

BELL BLOCK SCHOOL NEWSLETTER #23
Friday 18 August 2023

Focus Value:
Responsibility -
Takohanga



School Goal:
Showing tū māia
during cross country

We have had an exciting week showcasing not only the arts but also the work of our amazing students. Thank you to all the families that were able to attend either the Arts Showcase performances or viewed the artworks created by our talented students. It is always such a great reminder of what our students are capable of and another way of allowing the talents of the students to shine through. Thank you must also go to Mrs Lisette Charlton and the team that put the showcase together as well as all the classroom teachers for their input into providing this opportunity for the students to shine. One of focuses for the arts unit was showing tū māia. Being brave to give new things a go or keep working hard even when things are challenging is a great skill to develop and a key component of what makes up a Bell Block School student. It was great to see so many of our students take the opportunity to get up on stage and share a talent or skill even though they were very nervous.

Next week sees our annual cross country events and some of the Intermediate students will be participating in the Interschool Sports Competition. We wish all the students involved all the best. These events provide another opportunity for students to show tū māia and perseverance even with things that are not necessarily their favourite events.

We also have the return of Harold the Giraffe and the Life Education team next Friday. Classes will be visiting the Life Education mobile classroom to undertake learning on topics selected by each of our teams.



Looking Ahead

	Monday 21 August	Tuesday 22 August	Wednesday 23 August	Thursday 24 August	Friday 25 August
Week 6	<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 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:00 Breakfast Club Junior/Middle Cross Country 2:00 Kapa Haka Group practice 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Intermediate Interschool Competition – Hawera ICAS exam – Spelling 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:00 Breakfast Club ICAS exam – Science Life Education bus 2:00 Celebration Assembly
Week 7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:00 Breakfast Club Life Education bus Calendar art on display in classrooms 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Life Education bus ICAS exam - Maths 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:00 Breakfast Club Life Education bus Staff v Students basketball game 2:00 Kapa Haka Group practice 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Intermediate Technology – Rotation 3 begins Life Education bus 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:00 Breakfast Club 9:00 New Entrants' Transition Visit Life Education bus Touch/Hockey/Cricket registrations close 2:00 Singing Assembly

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.

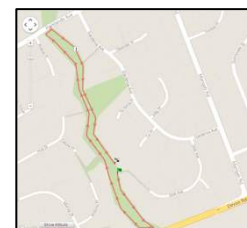
Cross Country

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
Mangati Walkway First race starts 11:30am 11 year old boys 11 year old girls 12 year old boys 12 year old girls 13 year old boys 13 year old girls	School field First race starts 2pm 5 year old boys 5 year old girls 6 year old boys 6 year old girls *7 year old boys (in Year 2) *7 year old girls (in Year 2)

Venue

Students aged 7-13 run around the Mangati Walkway, starting at the top bridge (near the entry to walkway from Antonio Place). A map of the track is available on the school website under '[Events](#)'. Spectator entry points are Cassia Place, Antonia Place (steep) or Parklands Ave. Please remain on the paved side of the Mangati Stream.



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.



Attendance

	# of Students Attending Last Week	% of Students Attending Last Week	Potential Lost Learning Days per Year
Regular Attendance 90-100%	294	67.9%	Up to 19 days
Irregular Absence 80-89%	65	15.01%	Up to 38 days
Moderate Absence 70-79%	10	2.31%	Up to 58 days
Chronic Absence 0-69%	64	14.78%	Up to 193 days

Term 4 Sports

Registrations are now open for the following Term 4 school sports teams:

Touch – Years 1-8

Cricket – Years 1-8

Hockey – Years 3-6

All registrations can be completed by visiting the school website www.bellblock.school.nz

Registrations close on FRIDAY 1 SEPTEMBER at 11.59pm

Touch Rugby

Touch rugby is open to all ages, boys and girls. Games are played on a Wednesday afternoon at Hickford Park. Fees \$40-\$45.

Cricket

Cricket is open to all ages, boys and girls. Games are generally played on a Friday evening 5.30pm at various grounds around New Plymouth. Fees \$25.

Hockey

Hockey registrations are open for students in Years 3-6 only. Games are played on a Saturday morning at the New Plymouth turf on Hobson Street. Fees \$45-\$55.

If you have any queries, please email sport@bellblock.school.nz or telephone the office on 755 0838



Bell Block Steel – Year 7 netball team



Bell Block Tactix – Year 8 netball team

Conrad Hailes

Principal

COMMUNITY NOTICES

SPRING INTO SUMMER FUN STICKS

SAT 14 OCT – 2 DEC 2023
8.30 AM – 9.30 AM
NEW PLYMOUTH TURF **\$ 35 PER CHILD**

Register via www.taranakihockey.org.nz

Fun Sticks is a progressive program that will introduce your child to hockey through basic fundamental skills and fun hockey games. This program is developed for children in year 1 & 2 at school and 4 – 6 year olds.

No charge but koha welcome

ReCharge
Intermediate Youth

RISE UP!
OBSTACLE COURSE CHALLENGE

Friday 18th August
6:00-8:00pm

@ Northpoint Baptist Church
116 Mangati Road, Bell Block

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

Kiley Family Memorial Trust Scholarship

Call for Scholarship Applications for Year 8 students commencing secondary education in 2024

The Kiley Family Memorial Trust was established in 2000 by brothers John and the late Peter Kiley. Revenue from the Kiley Family Memorial Trust owned farm in Taranaki funds the Kiley Family Memorial Trust Scholarships to help young people who are facing financial challenges meeting their education costs.

Eligible to Year 8 students who plan to attend:

- Taranaki / Whanganui based Secondary Schools in 2024 or
- Wellington based Catholic Secondary Schools in 2024

Day School and Boarding Scholarships are available.

Preference is given to students from less well-off backgrounds who would otherwise have difficulty paying their school fees and meeting other school costs.

Applications for any field of study will be considered but further preference will be given to those students planning a career in agriculture related fields.

To apply please visit the following Public Trust link:
<https://publictrust-smartygrants.com.au/KileySecondaryBoarding2023>

Or Call the Public Trust - Charities Team on 0800 371 471
Applications close 5pm 22 September 2023

The Kiley Family Memorial Trust Scholarship
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