

BELL BLOCK SCHOOL NEWSLETTER #15
Friday 2 June 2023

Focus Value:
Tū Māia – Standing Brave



School Goal:
Trying new things with a positive attitude

I would like to begin this week by thanking our community for the support with the paid union meeting that was held on Wednesday. I would also like to thank the staff who volunteered to provide supervision so that we could keep the school open. Unfortunately, this is a very fluid and ever-changing situation and the usual timeframes for informing schools of the NZEI actions is not being adhered to. This means we are not always able to get information out to our community before it changes or we can confirm what our response is. We certainly understand the impact this has on our community and know how disruptive it is. We will endeavour to keep the school open for those families who are not in the position to take their children home should there be any further disruptions, as we do everything we can to keep the school open.

The week finished with the Celebration Assembly which highlighted our school's entries into the Toi Wearable Art competition. The organisers of the event had arranged to fly to New Plymouth especially for our students to be able to show their creations. They were absolutely amazing and the creativity and designs were outstanding. Well done to all the students and staff who contributed to this event. Special thanks to Mrs Charlton for her efforts in allowing our students to shine.



We also had another round of amazing students who were recognised for living our Triple A vision and showing the values of a student at Bell Block School.

Seth Rodejo, Soyou Han, Rahm Marzan, Isaac Smith, Hassan Mustafa, Archer Jensen-Wade, Danica Geraghty, Connie Upton-Fleming, Isla Perrett, Keinnah Jury, Blake Whiting, Heera Lopinti, Yuki Wada-Butcher, Harriet Stretton, Riley Davis, Save Sauliga, James Epping, Bryson Tamaiparea, Brodie McKenna, Hania Mustafa, Liza Makarenko, Alex Price, Anuj Wilson-Manas, Elsa Ryan, Lewis Wipiiti-Boylan, Chloe Bishop, Ty Hardgrave, Layken Stevens-Rapana, Anthony Reid, Kodie Bridgeman-Reid

With the long weekend ahead, I hope everyone has a great weekend and we will see the students back on Tuesday 6 June ready for Week 7.

Looking Ahead

	Monday 5 June	Tuesday 6 June	Wednesday 7 June	Thursday 8 June	Friday 9 June
Week 7	KING'S BIRTHDAY SCHOOL CLOSED	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hearing and Vision Testing (Year 7's and New Entrants) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:00 Breakfast Club 12:30 Senior Interschool vs West End (Away) 2:00 Kapa Haka Group practice Student Leader applications due 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Intermediate Technology 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:00 Breakfast Club 9:00 New Entrants' Transition Visit 2:00 Singing Assembly
	Monday 12 June	Tuesday 13 June	Wednesday 14 June	Thursday 15 June	Friday 16 June
Week 8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:00 Breakfast Club 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 11:30 Senior Interschool vs St Josephs (Home) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:00 Breakfast Club 2:00 Kapa Haka Group practice 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Intermediate Technology 5:00 Board Meeting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:00 Breakfast Club 9:00 New Entrants' Transition Visit 2:00 Celebration Assembly

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 is now open. Please check your @school app by tapping on the Interviews button and selecting an interview time that suits you. Thank you to all the parents who have made their bookings already. 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. We always aim to speak to every one of our families so please book in at a time that suits you.

Attendance Awards

To recognise those students who are attending school regularly, this term we have introduced a new initiative. Attendance certificates and pens will be awarded to students who have attended school for 100% of the previous term. 100% attendance is determined by following the Ministry of Education guidelines for being present at school. Attendance codes included in the calculation are (but are not limited to) Late, Medical Appointment and Off-site Course.

The awards for attendance in Term 1 will be presented at the Celebration Assembly during Week 8 on Friday 16 June.

	# of Students Attending Last Week	% of Students Attending Last Week	Potential Lost Learning Days per Year
Regular Attendance 90-100%	301	72.01%	Up to 19 days
Irregular Absence 80-89%	72	17.22%	Up to 38 days
Moderate Absence 70-79%	4	0.96%	Up to 58 days
Chronic Absence 0-69%	41	9.81%	Up to 193 days

PCT Challenge

Last week four teams of Intermediate students travelled to the TSB Stadium to compete in an annual challenge held by the NZ Police. The PCT Challenge replicates the Physical Competence Test that sworn police officers are required to pass every two years. The challenge is a 14-part test which includes commando crawling, jumping through a window, climbing over a fence, scaling a wall and a 74kg 'body' drag.



PTA Fundraiser

SAVE THE DATE! On **Tuesday 20 June** we will be running a fundraiser with the awesome team at Noodlehead in Bell Block. Order anything off their tasty menu online or by phone between 4.30pm-8pm, mention 'Bell Block School' when you order and in return the school will receive 15% of every order! Not only will you receive delicious food on the night, you will be supporting the PTA and Bell Block School. There will be lots of reminders between now and then so don't worry... we will let you know it's coming up! A big thanks to Noodlehead in Bell Block for running this fundraiser in their community.



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Thank you to Rotary and Tegel



A big thank you from all our Year 5 students who received their very own Usborne English Dictionary to keep courtesy of a joint initiative between The Rotary Club of Waitara, Bell Block and Districts and Tegel Foods.

Conrad Hailes
Principal

COMMUNITY NOTICES

