

**BELL BLOCK SCHOOL NEWSLETTER #18**  
**Friday 23 June 2023**

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



**School Goal:**  
To be positive about new changes

Thank you to all the parents who attended the interviews this week. It is a great way to share the successes and areas to develop as well as continue to build the connections with our families. It was also nice to be able to have our new staff attend and meet the families and students who will be in their classes.

The Student Leader speeches were outstanding this week and made the decision very difficult for those who voted. The maturity, content and presentation of the speeches was so impressive and every student involved should be very proud of their efforts. Although some students will miss out on these roles, we are very proud of the students who put themselves forward and know they will have further leadership opportunities as they move through high school. We will announce the leaders for the second half of the year at the final Celebration Assembly of the term next Friday.

With just five days left to go in Term 2, we hope all our families have a happy and safe holiday and we look forward to seeing all the students and our new staff ready to go on Monday 17 July.

**Looking Ahead**

	Monday 26 June	Tuesday 27 June	Wednesday 28 June	Thursday 29 June	Friday 30 June
<b>Week 10</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8:00 Breakfast Club</li> <li>1:45 Juniors PMP</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>11:30 Junior Celebration</li> <li>1:45 Intermediate Celebration</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8:00 Breakfast Club</li> <li>9:00 Juniors PMP</li> <li>Pizza Day</li> <li>Lost Property on display</li> <li>9:15 Junior Trip – Glow Show</li> <li>2:00 Kapa Haka Group practice</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Intermediate Technology</li> <li>11:30 Middle Celebration</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8:00 Breakfast Club</li> <li>9:00 New Entrants' Transition Visit</li> <li>9:30 Senior Celebration</li> <li>2:00 Celebration Assembly</li> <li>LAST DAY OF TERM 2</li> </ul>

**Senior Interschool**

The Senior sports exchange against Stratford Primary School was hotly contested with our teams being challenged with some tough competition. It was great to see our students being positive hosts and looking after our guests after the matches. Well done and thank you to all our wonderful coaches and staff who helped our senior students with their exchanges this term.



**Sharing Successes**

We take pride in the achievements of our students outside of school and love to hear about our teams and individual students' success stories. We recognise our athletes success in front of their peers at a Team Assembly. If your child has an achievement or success story to celebrate, please send the details and/or photos to the classroom teacher so that we can do our best to give our athletes the recognition they deserve.



**Pizza Day**



Pizza Day is on **Wednesday 28 June**. If your child is away that day and has ordered pizza, please contact us to make alternative arrangements for their pizza order.

## The Arts Showcase

Next term we will be holding the Bell Block School Arts Showcase which will sit alongside the Intermediate Technology Showcase on **Thursday 17 August**. Your child can take to the stage with some friends or brave the spotlight as a solo performer. This is a school event to display both our amazing visual arts and live student talent. Does your child dance? Play a musical instrument? Maybe they do gymnastics or kickboxing? Your child may be a pro at making online movies or can wow our audience with some magic tricks? We need your child! Auditions will be held during Week 2 of Term 3. More info to come. An entry form (available from the classroom teacher) must be completed **by Friday 21 July** and delivered to the Office Dropbox. Get practising to blow us away with your talent!



## Lost Property



We are at that time of term when we make an extra push to reunite lost property with its owners. Lost property will be out on display in Room 1 bay on **Wednesday 28 June**. Classes will be taken through but parents are welcome to have a look to reclaim any lost items. Any items left at the end of term will be donated to charity. The lost property cupboard is located in the corridor by Rooms 15/16.

## High School Enrolments 2024

The process for enrolling Year 8 students for high school is soon to begin. Caregivers are responsible for organising the enrolment of their children at their selected high school. We are happy to assist with co-ordinating promotional visits and enrolment interviews for some high schools here at school, however open days and visits to the high schools are the responsibility of caregivers.

### *The following schools have advised that their Open Days are scheduled as follows:*

- New Plymouth Boys' High School      Wednesday 26 July      3:30pm or 4:30pm
- New Plymouth Girls' High School      Thursday 27 July      3:30-6:30pm

If your preferred school is not included above, caregivers will be required to make contact with schools directly to arrange tours and enrolment.

### *Promotional visits to the Year 8 students will take place as follows:*

- New Plymouth Boys' High School      Tuesday 18 July
- New Plymouth Girls' High School      Tuesday 18 July
- Inglewood High School      Friday 21 July

### *The following schools will provide enrolment interviews at Bell Block School:*

- New Plymouth Boys' High School      Tuesday 15 August      9:00-11:30am
- New Plymouth Girls' High School      Tuesday 15 August      9:00-11:30am
- Inglewood High School      Wednesday 16 August      9:30am – 1pm

Enrolment interviews for NPBHS and NPGHS will be booked by caregivers online – information will be forwarded to caregivers directly from the high schools. To book an enrolment interview with Inglewood High School please contact our office staff to reserve a time. Students are required to attend interviews with their caregivers.

If you are unable to attend enrolment interviews on these dates, please contact the high school to arrange an interview on an alternate day.

## Tiaho Mai Be Seen Day

On Tuesday, students enjoyed dressing up in their brightest clothing as part of our Tiaho Mai Be Seen Day to promote the new school crossing on Murray Street. The crossing operates between 8:30am-9:00am and 3:00pm-3:15pm on school days.



## Attendance

	# of Students Attending Last Week	% of Students Attending Last Week	Potential Lost Learning Days per Year
Regular Attendance <b>90-100%</b>	285	67.38%	Up to <b>19</b> days
Irregular Absence <b>80-89%</b>	71	16.78%	Up to <b>38</b> days
Moderate Absence <b>70-79%</b>	4	0.95%	Up to <b>58</b> days
Chronic Absence <b>0-69%</b>	63	14.89%	Up to <b>193</b> days

## ICAS Exams

For those students who would like an extra academic challenge, we will once again offer the ICAS exams this year for our Year 3-8 students. If you would like your child to participate, all information is in the notice sent out via the @school app. Entries need to be completed online through the parent portal by **Monday 31 July**.

## Ryan Hailes Sports Scholarship

The Ryan Hailes Sports Scholarship was established to recognise emerging young sports people who demonstrate excellence in their chosen sport. The purpose of the scholarship is to offer financial contribution in recognition of the costs involved in competing at a regional and/or national representative level.

There is a maximum of \$250 available per term which may be awarded up to four times per school year.

As a school, we take pride in promoting and fostering aspiring athletes to reach their full potential.

If you know a deserving recipient, please apply in writing to [sport@bellblock.school.nz](mailto:sport@bellblock.school.nz). Applications will be considered once a term.

## Conrad Hailes Principal

## COMMUNITY NOTICES



**KIDS LATIN DANCE**  
LEVEL 1  
7-12 year olds  
8 week course starting in Term 3  
AOD Studios, 6 Devon Street West  
Register at [www.alegriatandance.co.nz](http://www.alegriatandance.co.nz)



**TARANAKI THUNDER** V **TARANAKI U17 GIRLS**  
**SUNDAY 25 JUNE**  
**TSB STADIUM**  
**TIP OFF 2:45PM**  
**FUNDRAISER — \$5 CASH ENTRY**  
**STADIUM TO BE VACATED AFTER THE GAME**  
**RE-ENTRY FOR AIRS GAME THROUGH MAIN DOOR AT 5PM**



**Light in the Darkness**  
Come join us at  
**Friday 23rd June**  
**From 6pm**  
**On the Northpoint Field**  
**116 Māngātī Road, Bell Block**  
This is the final recharge for Term 2. See you back next term!



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