

BELL BLOCK SCHOOL NEWSLETTER #12
Friday 12 May 2023



Focus Value:
Manaakitanga - Caring

School Goal:
 To positively celebrate
 other people's successes

Our staff are working hard preparing the mid-year reports and planning for the change of our school enquiry unit. We move into *Mahi Toi – The Arts* during the second half of this term. Listening to the staff planning the learning activities for the unit I know our students will have lots of opportunities to be creative and show their skills across a range of activities.

The Junior Team, with the support of some fantastic parent helpers, have begun doing Perceptual Motor Programme sessions twice a week. This programme helps to better prepare student's brains for learning through specific physical movements. All of the movements have been well researched and developed, are easy to implement, and are lots of fun!



Thank you to all the parents who were able to attend the Technology Showcase last night. We are very proud of the achievement of our students and it is always great to see what they have created. Thank you also to all the staff who facilitate these programmes and provide the opportunities for our students.



This week we were the lucky recipients of 25 new balls courtesy of Westpac Bank and the iSport Foundation. The iSport Foundation was founded by Richie McCaw and Dan Carter to ensure that all children have access to sports equipment and have the opportunity to explore and play at break times. Thank you to parent Bex Caldwell for the nomination.

Looking Ahead

	Monday 15 May	Tuesday 16 May	Wednesday 17 May	Thursday 18 May	Friday 19 May
Week 4	<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 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"> 8:00 Breakfast Club 9:00 Hoops in Schools Launch 9:15am New Entrants' Transition Visit 2:00 Celebration Assembly
	Monday 22 May	Tuesday 23 May	Wednesday 24 May	Thursday 25 May	Friday 26 May
Week 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:00 Breakfast Club 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:00 Breakfast Club 2:00 Kapa Haka Group practice National Young Leaders' Day – Palmerston North 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Intermediate Technology 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:00 Breakfast Club 9:15am New Entrants' Transition Visit 2:00 Singing Assembly PCT Challenge – Year 7/8

Attendance Rates for Week 2

To align with the Ministry of Education's focus on attendance, each week we will report to the community on how many of our students are attending school regularly. Regular attendance at school means missing fewer than five days of school in a standard 10 week term. Over a whole school year regular attendance means missing up to 19 potential learning days. This increases to 58 lost learning days for students only attending 70% of the time.

A reminder to caregivers to please notify the office the reason for your child's absence if they cannot attend school. There are various ways to do this:

- Parent app (@school)
- Email to absence@bellblock.school.nz
- Voicemail message to 06 755 0838

	# of Students Attending Last Week	% of Students Attending Last Week	Potential Lost Learning Days per Year
Regular Attendance 90-100%	297	71.22%	Up to 19 days
Irregular Absence 80-89%	62	14.87%	Up to 38 days
Moderate Absence 70-79%	0	0%	Up to 58 days
Chronic Absence 0-69%	58	13.91%	Up to 193 days

Yummy Apple Stickers for New Sports Gear

Please help us earn FREE sports gear for the school by saving your stickers from Yummy apples or bags of Yummy apples with larger cut-out labels.



The Sticker Collection Sheets are available to download from the school app under 'Documents' or can be collected from the school office. We appreciate your support.

'@school' School App



The @school app is our main form of school communication. Please ensure you are logged in to the app and receiving notifications. If you need assistance getting set up, please contact the office who will be happy to assist. Alternatively, you may also access the school app using the website www.atschool.co.nz and using your unique UserID and password.



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

TIME	Category	Distance	Cost
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 (karengillumgreen@gmail.com) 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

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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bellblock@kindergartentaranaki.co.nz

Whānau Pakari
WEEKLY FAMILY SESSIONS
Fun, Free and Inclusive!

HAWERA
TUESDAYS during term
Where: TSB Hub
Time: 4-5pm
Cost: FREE

NEW PLYMOUTH
THURSDAYS during term
Where: Locations vary
Time: 4-5pm
Cost: FREE

CONTACT INFO:
Niamh – DIETITIAN 0272044296
Loni – PHYSICAL ACTIVITY ADVISOR 0272209750

ReCharge
Recharge@NORTHPOINT.ORG.NZ

MOVIE NIGHT
FRIDAY 12TH MAY
6:00-8:00PM
NORTHPOINT BAPTIST CHURCH
116 MANGATI ROAD, BELL BLOCK

POP CORN

NO CHARGE BUT KONA WELCOME

ReCharge is an Intermediate Youth group for kids in Year 7 & 8 at school