BELL BLOCK SCHOOL NEWSLETTER
Tuesday 18 May 2021

Last week at the Celebration Assembly our Dance and Drama Technology group performed for the school and the Wearable Arts group showed their amazing creations. It was wonderful to see the impact this had on the rest of the school as they watched on. The excitement and celebration of the success of other students is very nice to see.
It was a great way to start the term and begin the preparations for our Production.
Many of the students in the Wearable Arts group will now be showcasing their creations in the Toi Section of the Taranaki Showquest on 24 June. I'm sure they will represent us with pride.

This week our Senior students begin their winter Interschool Sports Exchanges with a home match against Welbourn School. There are two more of these traditional exchanges this term. Good luck to all the students involved.

Congratulations to all the students who received awards in the Celebration Assembly. It is great to see how many students have settled back into their learning so well.
Cory Franklin, Edi Coster, Mason Page, Liza Makarenko, Alex Price, Lily Hooper, Jessica Grundling, Natalie Watchorn, Cohen Mullin, Ruby Jeffries, Hunter Gordon, Heera Lopinti, Janelle Badenhorst, Adele Keighley, Quin Jeffries, Porsha Jury, Azra Khan, Brodie McKenna, Finn Gardiner, Sefton Taitoko, Dolly Genji, Mia Wilmshurst, Shyla Drummond, Kiarna-Jay Verstraten-Richardson, Sophie Stretton, Chase Tijsen-Pine, Flynn Pollock, Bailey Takerei, Braxton Hinz, Charlie Mattson, Katie Gorrie, Riley Urlich, Jessica Macartney, Lily Watchorn.

Congratulations to the Honours Awards winners: *Merope Amoore, Charlize Duncan, Cian Flannagan, Karanbir Walia, Hannah Buckley, Hollie Webster, Tayla Woodhead.*

Pink Shirt Day
This week we are having a focus on *Respect - Whakaute and Manaakitanga – Caring*. This coincides with Pink Shirt Day.
Celebrated annually around the globe, Pink Shirt Day began in Canada in 2007 when two students took a stand against bullying, after a peer was bullied for wearing a pink shirt. In Aotearoa, Pink Shirt Day works to create schools, workplaces, communities and whānau where everyone feels safe, valued and respected. We are encouraging our students to wear something pink on Friday and to really focus on our values of *Respect* and *Manaakitanga*.
To celebrate we will be having a free sausage sizzle at lunchtime on Friday. There will also be chocolate bars on sale for $2 to support our 2022 camps.

2022 Camps
Every two years we offer our Intermediate students an optional camping experience. Last year this camp was held in Taupō and offered a range of challenging and fun activities. We have already begun the process of booking the camp for Term 1 2022. We realise this comes at a cost to families and are offering a range of fundraising opportunities to help with this cost. All current Year 6 and 7 students (who will be in the Intermediate Team next year) have been given information about chocolate fundraising last week. If you would

like your child to be a part of this fundraising opportunity then please return the permission slips as soon as possible.

Production - *DreamWorks Madagascar - A Musical Adventure Jr.*

Senior and Intermediate students who are auditioning for main cast roles in the Production should be practicing their dance, song and script for their auditions this week. Call backs are planned to be held next week. It is a great opportunity to show *tū māia* and be brave even if they are feeling a bit self-conscious about their performance. It is also a great opportunity to show *respect* and *caring* to others who are auditioning. Although we can't accommodate every one of the students auditioning into one of the main roles, we will have every student being a part of the *Madagascar* Production.

Kids' Lit Quiz

On Wednesday 5 May our Librarian, Ms Manukonga took two teams to the Kids' Lit Quiz held at Sacred Heart Girls College. Both teams had tough competition with 28 other teams entered from around the Whanganui and Taranaki area. Both teams represented the school really well, and while we didn't place this year we have plenty of reading time between now and the next quiz! Well done to both teams.

Pictured are: Charlize Duncan, Riley Davis, Katie Martin, Maddie Dagger, Merope Amoore, Erin Lim, Benjamin Whiteley
Absent: Delevan Mackey

Conrad Hailes
Principal

CALENDAR OF EVENTS TERM 2 2021

MAY	
Wed 19	Sports Assembly 11:40am
Thu 20	New Entrants' visit 11:45am
Fri 21	Pink Shirt Day
Mon 24	Senior Interschool @ BBK 12pm
Tue 25	Senior Trip to Pioneer Village New Entrants' visit 2pm
Thu 27	Senior Trip to Pioneer Village BOT Meeting 5pm
Fri 28	Celebration Assembly 2pm in hall
JUNE	
Tue 1	Chess Tournament @ BBK Junior Trip to Brooklands Zoo
Wed 2	Life Education in school until 17th
Thu 3	New Entrants' visit 11:45am
Mon 7	Queen's Birthday – SCHOOL CLOSED
Tue 8	PTA New Students Morning Tea from 8:45am
Fri 11	Senior Interschool @ Fitzroy 12pm Celebration Assembly 2pm in hall Student Council applications close 3pm

2021 Term dates:

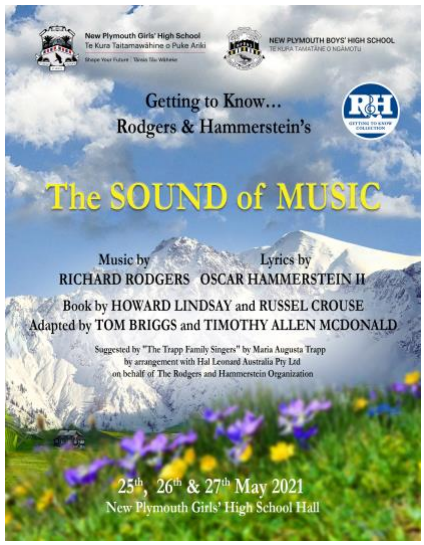
Term 2	3 May – 9 July
Term 3	26 July – 1 October
Term 4	18 October – 14 December

Dates for school events are also located on the School Calendar on our website.

COMMUNITY NOTICES:

New Plymouth Girls' and Boys' High Schools presents the schools' version of the ultimate musical classic. Featuring your favourite songs by a bunch of talented students. There are three evening shows and an afternoon matinee between Tuesday 25th May and Thursday 27th May.

Come along and bring the family! Tickets are reasonably priced at $10 - $15 (plus booking fees) and available online at: www.iticket.co.nz/events/2021/may/np-sound-of-music



Taranaki Steelformers Mountainairs v Hawkes Bay Hawks at the TSB Stadium this Thursday 20 May - Tip off at 7.30pm
Children have free entry with a paying adult! SEE YOU THERE!

BBK SCHOOL BREAKFAST CLUB

Missed brekkie?
Been at training?
Running late?
7am too early to eat?
Still hungry?
Just like Weetbix?

Students join us in the supper room (in the hall) from **8am-8.45am. Monday, Wednesday, Friday**.

All are welcome!