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OUR VISION

To provide in partnership with home and community
the educational opportunities for all
pupils to develop into life long learners who actively
contribute to society in a positive way.

21ST JUNE 2017.....

Dear Parents / Caregivers and Whānau of our students

We have had a lot of students and some staff quite sick with coughs, colds and flu over recent weeks and we really appreciate parents keeping their children at home when their children are unwell. Thank you, and to the parents who quickly arrange to collect their children as soon as they are able when they are rung to say their child has become unwell.

We have two people to give a Bell Block School welcome to this week: Keinnah Jury and Miss Tori Goble. Keinnah joined Room 2 and Miss Goble, a University student teacher, will be completing her practicum in Room 17 for the next two weeks. We're happy to have you both with us.

PARENT INTERVIEWS – THURSDAY JULY 6.....

Teachers really value the time parents make available to meet with them to talk about the progress their children are making and their achievements and to share ideas for ensuring each child achieves their “Best Always”.

We want every single one of our 420 children to have at least one parent meet their teacher. If the children attend too, they can be involved in reviewing their goals and setting new ones. As parents, you make the decision about whether to bring your child to the interviews or not.

Interviews will be held in the classrooms between 8.00 - 8.30am and 3.10 - 7.30pm. Interviews must be booked online at www.school-interviews.co.nz/code using the event code tjfwp. For further information please see the notice which is being sent home with this newsletter.

STUDENT REPORTS.....

Written reports will be sent home with children on Friday June 30. Each child is an individual and it is not wise to compare their achievements to others. All children progress at different rates and we all have different strengths.

EXPLORERS ENTERTAIN MAIDA VALE RESIDENTS.....

It was obvious how much the residents enjoyed the concert the Explorers put on for them last Friday. It was a very talented stage show including action songs, Lihini singing solo and Amy playing her violin. Well done Explorers.



BULLYING CONTINUED FROM LAST WEEK.....

What do we want our children to do if they are experiencing difficulty of any sort?

If the difficulty is about something happening in class, we want our children to try and work out a satisfactory solution themselves and if they can't:

- 1st talk to the class teacher
 - 2nd if they still need more help talk to their team leader:
- Juniors – Mrs Knuckey, Middle - Mrs Charlton from Term 3
Seniors - Mrs McKey, Intermediates - Mr Bilderbeck

If the difficulty is in the playground again we want our children to try and work out a satisfactory solution themselves and if they can't:

- Tell a duty teacher. There are always four teachers wearing fluoro jackets and at least three teacher aides in the playground at all breaks.
- If there is still a difficulty talk to Mrs Miller or Mr Hailes.

We do not want children not to tell us. Although there are a lot of adults around we cannot see or hear everything that is going on. Please go over these steps with your children. Teachers are going to be reminding the children about these in each class too.

THE LIFE EDUCATION BUS.....

On Tuesday June 27 – Friday July 7 we will be hosting the **Life Education bus**. This very valuable programme will be holding sessions for every class on one of the following topics:

Self Esteem, Social Relationships, Body Systems, Food and Nutrition, Substances.

Please visit this site for further information about the programme:

http://www.lifeeducation.org.nz/inschools/ourprogramme.

The cost is \$3 per child.

Please could you ensure that your child has brought their money to their classroom teacher before the programme begins.

SPCA FUNDRAISER – FRIDAY 23 JUNE.....

This Friday Ashdin and Heath will be on the courts fundraising for the SPCA. There will be lots of fun activities including Student vs Staff races. The goal of the Student Council is to collect as much food and money as they can for the SPCA in order to help give animals a second chance at life. Please send your children to school on Friday with either a donation or a can of pet food. Thank you for your generosity.

KIA ORA FROM THE SENIOR TEAM.....

Some of our recent highlights have been:

- Interschool competition at Welbourn school on Tuesday 13th of June. It is great to see our children competitng hard, showing great sportsmanship and displaying our school values on these excursions. People outside of our school always comment on how polite and respectful Bell Block students are.
- The Lion King - the children are getting excited about our Production in Term 3. Singing practice has started.
- Writing - Room 7 are learning to write clear precise instructions for others to follow. We have decided to create games with instructions on how to play. If anyone has an old game board they no longer need we could certainly use it. Please drop off in Room 7 (they will not be returned).

STUDENT COUNCIL ELECTIONS.....

As we approach mid year we begin to look for our Student Leaders for the second half of 2017. All Year 8 students are invited to put their names forward to be Head Students or Whanau Leaders for Terms 3 and 4.

On Friday last week, Year 8 students were given a copy of the desired leadership qualities and a timeline of the appointment process. All applications are due to Mr Hailes by 3:00pm this Friday. Speeches will be presented to the Intermediate students and voting will occur on Friday 30 June. The announcement of the new Head Students and Whanau Leaders will be made at the final assembly of term on Friday 7 July.

INGLEWOOD HIGH SCHOOL OPEN DAY – THURSDAY 29 JUNE FROM 1PM – 3:10PM.....

Inglewood High School is holding an Open Day for all prospective students for 2018. The programme will begin in the school assembly hall and will include an introduction to the school, an outline of the school curriculum, and will provide an opportunity for parents and prospective students to see the school in action by visiting classrooms and observing teachers and students at work.

TUCKSHOP.....

THIS WEEK’S SPECIAL ... Hotdog Combo \$6 (Hotdog & drink & cookie) ALSO Fidget Spinner Cookies \$1

Apply Slinky Tuesdays till the end of term. Free slinkies – put an apple in your child’s lunchbox.

TE REO PHRASE OF THE WEEK.....

Parts of the Wharenui: Maihi (noun) bargeboards - the facing boards on the gable of a house, the lower ends of which are often ornamented with carving, or a house so adorned.

PARENT INFORMATION.....

Come and join us for coffee on Tuesday 27 June at 9am or 5:30pm and hear about our ideas for the Health Education Programme including the introduction of Sexuality Education, and give us your thoughts too.

DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR.....

Thursday 22 June.....BOT Meeting 5pm
Friday 23 June.....Celebration Assembly – 2pm in the hall
SPCA Fundraiser – donations are appreciated
Tuesday 27 June.....PTA Meeting 7pm at Pekaren, Bell Block Court
Parent Information – School Health Programme 9am & 5:30pm
Wednesday 28 June.....Y7/8 Rippa Rugby at Yarrows Stadium
New Pupil Orientation Morning 9–10:30am in the staffroom
Thursday 29 June.....Inglewood High School Open Day – 1 - 3:10pm – meet in the hall
Friday 30 June.....Reports go home
Monday 3 July.....NZBlood Service – BBK Hall 2 – 6pm
Thursday 6 July.....Parent/Teacher Interviews
Friday 7 July.....Last day of Term 2

COMMUNITY NOTICES:.....

Position Available... After school Respite Carer. Available 1 – 2 days per week between 3 – 5pm.

Please contact the school office: 06 755 0838.

Kelly Club School Holiday Programme starts Monday 10th July till Friday 14th July, held at Mangorei School Hall 8.30 till 5.00...lots of fun activities/cooking/sports - email bridget@kellyclub.co.nz to book now!

Multi Sports Holiday Clinics... Wednesday 12th, Thursday 13th and Friday 14th of July

5 -8 year olds - session times 10-12pm \$50 for all three days

9 -12 year olds - session times 12.30-3pm \$60 for all three days

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Countdown Taranaki Stride + Ride...These events are aimed at entry level participants who want to give a duathlon event a go. Off-road

events are open to individuals of all fitness levels 10yrs +, with the road event open to 14yrs +.

Sunday 9th July- Bell Block Cycle Park, Sunday 13th August- Mangamahoe Forest, Sunday 3rd September- Stratford High School

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*On behalf of the staff
Roz Miller, Principal*