

**BELL BLOCK SCHOOL NEWSLETTER #23**

Friday 8 July 2022

**Focus Value:**  
Responsibility –  
Takohanga



**School Goal:**  
To look after  
our belongings

This afternoon we had our final Celebration Assembly to bring the term to a close. It was also a chance for the Jump Jam team and Wearable Arts students to show their creativity to the school and parents who were able to attend. It is always impressive to see what our students have come up with and just how capable they are. I would like to thank the staff who also supported these projects and gave our students the opportunity to perform and present their creations.

Well done also to all the students who received awards at the assembly:

*Mason Williams, William Stretton, Ash Withers, Eli Bryant, Saige Lomas, Leo Withers, Beau Henderson, Ayla Hinz, Emma Davis, Cohen Mullin, Aria Stewart-Jacks, Vereti Ligavatu, Odyn Adlam, Amelia Austin, Cara Yates, Nathan Bell, Kayla McDonald, Angelo Martin, Layton Bamford, Karter Bailey, Raihaan Gill, Mia Wilmshurst, Lexie Old, Payton Rook, Miila Laurence, Dolly Genji, James Buckley, Ethan Shea, Kethan Vavilala, Layken Stevens-Rapana, Nico Jordan, Noah Hooper, Rylee Holmes, Grace Enoke-Liki*

It was also a pleasure to award a further six Honours Badges to another group of deserving Intermediate students. Well done to Katie Martin, Teegan Watt, Milla Ellis, Katie Gorrie, Adele Keighley and Kupa Walden who, after a year and a half of work, have achieved their Honours Badges. We look forward to more students achieving this award as the year progresses.

Looking Ahead					
	Monday 25 July	Tuesday 26 July	Wednesday 27 July	Thursday 28 July	Friday 29 July
Week 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8:00 Breakfast Club</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8:00 Breakfast Club</li> <li>9.30 Social Worker in school</li> <li>1:45 Kapa Haka Group practice</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Intermediate Technology</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8:00 Breakfast Club</li> </ul>
Week 2	Monday 1 August	Tuesday 2 August	Wednesday 3 August	Thursday 4 August	Friday 5 August
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8:00 Breakfast Club</li> <li>9:00 Promotional visit from NPBHS &amp; NPGHS</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8:00 Breakfast Club</li> <li>9:30 Social Worker in school</li> <li>11:30 Promotional visit from Inglewood High School</li> <li>NPBHS Open Day</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Intermediate Technology</li> <li>NPGHS Open Day</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8:00 Breakfast Club</li> <li>2:00 Celebration Assembly (Class Councillors announced)</li> </ul>

**ICAS Exams**

For those students who would like an extra academic challenge, we will once again offer the ICAS exams this year. This year all entries will be completed online and close by Monday 1 August. If you would like your child to participate, the registration information is in the notice sent out on the school app yesterday.

**Year 7/8 Volleyball**

A reminder that Year 7/8 volleyball fees are due today, Friday 8 July, by 3pm. If you are having difficulty making payment, please contact the office before the deadline to discuss alternative arrangements.

***Our current school attendance rate for this week is 80%***

### **Contact Details**

With the School Board Elections coming up, it is important that we hold up to date contact information for all eligible voters. Please check your contact details in the school app and let the office know if any of your details have changed.

### **New Entrants**

We are currently planning for the New Entrants who start during the second half of the year. If you have not yet enrolled, and have a child who will be starting in the second half of the year could you please enrol as soon as possible. If you know of any other families in zone who are wanting to have a child start this year, please encourage them to make contact with the school. This information is critical for us to give the best possible start to our youngest students.

### **High School Enrolments 2023**

Term 3 is the time to plan for the enrolment of Year 8 students at high school. We are happy to help facilitate this process by liaising with the high schools that most Bell Block School students attend but it is the responsibility of parents to ensure that Open Days are attended, enrolment interviews are booked and enrolment packs completed.

### **High School Prospectus**

The NPGHS prospectus and enrolment information was sent home with all Year 8 girls today - please remember to check school bags.

NPBHS have posted their prospectus to all Year 8 boys.

Inglewood High School will deliver their prospectus to school and these will be distributed to interested students.

### **Promotional Visits**

The following high schools will visit Bell Block School in Term 3 to speak with the Year 8 students and promote their schools:

NPGHS and NPBHS	1 August 2022
Inglewood High School	3 August 2022

### **Open Days**

NPGHS	4 August from 3:30pm
NPBHS	3 August from 3:30pm

### **Enrolment Interviews**

Enrolment interviews with high school staff are attended by parents and students. Interviews must be booked online for NPGHS and NPBHS (please see the prospectus for further information), enrolment interviews for Inglewood High School must be booked by phoning the Bell Block School office to reserve a time. Enrolment interviews are held at Bell Block School on the following dates:

NPGHS	29 August from 1:30pm
NPBHS	29 August from 1:30pm
Inglewood High School	6 September from 9:00am

We wish all our families a happy and safe holiday and we look forward to seeing all our students return on Monday 25 July ready for the new term.

**Conrad Hailes**  
**Principal**

## Bell Block School Board Election

### Parent Election Notice



Nominations are invited for the election of five parent representatives to the school board.

All eligible voters will receive a letter calling for nominations and a nomination form. You can nominate yourself or someone in your community to stand as a candidate. The form must be signed by both the nominator and the candidate.

Additional nomination forms may be obtained from the school office.

Information on who is not eligible to be a board member is provided with the nomination form.

Nominations close at **noon on Wednesday 3 August** and may be accompanied by a signed candidate statement and photograph.

There will be a list of candidates' names on display at the school office and the list will be updated as nominations are received.

The electoral roll is held at the school office and is open for inspection during normal school hours.

Voting, if required, closes at **4pm on Wednesday 7 September**.

Signed

*Gayle Davis*

*Returning Officer*

### COMMUNITY NOTICES:



## OPEN EVENING

3.30pm-6.30pm  
THURSDAY  
4 AUGUST  
PRESENTATION IN THE  
SCHOOL HALL AT 4.45PM

Hi Year 8 girls!  
The students of New Plymouth Girls' High School invite you to come along to our Open Evening on **4 August between 3.30pm and 6.30pm**. We will show you around and give you a taste of what our school has to offer. Our school is about opportunities and there is something for everyone. Come along and see for yourself!



New Plymouth Girls' High School  
Te Kura Taumatawhiri o Puke Ariki  
Whero Tei Kōwhiri, Whero Tei Kōwhiri

Any enquiries phone 06 757 3899 or email [reception@npgghs.school.nz](mailto:reception@npgghs.school.nz)

Ross Brown Rugby 2022 - North  
First skills session - 10 July 10am-12pm  
Tukapa Rugby Grounds

Please bring mouthguard, water bottle, boots – whatever else you may need.

Eligibility is you must weigh under 60 KG at tournament date of August.

You **MUST** be available over the school holidays also.



## Open Evening

### Wednesday 3 August 2022

Guided tours from 3.30pm  
Ryder Hall

You and your whānau are warmly invited to attend New Plymouth Boys' High School's Open Evening.  
Guided tours start at 3.30pm (session one) and 4.30pm (session two), followed by the Headmaster's address.  
Enrolment packs will be available.



## End of Term Celebration

You're invited to the ReCharge

# Classic Kiwi Kids Party

Friday 8th July  
6:00-8:00pm  
Northpoint Baptist Church  
116 Mangati Road, Bell Block

Join us for some fun classic kids party games, and party food.  
Let's end Term 2 with a fun celebration!!

If it's your first time at ReCharge you get a chocolate.  
Bring your friends and you both get a chocolate!

No charge, but Koha welcome

ReCharge is a Youth Group for kids in Year 7 & 8 at school.  
For more information contact us at [recharge@northpoint.org.nz](mailto:recharge@northpoint.org.nz)

# **Bell Block School Board**

Every state and state-integrated school in New Zealand has a board. The board's core role is to govern its school. Standing for election to the school board is a great way to get involved in your child's education and give something back to your community.

## **What is a school board?**

The board's role is to oversee the governance of its school and to ensure that everything that needs to be done gets done - legally, ethically, and as well as possible in the best interests of its students.

The board is the employer of all staff, including the principal, and sets the overall strategic direction for the school. The principal is the board's 'chief executive' and manages the day-to-day operations of the school in line with the board's direction and policies.

A standard board constitution is made up of:

- members elected from the community
- the principal
- a staff-elected representative
- a number of co-opted members (who must be fewer in number than parent-elected members)

Board members have a term of office of up to 3 years.

## **What does the board do?**

The board has a duty to show to its parents, community, and to the government that students are being well prepared for life beyond school. Evidence of progress and future direction is outlined annually in a charter, which is a document declaring specific annual targets and long-term goals.

The board is elected by members of the school community to ensure that the school community has a voice in how its school operates.

The board must also ensure it is a good employer to all the staff in the school.

Here are some things that a board does:

- work with its local community to make sure that the school works in a way that is appropriate for the students, families and wider community that it serves
- create the school charter and strategic plan. These describe the board's long-term plans for the school and sets goals that will help make them happen
- monitor progress towards the long-term plan and goals
- monitor and evaluate student progress and achievement to make sure that every student is getting the preparation they need to survive and thrive in the world
- make overall decisions about the school property (grounds and buildings), finances, curriculum (what is taught) and administration. These decisions are often made on the advice of the principal and staff, and are carried out by the principal and staff once they are made
- ensure that the school gives effect to Te Tiriti o Waitangi
- appoints and supports the principal and assesses their performance

- is a good employer to its staff. The board employs all the staff including the principal. This means that the board has a responsibility to make sure that the school provides a safe and healthy environment for them all to work in and obeys the laws about employment
- setting the strategic direction and targets for the school
- planning towards and reporting on achieving those targets
- curriculum management
- financial and property management
- policies and procedures
- health and safety
- employment of staff at the school

### **What skills do board members need?**

Board members are active leaders in their schools. All members should to be able to:

- work well in a team
- understand and think about what they are being told
- ask relevant and challenging questions
- have good communication skills

Boards also need a balance of specific skills and attributes to make sure that all the board's responsibilities are being met. Board members should have a genuine interest in the work of the school and the education and welfare of its students. Board members should also have:

- passion
- energy
- people skills
- honesty
- integrity

Other knowledge or experience in areas such as Education, Finance, Law, Property, Human Resources, Health and/or the Social Sector may be helpful for a board, but not compulsory.