

BELL BLOCK SCHOOL NEWSLETTER #22

Friday 11 August 2023

Focus Value:
Tū Māia – Standing Brave



School Goal:
Showing Tū Māia
during cross country

Week Four of the term has been another busy week with the Senior Team taking on their Cycle Skills training and lots of students polishing their performances and artwork for next week's Arts Showcase. We invite our community to come along and see what our students have created and support their performances on Thursday at 9:45am and 6:00pm. The hall will also be open to view the artworks from 3:00pm-4:00pm and from 5:30pm. The work the Intermediate students have created in the latest round of Technology will also be on display from 5:30pm in the Intermediate classrooms.

Also, next week our Year 8 students have their high school enrolment meetings, Cycle Skills continues for the Year 6 students and those students who chose to complete the ICAS exams take on their English exam.

Today we had our winners of the 'Principal For A Day' raffle at the gala take over running Bell Block School for the day. Principal Lacey Sole (Year 8) and Principal Nicholas Hessel (Year 3) did an excellent job around the school visiting classes, speaking with students, giving out Principal's stickers to students producing quality work and presenting awards at assembly. Well done Lacey and Nicholas.



At Celebration Assembly today we celebrated another amazing group of our students who consistently display our school Values and Triple A Vision. Well done to all the students who received awards this week.

Maverick Curtis, Teja Reddipalli, Connor Bailey, Cian Marsh, Tame White, Maeson Ruwhiu, Mia Wilmschurst, Andy Liu, Nikolina Meafua, Emmie Walsh, Kingsley Yang, Zack Green, Peyton Metcalfe, Tyler Roderick, Markko Ayling-Emeny, Addison Frost, Sophie Chapman, Lilly-Anne Bartle, Maali Soffe, Gurseerat Sidhu, Slayde McCulloch, Emily Le-Moratti, Raihaan Gill, Charlotte Thompson, Lexi Morgan, Lachlan Lewis, Bronson Tauma, Alisha Wong, Miila Laurence, Millie Robertson, Braxton Hinz, Ruchitha Reddipalli

Congratulations to the following students who received an Attendance Award for 100% attendance during Term 2:

Aiza Ali, Nadhir Ali, Ethan Blackett, Vanessa Cheav, Mia-may Davis, Hailey Duncan, Lachie Early, Cory Franklin, Dolly Genji, Gwenith Genji, Isla Green, Liam Harris, Nicholas Hessel, Coby Kingsnorth, Ishaan Lijin, Liya Lijin, Aaron Lim, Heera Lopinti, Gemma Maltby, Brodie McKenna, Ryan McKenna, Peyton Metcalfe, Ava Mischieski, Liam Mischieski, Kenneth Moratuwage, Cale Nikolajenko, Jaxon Norman, Marley Norman, Andre Paris, Monique Paris, Lachlan Poole, Keeley Rowe, Lachlan Sandford, Max Smith, Alice Stephens, Mary Stephens, Olive Stephens, Varma Vadapalli, Chloe Yang, Kingsley Yang, Mandy Yang, Tai Gilbert-Barlow, Louis Trim, Zoe Trim, Neveah Bishop, Ty Hardgrave, Regyn Adams, Riley Davis, Emma Davis, Oliva Davis, Lilane De Bruyn, Regan Martin, Anuj Wilson Manas, Lachlan Lewis, Harpa Young, Preston Adlam, Mason Page, Charlie Campbell-Whiting

2024 Term Dates

The 2024 school dates have been ratified by the Board and we ask that, with this advanced notice, that all planned holidays are kept to the school holidays as much as possible. Please help us to keep our attendance rate as high as we can.

Term 1	Monday 29 January – Friday 12 April
Term 2	Monday 29 April – Friday 5 July
Term 3	Monday 22 July – Friday 27 September
Term 4	Monday 14 October – Friday 13 December

Teacher Only Day – Monday 20 November

The Ministry of Education has set the dates for the final Teacher Only Day for 2023. For us, this will be undertaken on **Monday 20 November**. Staff will be using this day to develop their knowledge and implementation of the refreshed curriculum documents.

Looking Ahead					
Week 5	Monday 14 August	Tuesday 15 August	Wednesday 16 August	Thursday 17 August	Friday 18 August
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:00 Breakfast Club Let's Go Cycle Skills – Rooms 11& 14 (Yr 6 only) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Let's Go Cycle Skills – Rooms 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
Week 6	Monday 21 August	Tuesday 22 August	Wednesday 23 August	Thursday 24 August	Friday 25 August
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:00 Breakfast Club Cohort 6 New Entrants start 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Senior/Intermediate Cross Country Life Education bus 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:00 Breakfast Club Junior/Middle Cross Country Life Education bus 2:00 Kapa Haka Group practice 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Intermediate Interschool Competition – Hawera Life Education bus ICAS exam – Spelling 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:00 Breakfast Club ICAS exam – Science Life Education bus 2:00 Celebration Assembly

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.

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 again from 5.30pm. There will be artwork from every student at our school on display.

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 performance in the hall.

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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6:00pm – 7:00pm (approx.)	Evening performance of The Arts Showcase												

Cross Country

Our annual cross country event will be held in Week 6, details below. The students are preparing well for this traditional school event getting in as much practice as weather permits.

The events for ages 7-13 are held around the Mangati Walkway, excluding the Juniors (Years 1-2) whose event is held on the school field. Students run in age groups and always give a massive effort, while being great supporters of each other when they are not running their event. Every student who runs earns points for their whānau and, thanks to our wonderful PTA, gets a refreshing ice block when they complete their event. We encourage students to dress up in their whānau colours and get into the spirit of the day.

Please come along if you are able and cheer on your runners as they give it their best on Cross Country Day.

Tuesday 22 August	Wednesday 23 August
Mangati Walkway First race starts 9:30am 9 year old boys 9 year old girls 10 year old boys 10 year old girls	Mangati Walkway First race starts 12pm *7 year old boys (in Year 3) *7 year old girls (in Year 3) 8 year old boys 8 year old girls
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Venue

The venue for ages 7-13 is the Mangati Walkway, starting at the top bridge (near the entry to walkway from Antonio Place). Please check the school website under 'Events' for a map of the track. Juniors (Years 1-2) run on the school field.

Distance

5-6 year olds 2 laps school field
7 year olds in Year 2 3 laps school field
7 year olds in Year 3 2 laps Mangati Walkway (2.4km)
8-9 year olds 2 laps Mangati Walkway (2.4km)
10-13 year olds 3 laps Mangati Walkway (3.6km)

**Please note that age is calculated as follows:*

5-8 year olds as at day of Bell Block School Cross Country

9-13 year olds as at 20 September 2023 which is the date of the Taranaki Cross Country.



Solar Power

During the holidays we have had some property upgrades completed including the drainage system and also the installation of two banks of solar panels. As a school, this is a way of becoming more environmentally sustainable and also creating some significant savings for the school moving forward. One bank of panels has been installed on the roof of the main Junior block and the second is on the Murray Street side of the Room 20 roof. This system will pay for itself in a matter of years and then create significant savings on power, allowing more of our government funding to go to resourcing, staffing and providing opportunities for students. It will also provide a great learning opportunity for our students in Science and links to our *Kaitiakitanga – Guardianship* unit.



Attendance

	# of Students Attending Last Week	% of Students Attending Last Week	Potential Lost Learning Days per Year
Regular Attendance 90-100%	302	69.59%	Up to 19 days
Irregular Absence 80-89%	74	17.05%	Up to 38 days
Moderate Absence 70-79%	7	1.61%	Up to 58 days
Chronic Absence 0-69%	51	11.75%	Up to 193 days

Sports News

Touch registrations for Term 4 are open. Please refer to the school website for all season information and the registration form - www.bellblock.school.nz/touch

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.



Coaches – Touch



We need more coaches for our touch teams please. Your child will not be able to play in a team if there is no coach or manager to support the players. Please consider putting your hand up if you're able to assist or know someone who may be able to help. Please email sport@bellblock.school.nz

High School Enrolment 2024

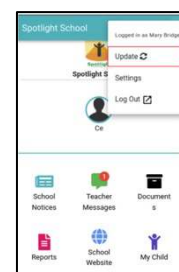
A reminder that enrolment interviews for high schools are taking place in the library next week. If you haven't already done so, please book an interview time for the interview. Interviews for *NPGHS* and *NPBHS* must be booked online via the schools' websites below. Interviews for *Inglewood High School* can be booked by contacting our office team.

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New Plymouth Boys' High School <https://npbhs.schoolpoint.co.nz>

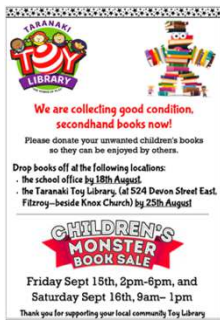
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'@school' Parent App

There is an update available to the '@school' parent app. Please update to the newest version by selecting 'Update' from the menu in the top right of your app home screen.



Children's Monster Book Sale



The Taranaki Toy Library is holding this year's Children's MONSTER Book Sale on Friday 15 and Saturday 16 September. On their behalf, we are collecting any good quality second hand children's books (suitable for ages 0-13). If you have any unwanted books that you wish to donate, please drop these off to the school office. Please do not include colouring-in or activity books unless they are in new condition. To find out more about this book sale, please browse the Taranaki Toy Library Facebook page under 'Children's Monster Book Sale'.

Conrad Hailes
Principal

COMMUNITY NOTICES

