

**BELL BLOCK SCHOOL NEWSLETTER #19**  
**Friday 21 July 2023**

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



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

It is hard to believe we are already in to the second half of the year and Term 3 is looking to be another busy term with lots of learning and opportunities for students. This week we welcomed three new staff to our Bell Block School team - Mrs Janine Van den Berg in Room 9, Mrs Rachel Taylor in Room 13 and Miss Josie Hick in Room 14. For the rest of the year, Mrs Doelman is our Acting Deputy Principal and Mrs Pearce is our Acting Assistant Principal as we work through an appointment process ready to start 2024.

Today we inducted our new Student Leaders for the second half of the year. We know they will do a great job and display our school motto Kaha i ngā wā katoa – Our Best Always. Congratulations to the new Head Students and Student Leaders:

**Head Girl** – Gemma Maltby

**Head Boy** – Leo Padruitt

Kōtuku	Pīwaiwaka	Kererū	Takahē
Hailey Duncan	Yuki Wada-Butcher	Deja Tohi	Chloe Gacuma
Marley Norman	Cara Yates	Tai Gilbert-Barlow	Riley Smith

**ICT Student Leader** – Rylan Marx

**Ex-Officio** – Charlie Mattson and Charlie Goldfinch

This week we have been involved in the Let's Go programme with scooter training for students in the Junior and Middle teams. The Senior and Intermediate students will take on cycle training over the coming weeks. It was great to see the students involved and enjoying these activities. The students have again been excellent ambassadors for our school with very positive feedback from the Let's Go instructors.

This week the Year 8 students have attended information sessions with the representatives from several high schools as they prepare to take the next step in their education journey. We encourage families to attend the high school open days and get a feel for the schools to find the one that will best suit their child.

### Looking Ahead

	Monday 24 July	Tuesday 25 July	Wednesday 26 July	Thursday 27 July	Friday 28 July
<b>Week 2</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8:00 Breakfast Club</li> <li>Let's Go Cycle Skills – Room 17</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9:00 Taranaki Airs basketball session</li> <li>Let's Go Cycle Skills – Room 18</li> <li>3:30 NPGHS Open Day</li> <li>7:00 PTA Meeting</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8:00 Breakfast Club</li> <li>Arts Showcase Auditions</li> <li>Let's Go Cycle Skills – Room 19</li> <li>2:00 Kapa Haka Group practice</li> <li>3:30 NPBHS Open Day</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Intermediate Technology</li> <li>Arts Showcase Auditions</li> <li>5:30 Whānau Hui</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8:00 Breakfast Club</li> <li>9:00 New Entrants' Transition Visit</li> <li>Let's Go Cycle Skills – Room 20</li> <li>Arts Showcase Auditions</li> <li>2:00 Celebration Assembly</li> </ul>
	Monday 31 July	Tuesday 1 August	Wednesday 2 August	Thursday 3 August	Friday 4 August
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## Whānau Hui

We would like to welcome you to join us for a Whānau Hui on **Thursday 27 July from 5:30-6:30pm**.

The purpose of this hui has 2 main areas we would like your input with:

1. What learning, experiences, and practical understanding do you think is essential for tamariki to have about Te Ao Maori and Te Reo before leaving Te Kura O Mangati (Bell Block School).
2. What skills, expertise and knowledge do members of our whanau and community have and how can we involve them in our learning moving forward, particularly our upcoming Te Ao Maori days in early September.

Feel free to bring your tamariki to the hui as we will have a movie and supervision for them. We will also have some snacks and beverages available. If you are planning to attend, would you please let the office know **by Tuesday 25 July**.

## Arts Showcase

Thank you to everyone who has entered our Arts Showcase. Auditions will be held next week - if students have music or a video required for their act and audition, could they please have it in to Mrs Charlton by early next week. If you have any questions, please email her at [lisette.charlton@bellblock.school.nz](mailto:lisette.charlton@bellblock.school.nz). We can't wait to see everyone's amazing talent here at Bell Block School!



## High School Enrolments 2024

Caregivers are responsible for organising the enrolment of their child at the selected high school.

### 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      3:30pm-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.

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

- New Plymouth Boys' High School      Tuesday 15 August      9:00am-11:30am
- New Plymouth Girls' High School      Tuesday 15 August      9:00am-11:30am
- Inglewood High School      Wednesday 16 August      9:30am – 1.00pm

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. All enrolment interviews are held here at Bell Block School. 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.

## Attendance

	# of Students Attending Last Week	% of Students Attending Last Week	Potential Lost Learning Days per Year
Regular Attendance <b>90-100%</b>	324	74.83%	Up to <b>19</b> days
Irregular Absence <b>80-89%</b>	22	5.08%	Up to <b>38</b> days
Moderate Absence <b>70-79%</b>	37	8.55%	Up to <b>58</b> days
Chronic Absence <b>0-69%</b>	50	11.55%	Up to <b>193</b> days

## ICAS Exams

For those students who would like an extra academic challenge, ICAS exams are being offered again this year for our Year 3-8 students. If you would like your child to participate, all information is in the message on the @school app. Entries need to be completed online through the parent portal by **Monday 31 July**.

## LEGO Club

We have had some amazing students come in and build awesome things at our *LEGO* Club for Term One and Term Two. *LEGO* Club is held in the library every Wednesday lunchtime. Sometimes a challenge is offered (for example, a birthday theme or a particular shaped build) and students have really enjoyed participating. Some just like to use their own creative flair! At *LEGO* Club we are still looking for donations of minifigures to go towards our builds. Some are an integral part of our builds - and some are to top-off an amazing creation. If you would like to donate a minifigure to the School Library *LEGO* Club, please drop off to the office.



## PTA News

We hope everyone had an excellent break over the holidays. We are having our first PTA Meeting for the term next **Tuesday 25 July at 7pm** in the school staffroom. We have a few fundraisers coming up and we are always looking for volunteers to help out. If you are interested in joining the PTA or would just like to come along and see what our wonderful team is doing to support our school, please come along - and bring a friend!



**Conrad Hailes**  
**Principal**

## COMMUNITY NOTICES

**FREE FAMILY**

# Swim Day

RSVP by 19th July

Saturday 22nd July 1.15-3.15pm

Methanex Bell Block Aquatic Centre

**FREE** FROM 2.15pm

- Bookings essential
- Limited space
- Inflatables
- Bring your friends

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**ReCharge**  
Intermediate Youth

Bring your friends

# LIGHTS OUT!

Friday 21st July

6:00-8:00pm

@ Northpoint Baptist Church

116 Mangati Road, Bell Block

See you there!

ReCharge is a youth group for kids in Year 7 & 8 at school.  
For more info contact us at recharge@northpoint.org.nz

**LEARN THE ARTS OF THE SAMURAI**

**NEW BELL BLOCK CLASSES OPENING**  
**FRED TUCKER CENTRE - 31ST JULY**

Children's classes (ages 7+ years)  
Taijutsu (Self Defence) - Mondays 5.30pm  
Kenjutsu (Sword) - Mondays 6.30pm

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