

Senior Team Newsletter

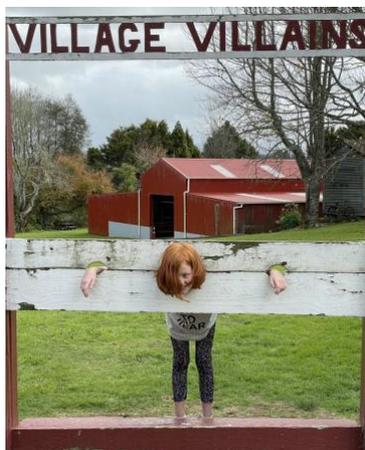
Kia ora, we hope you are all excited for the long weekend ahead and that you use some of this time to relax. We have had an exciting start to Term 2. From our Pioneer Village trip to competing in interschool sports, our Senior students have displayed our school values with immense pride.

Our Pioneer Village Trip

Last week the Senior school had the opportunity to visit the Pioneer Village in Stratford. This was a day filled with firsthand learning of what life was like in the 'olden days'. Students observed how the machines inside an old post shop worked, experienced a lesson from the past, rode on a train, had a chance to play some classic schoolyard games and many more fun activities. The Seniors represented Bell Block School with respect and the feedback we received from the Pioneer Village staff was overwhelmingly positive. We are also hugely grateful to all of the parent volunteers who dedicated their time to support us on this trip. We couldn't have done it without you!

Here are some of the highlights from some of our Seniors:

- *Kurtis Castles*: My highlight was going inside the old prison and riding on the train around the village.
- *Harriet Stretton*: I enjoyed dressing up in olden day clothes and visiting the old hospital.
- *Kyani Waitere and Lani Johnstone*: We both liked trying out the stilts and going on the train the most.
- *Cassidy Bhana*: My favourite three things from Pioneer Village were checking out the barn, riding the train and walking around on stilts.
- *Cru Hinz*: The best parts of the trip for me were balancing on the stilts and seeing how the old print shop worked.





Up and Coming

Production

We are well underway with Production preparations. As you will likely know by now, we will be presenting the stage play of *Madagascar*. Both students and staff alike are excited to take part in the Production. Throughout the next few weeks, students will be chosen for the main roles in the Production, however all students will be taking part in the show regardless. We look forward to sharing this experience with you and learning all about the arts in class.

Interschool Sports

The Seniors have already competed in two interschool sports games. They all showed great resilience, especially when competing in the rain. It has been great to see our Seniors taking the responsibility upon themselves to remember their required gear for these games and their training sessions. We look forward to our next away game against Fitzroy School on 11 June.

Life Education

Over the next few weeks, Harold and the Life Education team will be visiting our school. Our focus will be centred on Digital Citizenship and how to stay safe and positive online. There is an interesting documentary that may be worth viewing if you are looking to start some conversations at home with your child. It is called '[The Social Dilemma](#)' and discusses the effects of screen time and social media on children. It uncovers some hard truths about how software is designed to be addictive and discusses how we might go about dealing with devices at home.



Life Education Taranaki invite all parents and caregivers to a presentation by cyber safety expert John Parsons on 'Raising Resilient Capable Children' Choose between the two available sessions:

Session 1: **Tuesday 8 June 2021 7.30-9.00pm**

VENUE: **Highlands Intermediate Hall (500 tickets)**

Session 2: **Wednesday 9 June 2021 7.30-9.00pm**

(this session is limited to 110 tickets—get in quick!)

VENUE: **Francis Douglas Memorial College Theatre**

COST: **\$10 per adult**

Visit www.eventbrite.co.nz to book your tickets early. Door sales MAY also be available—cash and eftpos



For more information about John Parsons: www.citizen21.co.nz



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Intermediate Youth

MOVIE NIGHT

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Admit One

FRIDAY 4TH JUNE
6:00pm-8:00pm
@Northpoint Baptist Church
116 MANGATIROA BELL BLOCK

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*Enquiries Welcome

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