly donated by Duroweld NZ Ltd. Tickets: \$5 each.

### Raffle #2: Firewood

Stay warm this winter with a load of 3 cubic metres of pine blocks.

*\*Worth over \$245!\**

Kindly donated by Woodward's Firewood. Tickets: \$3 each.



Raffle tickets are on sale every weekday after school from 3pm until the Gala. Look out for our fantastic PTA members to purchase tickets who will be outside the school office. Both raffles will be drawn at the Gala on Friday 24 March.

Follow us on Facebook ('Bell Block School PTA') where we will be sharing more information about our Gala.



## PTA News

Amongst all the busyness of the Gala, we warmly invite you to the AGM for the PTA which will be held on **Tuesday 28 March at 7pm in the school staffroom**. Nibbles provided. All welcome.

**Conrad Hailes**  
**Principal**

## COMMUNITY NOTICES



### BELL BLOCK JUNIOR RUGBY MUSTER

**Sunday: 12<sup>th</sup> March**  
**Saturday: 18<sup>th</sup> + 25<sup>th</sup> March**  
**1pm**

Bell Block Rugby Clubrooms  
@ Hickford Park – Smeaton Road

**Girls + Boys**  
**Ripper – U6/U7**  
**Tackle/Rippa – U8**  
**Tackle – U9/U10/U11**

For more info contact Matiu 022-130-9628

Or register to play at  
[www.sporty.co.nz/bellblockrugby/](http://www.sporty.co.nz/bellblockrugby/)



### Have a go

**New Plymouth BMX track Bell Block**



Club days are on every Thursday with registration and warm up from 5:15pm-6pm  
Racing starts at 6pm.

For new riders the first three club days are free, and we have all the equipment including bikes available for hire.

All you need to do is wear long pants, good shoes, and a long sleeved top. We can sort you out with the rest.

All ages and abilities are catered for including strider class (no pedals) for the little tuckers.

For further information contact us via our facebook page, New Plymouth Bmx





### HANGOUTS

**FRIDAY 17TH MARCH**  
**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)



### 2023 Junior Rugby Registrations are now OPEN!

To register your child for the upcoming season please go to: [www.sporty.co.nz/cliftonrugbyjnr/](http://www.sporty.co.nz/cliftonrugbyjnr/)

Subs for the season are \$40 for first child, \$30 for second child and \$10 for third/subsequent children from one family to be paid to Clifton Junior Rugby: 15-3945-0299527-00 **BEFORE** the season starts.

Please follow us on Facebook (Clifton Junior Rugby) for further updates on Muster Day.

Any questions please contact Kris Buckley, Clifton Junior Rugby Administrator by email to [cliftonjuniorrugby@gmail.com](mailto:cliftonjuniorrugby@gmail.com)