

BELL BLOCK SCHOOL NEWSLETTER #34
Friday 1 November 2024

Focus Value:
 Responsibility -
 Takohanga



School Goal:
 Take ownership of your
 own learning

Our final short week of the year has passed as we make the final push for academic improvement and last opportunities for students to be involved in activities as the year end draws closer.

It was an absolute pleasure to watch our Kapa Haka rōpu perform at the Puanga Festival on Thursday. They delivered such an impassioned and polished performance that really was very moving. It was clear how hard the students had worked under the guidance of Whaea Raewyn Ashby and we are extremely proud of their efforts.



Looking Ahead

	Monday 4 November	Tuesday 5 November	Wednesday 6 November	Thursday 7 November	Friday 8 November
Week 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 8:00 Breakfast Club ● Book Fair ends 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 8:00 Breakfast Club ● Kapa Haka Group Practice 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Waitara High School Transition Day 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 8:00 Breakfast Club ● 10:15 Celebration Assembly
	Monday 11 November	Tuesday 12 November	Wednesday 13 November	Thursday 14 November	Friday 15 November
Week 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 8:00 Breakfast Club 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 7:00 PTA Meeting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 8:00 Breakfast Club ● Kapa Haka Group Practice ● Student Leader applications due 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 8:00 Breakfast Club ● Inglewood High School Transition Day ● Spiegel Fest Dance Workshop (Year 3-6)

Scholastic Book Fair – Thursday 31 October to Monday 4 November

The Scholastic Book Fair will be open in the library today and Monday 4 November from 8.30am to 3.30pm. There are lots of books and stationery items at amazing prices and every purchase benefits our school by earning rewards points to use on resources. Please do pop in. This is the perfect time to start your Christmas shopping!



Spiegel Fest Dance Workshop

We have been lucky enough to receive a one-hour workshop with a group called 'Dance Projekt'. These dancers are connected to Spiegel Fest through the Taranaki Arts Festival Trust and are running workshops for schools. The Middle and Senior Team (Year 3-6) have been invited to attend a workshop on **Friday 15 November from 10am-11am** in our school hall. This is a rich, real life context for putting the dance component of our Arts curriculum into play, where our students can learn from experts.

You have the opportunity to opt for your child not to participate in this event. Should you wish for your child to opt out, please complete the permission slip on the *@school* app before Wednesday 6 November.

Book Fair and Grandparents' Day

It was a great end to the week with so many of our students getting into the spirit of the Book Fair and having our community being a part of the Grandparents' Day. Thank you to everyone who was able to come along and add to the colour and excitement of the day. We always look forward to this day and the students are so excited to have their families come to school and see what they have been doing. Thank you also to the staff and PTA who brought this event together.



Athletics Days – 20/21 November

Our Athletics Days are three weeks away. Please see details below of when your child will be participating. We always have a great turnout of parents and families coming along to see the students in action so please mark your calendar and join us to cheer on your child if you are able.

The highly anticipated 100m and 200m sprint finals for Years 3-8 will be held on **Thursday 21 November from 1.45pm**. Heats are held during class time in the weeks prior so that finalists can be determined. If your child is in Year 3-8, please check with them whether they have qualified for the 100m or 200m sprint final.



Wednesday 20 November

9.15am-11.30am Middle Team (Rooms 7-10)
1.45pm-2.45pm Junior Team (Rooms 1-6)

Thursday 21 November

9.15am-11.00am Senior Team (Rooms 11-14)
11.30am-1.15pm Intermediate Team (Rooms 17-20)
From 1.45pm Sprints 100m & 200m Finals (Years 3-8 finalists)
Approx. 2.20pm Class and Whānau Relays (Years 3-8)

Final Prizegiving – Thursday 12 December at 6.30pm

Due to the occupancy limit of the hall, we are having our Final Prizegiving at the hall at New Plymouth Girls' High School. This will be a change from our traditional venue but is the only way we can have our whole school together and have families be a part of this event in, hopefully, much cooler temperatures than our most recent Final Prizegiving. We are hoping with this advanced notice that our families will be able to arrange to be there to help us celebrate our amazing students and round out the year.

Conrad Hailes
Principal

COMMUNITY NOTICES

No charge, but a koha is appreciated

ReCharge
International Youth

If it's your first time please get your parent to fill out a rege form. Thanks Hege

Stay Connected
Friday 1st November
6:00-8:00pm

@ Northpoint Baptist Church
116 Mangati Road, Bell Block

Join us for games and food

Year 8's are welcome to join us this term

See you there!

ReCharge is a Youth Group for kids in Year 7 & 8 of school. For more information contact us at recharge@northpoint.org.nz