

BELL BLOCK SCHOOL NEWSLETTER #33
Friday 10 November 2023

Focus Value:
Respect -Whakaute



School Goal:
To try your best at
Athletics Day

With the term now half completed, we only have five weeks to go in the school year and many more events, activities and learning to pack in.

Thank you again to all the families who have supported the Book Fair over the past week. With your support, we have raised nearly \$3000 in Scholastic Rewards which will provide books and resources for the students of our school. The raffles were also very well supported and the profits will be donated to the library from the PTA. The winners of the three raffles were:

1. Aryan S
2. Mia-May D
3. Rylee B



Celebration Assembly

This week we concluded with another Celebration Assembly which was packed with acknowledging students' achievements. Well done firstly to our award recipients in the national Otago Maths Problem Solving Challenge:

Merit

Isa Talab, Tai Gilbert-Barlow, Riley Davis, Troy Geurts, Charlie Mattson, Cassidy Bhana, Harriet Stretton, Archie Bunting

Excellence

Zara Khan, Markko Ayling-Emeny, Marley Norman, Brooklyn Childs, Olin Mackey, Gwenith Genji

Congratulations also to the Intermediate students who have achieved their Honours Badges:

Charlie Goldfinch, Sophie Chen, Markko Ayling-Emeny, Luka Gowler, Gemma Maltby

Finally, well done also to all the students who received Triple A and Values awards for being amazing students here at Bell Block School.

Liam Harris, Sophia Fisher, Heidi Marx, Salote Mauga, Omar Ali, Kayson Gordon, Orin Jacobs, Nikolina Meafua, Cole Lawn, Lahari Reddipalli, Valandiel Motilal, Elyse Waswo, Lani Johnstone, Troy Geurts, Charlie Mattson, Ryan McKenna, Theo Froude, William Stretton, Cade Skedgwell, Olive Stephens, Vanessa Cheav, Fatih Muhammad Faris, Rayne Pullen, Ridhaan Chand, Jasmin Setti, Alex Hanover, Kyan Iremonger, Walter Henderson, Baylee Mattock, Kayla McDonald

Senior Trip

Senior students enjoyed a trip to Puke Ariki and the Govett Brewster Art Gallery this week to supplement their *Kaitiakitanga* inquiry unit. Students learned about different forms of ocean protection and had the opportunity to explore the Reef Alive exhibition. They also considered Len Lye's kinetic sculptures to make connections with the moana.



Community Consultation Questionnaire

Our Community Consultation Questionnaire is still open so please take some time to help improve our school by sharing your thoughts and ideas. We would love to hear from as many of our families as we can and appreciate your insights so please do have your say. The information will be used to help guide our school direction and strategic planning for 2024 and beyond. The last day to complete the questionnaire is **Monday 13 November**. Please click [here](#) to complete the questionnaire or check your email inbox.

Looking Ahead					
Week 6	Monday 13 November	Tuesday 14 November	Wednesday 15 November	Thursday 16 November	Friday 17 November
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> New Entrant Cohort 8 starts Year 8 Immunisations (catch up) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:15 Senior Athletics 11:30 Intermediate Athletics 1:40 Sprints (Year 3-8) 2:20 Relays 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 11:00 Middle Athletics 1:40 Junior Athletics 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 Singing Assembly Juicie order forms due
Week 7	Monday 20 November	Tuesday 21 November	Wednesday 22 November	Thursday 23 November	Friday 24 November
	TEACHER ONLY DAY SCHOOL CLOSED	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 11:00 Community Helpers' Morning Tea 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2:00 Kapa Haka Group practice 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Subway lunch available Intermediate Technology 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:00 New Entrants' Transition Visit 2:00 Celebration Assembly

Athletics Days

Next week we have our Athletics Days. We welcome all whānau to join us and cheer on your child/ren if you are able. Events in both track and field will take place and the students will give their best across several events and relays. It is always a great couple of days.

The highly anticipated 100m and 200m sprint finals for Years 3-8 will be held on Tuesday 14 November from 1.45pm. Heats have been held during class time and the finalists have been determined. If your child is Year 3-8, please check with them whether they have qualified for the 100m or 200m sprint final.

Tuesday 14 November

9.15am-11.00am Seniors (Years 5-6)
 11.30am-1.15pm Intermediates (Years 7-8)
 From 1.45pm Sprints 100m & 200m Finals (Years 3-8 finalists)
 Approx. 2.20pm Class and Whānau Relays (Years 3-8)



Wednesday 15 November

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

Pack The Bus

We are having a dress-up day to help Taranaki families in need on **Tuesday 21 November**. Students are encouraged to dress up as 'future you' (what you would like to be when you grow up) and bring a donation of either non-perishable food items, a new unwrapped child's gift or cat/kitten food. Please deliver all donations to the Pīwaiwaka Room before school. There will also be a FREE sausage sizzle for all students to enjoy at lunchtime.

High School Orientation Days

A reminder to caregivers of Year 8 students that high school Orientation Days will be held as follows:

Friday 17 November	8:50am - 3:10pm	Inglewood High School
Monday 20 November	11:00am - 12:00pm	New Plymouth Girls' High School & New Plymouth Boys' High School



Please note that Monday 20 November is a Teacher Only Day for Bell Block School. Caregivers of students attending the Inglewood High School Orientation Day must notify the office of their absence prior to the visit.

Subway Lunch Orders



Subway lunch orders are available every week on a Thursday. You can place your order and pay online via the website www.lunchonline.co.nz. The order will be delivered to your child's class at lunchtime on Thursday.

Attendance

	# of Students Attending Last Week	% of Students Attending Last Week	Potential Lost Learning Days per Year
Regular Attendance 90-100%	271	61.45%	Up to 19 days
Irregular Absence 80-89%	79	17.91%	Up to 38 days
Moderate Absence 70-79%	21	4.76%	Up to 58 days
Chronic Absence 0-69%	70	15.87%	Up to 193 days

PTA News

It was nice to see so many whānau/family/special friends visiting the school for Grandparents' Day last week. Thank you to those who popped in to the Tuck Shop for some refreshments. It was our pleasure to provide something to our visitors and raise a little money for the school at the same time. We are pleased to advise that we raised \$437 in tea/coffee, homemade lemonade and baking. The sale of raffle tickets also raised \$492. All funds raised will go back to the school. Thanks to all the PTA members who helped on the day.



Juicies Fundraiser

Just a reminder that our Juicies Fundraiser is still underway and finishes next **Friday 17 November**. Order forms have been sent out with students and are also available to download on the @school app under 'Documents'. It would be appreciated if you would collect all payments together and make one bank transfer or cash payment which is for the TOTAL amount on your order form. Juicies are very handy to have in the freezer for the summer months ahead and every order comes with a handy Juicie holder. Orders can be picked up on Friday 1 December between 2.30pm-3.30pm from the school Tuck Shop building (near the library).



Conrad Hailes
Principal

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Year 6's welcome
No charge but
koha welcome

Fire pit

Sausages & S'mores
Friday 10th November
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 information contact us at recharge@northpoint.org.nz

FREE ENTRY
ALL WELCOME

10:00AM-3PM
SATURDAY
22ND SEPTEMBER

Naimona Pasifika
CHARITABLE TRUST

2023 TARANAKI Pasifika Day

CULTURAL PERFORMANCES
VOLLEYBALL & TAG COMP
FOOD STALLS
LOTS OF PRIZES
& MORE!

SANDERS PARK
TUKAPA RUGBY FIELDS
2ND DECEMBER

INFO@NAIMONA.ORG.NZ OR VISIT WWW.TARANAKINAIMONADAYSHEKA.ORG

A FUN PROGRAMME
THAT KIDS LOVE

Monday 20 November
**TEACHER ONLY DAY
PROGRAMME**

**OSCAR
PROGRAMME
SUBSIDIES
AVAILABLE!**

BELL BLOCK SCHOOL

We've got an amazing programme planned including baking, crafts, games and more!
Book online now for our fun-filled one day holiday programme. See you there!

Full Day: \$54 8:30am-5:30pm	School Day: \$39 9am-3pm	Half Day: \$24 8:30am-1pm or 1pm-5:30pm
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