

BELL BLOCK SCHOOL NEWSLETTER #11

Friday 5 May 2023



Focus Value:
Manaakitanga - Caring

School Goal:
To positively celebrate
other people's successes

Another week has passed and the students are fully back in the swing of learning and getting involved in activities. We finished off this week with a Celebration Assembly where we acknowledged another group of our amazing students with both Triple A and Values Awards. We also acknowledged the students who received placings at the Interschool Swimming Sports event last term, including first place in the prestigious school relay. It is also great to see so many students each day completing their Citizenship Cards and receiving their Juicies. Even when the weather is cold, the students still enjoy these rewards.

Well done to all the students who received awards at the assembly today:

Dylan Franklin, Tony Chen, Maci Phillips, Ishmeet Singh, Cory Franklin, Bentley Vile, Jay Withers, Emme Pringle, Chase Tijssen-Pine, Willa Clark, Alisha Wong, Sofia Laurence, Leo Padrutt, Flynn Grennell, Matai Mauga, Deja Tohi, Grayson Whelan, Teja Reddipalli, Ayva Gilseman, William Stretton, Abigail Lim, Georgia Emeny, Nya Waruhia, Taylor Reardon, Indie Mattock, Sara Talab, Isla Green, Lohith Vadapalli

Sports Assembly

Next week, we have a Sports Assembly where we will be giving out the awards from last term's Swimming Sports and Triathlon. Please do join us on **Tuesday 9 May at 11:30am**.

Technology Showcase

We are proud to be sharing the learning and creations of the Intermediate students with the school community at the Intermediate Technology Showcase on **Thursday 11 May at 6pm**. The Showcase will be held in the Technology classrooms and school hall and will conclude at 7:30pm.

Whānau are invited to first walk through the Technology classrooms to see examples of the students' creations from the work they have done in Hospitality, Digital Technology, Enterprise, Manufacturing and Visual Arts & Design. This is followed by performances and a presentation in the hall from the Dance and Music groups and a Wearable Arts display. We hope to see you there to support the Intermediate students and to experience what the Intermediate Team has to offer to Year 7 and 8 students.

The schedule of events is as follows:

6:00pm - 6:45pm Technology Walk Through

- Manufacturing and Enterprise ROOM 18
- Digital Technology ROOM 19
- Visual Arts and Design ROOM 20
- Hospitality TECHNOLOGY ROOM

6:45pm - 7:30pm Showcase Performances

- Performing Arts (Music)
- Visual Arts and Design (Wearable Arts)
- Performing Arts (Dance & Drama)
- Awards Presentation



Our current school attendance rate for this week is 89%

Looking Ahead					
Week 3	Monday 8 May	Tuesday 9 May	Wednesday 10 May	Thursday 11 May	Friday 12 May
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:00 Breakfast Club 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 11:30 Sports Assembly 	<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 5:00 Board Meeting 6:30 Technology Showcase 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:00 Breakfast Club 9:15am New Entrants' Transition Visit 2:00 Singing Assembly
Week 4	Monday 15 May	Tuesday 16 May	Wednesday 17 May	Thursday 18 May	Friday 19 May
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:00 Breakfast Club 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 10:00 Senior Interschool Game v Puketapu (home) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Breakfast Club 9:00 Hoops in Schools Launch 9:15am New Entrants' Transition Visit 2:00 Celebration Assembly

New Zealand Sign Language Week



New Zealand Sign Language is one of the three official languages of New Zealand. It is a very important language as it allows people who are hard of hearing to communicate with others. Around 23,000 people in New Zealand can communicate using NZ Sign Language. NZ Sign Language Week is about increasing awareness and understanding of the deaf community and sign language.

Next week for NZ Sign Language Week we are challenging students, staff and families to spend at least 7 minutes a day learning and practicing NZ Sign Language.

There are fantastic resources online here so that you can get involved: <https://nzslweek.org.nz/>
<http://www.learnnzsl.nz/#/id/co-01>
<https://www.nzsl.nz/>

Yummy Apple Stickers for New Sports Gear



You can support the school to receive FREE sports gear by collecting stickers from individual Yummy apples or bags of Yummy apples with cut-out labels. One cut-out label is worth 10 apple stickers.

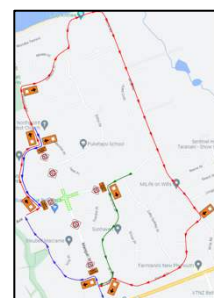
Collect your Yummy Stickers during Term 2 and Term 3 and place on Sticker Collection Sheets available to download from the school app, school website or collect from the school office. Hand in completed sticker sheets to the school office before the end of Term 3.

Yummy apples can be purchased from your local New World, PAK'nSave and participating Four Square stores.

Your Yummy stickers will then be converted into FREE sports gear for the school! The more support we have, the more sports gear we can receive for all to enjoy!

Road Closure: Mangati Road and Parklands Avenue Intersection

The intersection of Mangati Road and Parklands Avenue will be fully closed 24/7 for approximately 9-10 weeks from **Monday 22 May to Saturday 22 July** for the installation of a permanent roundabout. The site and detour is shown in the map below. Road users are asked to plan ahead and take alternative routes where possible. Alternative routes will be clearly signposted for the duration of the closure.



Attendance

Regular and punctual attendance at school is very important. A student who is unnecessarily absent misses valuable and important learning opportunities. Poor attendance patterns can affect a student's life chances. Truancy has to be acted upon by the school (Education & Training Act 2020). Research shows that absences of more than 10 days per year has a direct negative effect on student achievement.

Once enrolled in a school, attending school is a legal requirement, and parent/caregivers have a responsibility to ensure their child attends school unless sickness or another legitimate reason prevents this occurring. Legitimate reasons would include urgent dental or medical appointments, or bereavement.

Shopping, celebrating birthdays, haircuts and the like are events that are best suited, and can be planned for, outside of school time. Holidays should be taken during the school holidays. If you need to take your child/ren from school during the day please sign them out using the tablet at the office.

For the safety of all students, the school is required by law to follow up all unexplained absences of our students. Please make sure that the office is informed of all student absences and a reason for the absence, either in person, via the parent app or by email to absence@bellblock.school.nz. Unacceptable levels of attendance will be followed up by the Teacher, Attendance Officer and/or Deputy Principal.

Conrad Hailes
Principal

COMMUNITY NOTICES

EGMONT Athletics
Health 2000

Peter Cattley Memorial Cross-country
Sunday 14 May 2023
Fitzroy Golf Course, Record Street, New Plymouth

> Estimated time races – closest to their estimate wins the race trophy
> **NO** watches to be worn
> **SPOT PRIZES**
> **TROPHIES** for winners (Peter Cattley Memorial trophies)
> **Prizes** for first across the line

PROGRAMME

Time	Category	Distance	Price
12:00pm	Women	4km	\$5.00
12:30pm	Men	4km	\$5.00
1:15pm	Walkers	4km	\$5.00
2:15pm	Boys and Girls 12 & under	2km	\$2.00
3:00pm	Prize-giving and afternoon tea at Fitzroy Golf Clubrooms Spectators \$2 – competitors free Raffle – \$2.00 per ticket or 3 for \$5.00		

Please have estimated times to Karen Gillum-Green (karengreen@egmontathletics.co.nz) by Thursday 11 May 2023

Entries are open to: club members – please wear your club uniform
: school students / staff – please wear your school singlet/tee-shirt
: general public

KEYBOARD LESSONS
Bell Block

*Individual & Group lessons
*Practical & Theory
*Performance opportunities
*First Lesson FREE
*Enquiries Welcome

For more info.....
Phone Jo: 027 489 5709

Bell Block Pohutukawa Kindergarten

Come and join us at Bell Block Pohutukawa Kindergarten. We have been teaching and nurturing the tamariki in our community for 50 years. Your child can attend for up to 30 hours free using your 20 ECE hours. We presently have spaces available and would love to meet you. Feel free to give us a call and/or come for a visit.
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New Plymouth Girls' High School
The Kura Te Wharewhiri o Puke Ariki
Production of

Disney Winnie the Pooh

MAY 5 - 7th

Music and Lyrics by
Robert M. Sherman & Robert B. Sherman,
Robert Lopez & Kristen Anderson-Lopez

Music Adapted & Arranged and Additional Music & Lyrics by
Will Van Dyke

Book and Additional Lyrics by
Cheryl Davis

Based on the stories of A.A. Milne
and the 2011 Disney animated feature film

Licensed exclusively by Music Theatre International (Australasia).
All performance materials supplied by Hal Leonard Australia.

ITICKET
Tickets from only \$10! Book at www.iticket.co.nz
Fri - 7.30pm, Sat/Sun - 2pm & 4pm at NPGHS

Bring all the family to see Disney's Winnie the Pooh KIDS from May 5-7. Performed by a talented cast of over 50 students from New Plymouth Girls' High School, this delightful musical is based on all your favourite characters from the classic children's books.

Tickets are from only \$10 and can be found on iTICKET:

https://www.iticket.co.nz/events/2023/may/disney-winnie-the-pooh-kids?fbclid=IwAR1qFJmYU1vculoZvYSfL7K2nyK3K_oI3qkx7-exRHLzk4ASQq9s9f3fy_M#/buy-tickets