

BELL BLOCK SCHOOL NEWSLETTER #21
Friday 4 August 2023

Focus Value:
Tū Māia – Standing Brave



School Goal:
Showing Tū Māia
in the playground

The icy cold temperatures and hail have created excitement around the school this week. It has been an interesting writing topic for our students!

We have continued to have our Let's Go Cycle Skills facilitators here working with the Intermediate Team refining their biking skills.

On Tuesday morning, a group of pre-school children visited our school from Lollipops Bell Block. They enjoyed joining in with Room 4 and exploring our playground. Thank you to Mrs Clarkson for organising this session.



Our Rotary Readers are back for another term reading with our tamariki in Years 0-4. Our students love these sessions as it gives them a chance to practice their reading one-on-one and build connections.

Today some of our Intermediate students have been lucky enough to attend the LEAD Conference. This day is a great opportunity for our young leaders to grow their capabilities through inspirational talks and engaging activities.

Looking Ahead

	Monday 7 August	Tuesday 8 August	Wednesday 9 August	Thursday 10 August	Friday 11 August
Week 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:00 Breakfast Club Let's Go Cycle Skills – Room 11 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Let's Go Cycle Skills – Room 12 ICAS exam – Digital Technology 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:00 Breakfast Club Let's Go Cycle Skills – Room 13 ICAS exam - Writing 2:00 Kapa Haka Group practice 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Intermediate Technology Let's Go Cycle Skills – Room 14 Juniors – Fire Fighter Visit 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:00 Breakfast Club 9:00 New Entrants' Transition Visit Principal for the Day winners take over Let's Go Cycle Skills – Room 18 2:00 Celebration Assembly
	Monday 14 August	Tuesday 15 August	Wednesday 16 August	Thursday 17 August	Friday 18 August
Week 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:00 Breakfast Club Let's Go Cycle Skills – Room 11& 14 (Yr 6 only) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Let's Go Cycle Skills – Room 12 & 13 (Yr 6 only) ICAS exam – English NPBHS & NPGHS Enrolment Interviews 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:00 Breakfast Club Inglewood High School Enrolment Interviews 2:00 Kapa Haka Group practice 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Intermediate Technology 9:45 Arts Showcase – morning performance 6:00 Arts Showcase – evening performance 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:00 Breakfast Club 9:00 New Entrants' Transition Visit 9:00 PTA Welcome Morning Tea Toy Library Book Collection – final day

School Website



Remember to check out the school website when you have an enquiry or to keep up to date with school events. You'll find information relating to enrolment, staff contact details, newsletters, news and events, sports, online learning links and much more. Each term you will find new blog posts from each team under the Classrooms tab, where you can find out what the students have been learning and creating.

Please click on the link to visit now: <https://www.bellblock.school.nz>

Arts Showcase



We look forward to welcoming all of our community on Thursday 17 August to the Bell Block School Arts Showcase, which is being held in conjunction with the termly Technology Showcase. Our school has been focusing on Mahi Toi - The Arts for the last term which incorporates Performing Arts, Music, Creative Arts and Visual Arts.

In the lead up to the Arts Showcase, the students have been auditioning in front of their classes during team times. We have been blown away by their talents and can-do attitudes. A small number of performers have been selected to perform at the showcase to show off their talents. The showcase will also include performances from our dance and drama students who are involved in our Intermediate Technology Programme.

We will be having two performances - the first one at 9:45am and the other at 6:00pm. We anticipate the performances will last for approximately one hour.

Please Note: Rooms 2, 5 & 6 will only be performing at the 9:45am show.

Another important aspect of the day is the opportunity to view your child's artwork which will be displayed in the hall. The hall will be open for viewing from 3:00pm until 4:00pm and will show artwork from every student at our school.

Whānau are also invited to walk through the technology classrooms and hall from 5.30pm – 6.00pm to see examples of the intermediate students' creations from the work they have done in Hospitality, Digital Technology, Enterprise, Manufacturing and Visual Arts & Design. This is followed by the Arts Showcase in the hall.

All students involved in the evening performance (6:00pm) will be receiving a permission slip through **the parent app** today, with additional information for the evening.

Schedule of events - Thursday 17 August

9:45am – 10:45am (approx.)	Morning performance of The Arts Showcase												
3:00pm – 4:00pm	Hall open for viewing of artwork												
5:30pm – 6:00pm	Technology walk through – all welcome												
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Attendance

	# of Students Attending Last Week	% of Students Attending Last Week	Potential Lost Learning Days per Year
Regular Attendance 90-100%	286	65.9%	Up to 19 days
Irregular Absence 80-89%	94	21.66%	Up to 38 days
Moderate Absence 70-79%	11	2.53%	Up to 58 days
Chronic Absence 0-69%	43	9.91%	Up to 193 days

Sports News

Touch season is here! Registrations for Term 4 touch are now open.

Touch is played on Wednesdays at Hickford Park, Bell Block and runs for 8 weeks from Wednesday 11 October. Please refer to the school website for all season information and registration form - www.bellblock.school.nz/touch

Unfortunately, due to inflating costs passed on by City Touch, fees have increased this season.

\$40 - U6, U8, U10, U12

\$45 - Year 7 & 8



Registrations close on **Friday 1 September at 11.59pm**. The deadline for payment of fees is Friday 8 September at 3pm. If you are having difficulty making payment, please contact the office before the deadline to discuss alternative arrangements.

If you have any queries, please get in touch with our Sports Co-ordinator, Gayle Davis, by phoning the school office or emailing sport@bellblock.school.nz

Coaches – Touch



We are always on the lookout for willing volunteers to coach or manage our touch teams. Please consider putting your hand up if you're able to as we rely heavily on adult volunteers in order for the teams to go ahead.

Yummy Apple Stickers for New Sports Gear

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

We will collect stickers until Week 9 of this term.



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

High School Enrolment 2024

A reminder that enrolment interviews are taking place in the library for the following high schools:

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| • 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 |

Interviews for *NPGHS* and *NPBHS* must be booked online via the schools' websites below:

New Plymouth Girls' High School	https://npghs.bridge.school.nz/	Code: c574981d
New Plymouth Boys' High School	https://npbhs.schoolpoint.co.nz	Code: 44a9ce28

Please ensure that an enrolment application is completed online before attending your scheduled interview.

Interviews for *Inglewood High School* can be booked by contacting our office team. Enrolment applications can be completed by downloading the form from the Inglewood High School website. You will be required to provide a copy of your child's birth certificate and their last school report.

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.

Emily Doelman
Acting Deputy Principal

COMMUNITY NOTICES



This Saturday (5th August) we have Whutupōro Whakakotahi Māori-Pasifika ki Taranaki at Yarrow Stadium. This event is about bringing together Māori and Pasifika cultures, whilst showcasing the amazing networks within our community!

🔔🔔🔔 Gates will now open at 10am! With the Māori/Pasifika game kicking off at 12pm! This has been done so you can come along and check out the stalls, have some kai, watch some rugby, see some cultural performances and then get home for the big test match on Saturday afternoon!

🥁🥁🥁 The Pātea Māori Club will be performing before kick-off! Make sure you get along to see them live!

🍷🍷🍷 The first 50 people through the gate will get a FREE kai voucher! This kai voucher will give you \$10 to spend at a food truck/stall in the stadium! Make sure you get to the ground when gates open to receive a voucher! FYI - No change will be given from the vouchers and with orders over \$10, the difference must be paid for by the customer.



Girls Got Game will return for Term 3, led again by local Thunder player and Basketball Taranaki U15 Girls assistant coach Raquel Sampson. These skills sessions are free for all girls to attend as an introduction to the sport, an opportunity to come down and continue to improve your individual skills, or just to come down and hang out with girls of the same age interested in the same sport.

If you are interested in attending these sessions please register your interest here:

<https://www.sporty.co.nz/viewform/250833>

Have Your Say on Bell Block Court

Puketapu Bell Block is a growing community with streets that are getting busier. NPDC wants to strengthen the community's identity and safety around Bell Block Court and nearby streets - and this starts with a conversation with you.

- What makes this area of Bell Block so popular?
- What do you value in the area?
- Where can we make improvements?
- What issues do we need to address?

Come to one of our drop-in days and share your thoughts and experiences with NPDC staff.

Drop-in days

Bell Block Community Hall
Supper Meeting Room

Wednesday 9 August, 10am-7pm.
Thursday 10 August, 10am-5pm.
We'd love to see you there!

Also, please fill in our survey at npdc.govt.nz/HaveYourSay

