

**BELL BLOCK SCHOOL NEWSLETTER #14**  
**Friday 26 May 2023**

**Focus Value:**  
Tū Māia – Standing Brave



**School Goal:**  
To be kind and caring  
towards yourself

It is with sadness that I am announcing that we will be losing our wonderful Deputy Principal at the end of this term. Danielle Hill is taking an opportunity to travel and upon her return will be relocating to Wellington. Danielle has been such an asset to our school during her time here as a classroom teacher, Team Leader and Deputy Principal and has been key in establishing many of the systems and procedures we now have in place. Danielle has always provided support to both students and their families as well as our staff. Her knowledge, positivity and sense of humour will be missed by us all. I would like to thank Miss Hill for all the hard work she has put into our school and the students and wish her all the best for this next exciting adventure in her life. We will be filling the Deputy Principal position internally for the rest of the year before advertising for a new Deputy Principal to start in 2024.

**Parent Teacher Interviews**

Interviews will be held on **Wednesday 21 June** from 3pm-7:30pm and **Thursday 22 June** from 3pm-4:30pm.

The online booking system will open from next Wednesday 31 May. Please check your @school app after Wednesday by tapping on the Interviews button and selecting an interview time that suits you. If you have any issues booking your interviews, please don't hesitate to contact our office team on 755 0838 who will be happy to assist.

The upcoming interviews are a key aspect of our communication with parents and we aim to speak to every family at these interviews.

**Inquiry Unit**

As a school, next week our focus shifts to the arts with our new schoolwide inquiry unit Mahi Toi. This unit will focus on music, dance, drama and art across a range of mediums and styles. Unfortunately, with some change in staff and unavailability of key directors and choreographers, this year we will not be able to have our regular whole school production but are looking at opportunities for the students to share their skills in other performances as part of the Mahi Toi unit.

**Looking Ahead**

	Monday 29 May	Tuesday 30 May	Wednesday 31 May	Thursday 1 June	Friday 2 June
<b>Week 6</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8:00 Breakfast Club</li> <li>Cohort 3 New Entrants Start</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8:00 Breakfast Club</li> <li>2:00 Kapa Haka Group practice</li> <li>Interview bookings open</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Intermediate Technology</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8:00 Breakfast Club</li> <li>2:00 Celebration Assembly – Toi Wearable Arts</li> </ul>
	Monday 5 June	Tuesday 6 June	Wednesday 7 June	Thursday 8 June	Friday 9 June
<b>Week 7</b>	<p align="center"><b>KING'S BIRTHDAY</b></p> <p align="center"><b>SCHOOL CLOSED</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hearing and Vision Testing (Year 7's and New Entrants)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8:00 Breakfast Club</li> <li>12:30 Senior Interschool vs West End (Away)</li> <li>2:00 Kapa Haka Group practice</li> <li>Student Leader applications due</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Intermediate Technology</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8:00 Breakfast Club</li> <li>9:00 New Entrants' Transition Visit</li> <li>2:00 Singing Assembly</li> </ul>

## Student Leader Applications

Applications are now open for Year 8's who would like to be Student Leaders for the second half of the year. Our Student Leaders do a great job and fill many very important roles in our school. We know many students set this as a goal, some very early on as Juniors. If the students have any questions, they can speak to Miss Hill who manages this process.

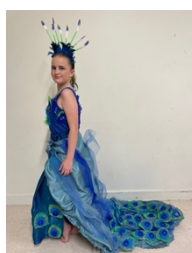
## NYLD



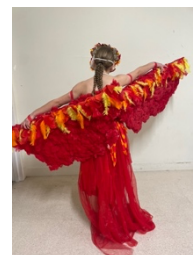
On Wednesday this week the Student Council went to NYLD (National Young Leaders Day). We left school at 6:00 am and travelled to Palmerston North by van. We got to listen to some amazing speakers including former professional wakeboarder, Brad Smeele; actor and stuntman, Shane Rangi; and singer/songwriter, Georgia Lines. They all had inspirational speeches that fit the topic well - *Leading the Self*. We learnt that we might have lots of obstacles in our lives but we can overcome them.

We all really enjoyed the trip and we are grateful for the opportunity that we got to listen to these amazing speakers.  
-Charlie Mattson and Charlie Goldfinch, Head Girl and Head Boy

## Toi Wearable Arts



Our amazing Year 8 students have been busy over the last year planning, designing and creating their wearable arts garments for the New Zealand Toi (Wearable Art) Competition. They have worked incredibly hard collaboratively and we are excited to share these garments with our community at the Celebration Assembly on **Friday 2 June**. They will share the stories behind their garments and the wonderful team from Showquest will present them with their awards. We invite you to come and share in the celebration at 2pm next Friday.



## Attendance

	# of Students Attending Last Week	% of Students Attending Last Week	Potential Lost Learning Days per Year
Regular Attendance <b>90-100%</b>	303	72.66%	Up to <b>19</b> days
Irregular Absence <b>80-89%</b>	61	14.63%	Up to <b>38</b> days
Moderate Absence <b>70-79%</b>	2	0.48%	Up to <b>58</b> days
Chronic Absence <b>0-69%</b>	51	12.23%	Up to <b>193</b> days

**Conrad Hailes**  
Principal

## COMMUNITY NOTICES

### Winter Games

**Friday 26th May**  
**6-8pm**  
 @ Northpoint Baptist Church  
 116 Mangati Road, Bell Block  
 No charge but koha welcome

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)

### COASTAL WALKWAY EXTENSION - WAITARA TO BELL BLOCK

Community Open Day

**Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> May**  
**11AM - 2PM**  
 Bell Block Rugby Club  
 Hickford Park, Bell Block

- Win! A bike - Warehouse voucher - Torpedo 7 voucher!
- Sausage Sizzle
- Family Activities