

BELL BLOCK SCHOOL NEWSLETTER #31
Friday 27 October 2023

Focus Value:
 Responsibility -
 Takohanga



School Goal:
 To challenge ourselves in
 our learning

Today we had our Kapa Haka Group perform at the Puanga Festival and they gave a rousing performance and represented themselves, their families and our school with pride. Well done to all the students who have worked so hard this year to get ready for this performance and also to Whaea Raewyn Ashby and Mr Kade Forsyth for their work with the students. It is very much appreciated.

This week we also had a group of Intermediate students participating in an Outdoor Academy experience at TOPEC and our Year 6 students have begun visiting the Intermediate classes to get a taste of what life is like as an Intermediate student. The process for selecting next year's Student Leaders has begun and we have had a huge number of Year 7 aspirational leaders indicate they are going to apply for these important positions in our school. Applications for the Student Leader roles close at 3:00pm on Wednesday 8 November.

As part of our planning for 2024, there will be a Community Survey being emailed out to parents next week. Please take some time to complete this questionnaire that will help set our school direction moving forward.

Thank you to all the parents who emailed in information around the placement of their child for 2024. Over the next few weeks, we will be looking at class organisation. Although this is a very complex task, we do our best to get placements right for all of our students. Student class placements for 2024 will be included in the school report sent home on Wednesday 6 December. There will also be an opportunity to meet the new class and teacher on Friday 8 December. More information will follow as the term progresses.

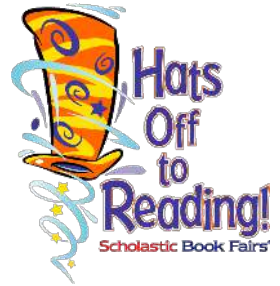


Looking Ahead

	Monday 30 October	Tuesday 31 October	Wednesday 1 November	Thursday 2 November	Friday 3 November
Week 4			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2:00 Kapa Haka Group practice 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Subway lunch available Intermediate Technology Year 6 Intermediate Taster Session Book Fair in Library 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 11:00 Grandparents' Day Book Fair in Library
	Monday 6 November	Tuesday 7 November	Wednesday 8 November	Thursday 9 November	Friday 10 November
Week 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Book Fair in Library 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Senior Trip to Govett Brewster Art Gallery – Rms 13/14 7:00 PTA Meeting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Senior Trip to Govett Brewster Art Gallery – Rms 11/12 2:00 Kapa Haka Group practice 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Subway lunch available Intermediate Technology Year 6 Intermediate Taster Session 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:00 New Entrants' Transition Visit 2:00 Celebration Assembly

Scholastic Book Fair

Our fantastic Scholastic Book Fair opens next week! From **Thursday 2 November to Monday 6 November** the library will host our very own Book Club. It will be open from 8.30am until 3.30pm each day. This is a great opportunity to get some amazing items for Christmas - books, games, science kits, stationery and more... all at reasonable prices. Every purchase earns the library Scholastic Rewards Points to spend on books for our school. We look forward to seeing everyone at our Book Fair next week!



Please join us for Grandparents' Day on **Friday 3 November**. We invite all Kuia, Koro, Grandmas and Grandads to come in to school to have morning tea with their family, spend time in classes and browse our Book Fair. All are welcome to attend!

Grandparents' Day is held in conjunction with our Book Fair. Students are encouraged to dress up as their *FAVOURITE BOOK CHARACTER*. There will be prizes for the best costumes.

The programme for the day is as follows:

11:00am Morning Tea Time: Grandparents arrive at school and head to classes to eat morning tea with their grandchildren or accompany them to the library to browse the Book Fair.

11:30am Book Character Parade: The bell will ring for the end of morning tea time and students will go back to class. Whānau will assemble in the hall ready for our Book Character Parade.

Approx. 12:15pm Whānau time: After the parade, grandparents are invited to join us around the school until lunchtime at 1pm. Your tamariki may wish to share some work in their classroom or browse the Book Fair in the library.

1:40pm: Classes resume as normal after lunch.

Tea, coffee and home baking will be available for sale at the Tuck Shop for \$2 each, fundraising for the PTA.

ICAS Results

ICAS results have continued to come in with some excellent results. Well done to all the students who achieved awards in these exams.

Mathematics

Zara Khan	Distinction
Brooklyn Childs	Credit
Markko Ayling-Emeny	Credit
Gwenith Genji	Credit
Olin Domney Mackey	Credit
Kyra Khan	Credit

Digital Technologies

Luka Gowler	Credit
Olin Domney Mackey	Credit
Red Marzan	Credit

Spelling

Riley Davis	Credit
Milla Walden	Credit
Gwenith Genji	Merit
Olin Domney Mackey	Merit
Dolly Genji	Credit

Writing

Red Marzan	Distinction
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Athletics Timetable

Parents are invited to join us on our Athletics Days to cheer on their athletes.

Tuesday 14 November

9.15am-11.00am Seniors (Years 5-6)
11.30am-1.15pm Intermediates (Years 7-8)

Approx. 2.20pm - Class and Whānau Relays (whole school)

Wednesday 15 November

11.00am-1.00pm Middles (Year 3-4)
1.40pm-2.45pm Juniors (Years 1-2)



Intermediate Camp – Chocolate Fundraising

Chocolate fundraising for Intermediate Camp has now finished. Please return all unsold chocolates and money to the office as soon as possible to wrap up this venture.

Attendance Awards

Congratulations to the following students who achieved 100% attendance during Term 3:

Abigail Beach, Kascie Bridgeman-Reid, Rocco Adamson, Odyn Adlam, Kodie Bridgeman Reid, Amelia Butters, Ridhaan Chand, Emma Davis, Olivia Davis, Riley Davis, Aria Dwyer, Flynn Grennell, Martine Henry-Smith, Miila Laurence, Aaron Lim, Andy Liu, Cindy Liu, Regan Martin, Hunta McGovern, Ryan McKenna, Peyton Metcalfe, Connor Mischeski, Fatih Muhammad Faris, Liam Mischeski, Lexie Old, André Paris, Isabella Pignéguy, Ramaya Ram, Felix Rook, Elsa Ryan, Aryan Sodhi, Maali Soffe, Nya Soffe, Mary Stephens, Aria Stewart-Jacks, Tasman Sullivan, Louis Trim, Jamie Turama, Konrad Turama, Pippa Welton, William Stretton, Zayden Brown-Washer.

Attendance

	# of Students Attending Last Week	% of Students Attending Last Week	Potential Lost Learning Days per Year
Regular Attendance 90-100%	297	67.35%	Up to 19 days
Irregular Absence 80-89%	15	3.4%	Up to 38 days
Moderate Absence 70-79%	81	18.37%	Up to 58 days
Chronic Absence 0-69%	48	10.88%	Up to 193 days

Meet the Leaders



Kia ora, my name is **Charlie Mattson**, and I am proud to be one of your Ex Officio leaders for the second half of 2023. I currently don't play any sports for the school, but I love netball and swimming. In my free time, you could probably find me wakeboarding or learning new songs on my piano, ukulele or guitar. I pride myself on my humour and friendliness, so if you see me at break time, don't be scared to come and say Hi.

Kia ora koutou, my name is **Charlie Goldfinch** and I am the ex-Head Boy of Bell Block School. Some of my hobbies are shooting hoops in my backyard, taking a run in the neighbourhood or just listening to music on my bed. I have 5 people in my family: my Mum, Dad, sister, brother and myself. I love playing sports, like basketball, swimming and my favourite sport is cross country.



PTA News

This term our fundraiser is Juicies - just in time for summer! For \$10 you can order a 10 pack of Juicies which includes a bonus Juicie holder. There are three delicious flavours - Tropical, Wildberry and Lemonade. A great option to have on hand in the freezer. Order forms have been sent home with students this week and are due back **Friday 17 November**. Pick up will be on Friday 1 December from the school Tuck Shop (near the Library).



Conrad Hailes
Principal

COMMUNITY NOTICES

