

BELL BLOCK SCHOOL NEWSLETTER #9
Friday 31 March 2023



Focus Value:
Manaakitanga - Caring

School Goal:
To show a spot of kindness

I must start today by thanking our community for their support of our Gala Day and our PTA team who pulled it all together. We were absolutely blown away by all the home baking that came in on Friday morning and by all the friends and families, past students and community that came to support us last Friday evening. At a time where the cost of living is increasing and many families are finding things a bit more tough, we are truly grateful for the support we received from our community. Our PTA team have done an amazing job getting the sponsors and organising things behind the scenes for many months and it really showed with the fantastic prizes and activities that were on offer. Thank you so much to everyone involved in the Gala and thank you to everyone who was able to come along on the night.

One of the traditional Gala events is the Staff vs Students vs PTA silent auction cake competition. The PTA were the overall winners, raising over \$200 for their cake entries. The students also raised nearly \$200 and now take a 2-0 lead in the ongoing Staff v Students challenge.

The triathlon was reduced to a Splash and Dash (swim and run) but after an absence of two years it was great to see so many students involved in the event this year. From the very competitive to the just give-it-a-go, so many of our students challenged themselves both as part of a team or as individuals, many students competing in both the team and individual events. Well done to all the students who gave it their best and to Miss Venter for her organisation of the event.

The Mufti Day for the Bay that we contributed to raised over \$28,000 from Taranaki schools and their communities. When we add that to the money raised by our Manawatu cousins, we were able to donate more than \$52,000 to help schools and communities affected by Cyclone Gabrielle. Thank you again for your support of this event and well done everyone who was able to contribute.

Looking Ahead

	Monday 3 April	Tuesday 4 April	Wednesday 5 April	Thursday 6 April	Friday 7 April
Week 10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:00 Breakfast Club Kid's Lit Quiz Intermediate Team Celebration 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lost Property on display Volleyball fees due Interschool swimming Years 6-8 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:00 Breakfast Club 9:30 Social Worker in school Middle Team Celebration 2:00 Kapa Haka Group practice Pizza Day 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Intermediate Technology Junior Celebration Senior Celebration Last day of Term 1 	<p align="center">GOOD FRIDAY SCHOOL CLOSED</p>

Term 2 Dates

Just a quick reminder that Term 2 starts on **Wednesday 26 April**, with Monday 24 April being a Teacher Only Day and Tuesday 25 April being ANZAC day. Term 2 finishes on Friday 30 June.

Pizza Day

Pizza Day is on **Wednesday 5 April** to raise funds for the Student Council Legacy Project.



Our current school attendance rate for this week is 90%

Lost Property



We are at that time of term when we make an extra push to reunite lost property with its owners. Lost property will be out on display on **Tuesday 4 April**. Classes will be taken through but parents are welcome to have a look to try and reunite lost items with their owners. Any items left at the end of term will be donated to charity. The lost property cupboard is located in the corridor by Rooms 15/16.

Triathlon Results

Team Event

Year 3	1 st Samuel Han & Jay Withers 2 nd Jackson Payne & Dylan Coombs 3 rd Madeline Plowright & Thomas Suter
Year 4	1 st Lucy Upton-Fleming and Jali Deuart 2 nd Red Marzan & Fatih Muhammad Faris 3 rd Keeley Rowe & Brodie McKenna
Year 5	1 st Aston Gesterkamp-Young & Jaxon Hardgrave 2 nd Harper Taylor & Nya McLeod 3 rd Heath Logie & Andre Paris
Year 6	1 st Indie Mattock & Lily Hooper 2 nd Jack Goldfinch & Maatai Taogaga 3 rd Reeve Coster & Kingsley Yang
Year 7	1 st Lani Johnstone & Katey Peterson 2 nd Ayla White & Harriet Stretton 3 rd Maeve Luke & Lyla Watchorn
Year 8	1 st Leo Padrutt & Charlie Goldfinch/Markko Ayling-Emeny 2 nd Riley Davis & Tai Gilbert-Barlow 3 rd Joel Phillips & Anthony Reid



Individual Event

Year 3 Boys	1 st Jackson Payne	2 nd Preston Adlam	3 rd Jake Sanderson
Year 3 Girls	1 st Emme Pringle	2 nd Jessa Pollock	3 rd Scarlett Blackett
Year 4 Boys	1 st Charlie Parkinson	2 nd Jamie Turama	3 rd Jaxon Bartle
Year 4 Girls	1 st Edi Coster	2 nd Evie Goldfinch	3 rd Lucy Upton-Fleming
Year 5 Boys	1 st Reeve Coster	2 nd Jack Goldfinch	3 rd Lewis Wipiiti-Boylan
Year 5 Girls	1 st Sophie Stretton	2 nd Emily Cooper	3 rd Olivia Davis
Year 6 Boys	1 st Maatai Taogaga	2 nd Regan Martin	3 rd Billy Marx
Year 6 Girls	1 st Chloe Bishop	2 nd Connie Upton-Fleming	3 rd Indie Mattock
Year 7 Boys	1 st Flynn Pollock	2 nd Ty Hardgrave	3 rd Cain Logie
Year 7 Girls	1 st Harriet Stretton	2 nd Lani Johnstone	3 rd Aleisha Cooper
Year 8 Boys	1 st Charlie Goldfinch	2 nd Riley Davis	3 rd Markko Ayling-Emeny
Year 8 Girls	1 st Cara Yates	2 nd Gemma Maltby	3 rd Baylee Mattock

Winter Sports

Volleyball registrations for Years 7/8 close today. We will need a few more players to make up a team. Please register via the school website. If you have any questions or would like to know more information, please email sport@bellblock.school.nz

Nominate our school to WIN a \$10,000 sports grant!

AA Insurance Big Little Sponsorship is back!

Nominate our school for the chance to win one of two \$10,000 sports grants. Entering is easy! Teachers, students, parents, friends and whānau can all share the love and show their support for our school by visiting www.aainsurance.co.nz/big-little
Entries are now open, so get your nominations in today!



Meet the Leaders



Kia ora, my name is **Luka Gowler** and I'm your ICT Student Leader for the first half of 2023. I joined Bell Block School at the beginning of last year and have enjoyed all the amazing experiences Bell Block School has to offer. I am excited to be a part of your Student Council and want to represent the school as best I can. I would really like to get to know more of you so if you see me around come and say "Hi!"

Gala



We hope everyone who came to our Gala last week had an amazing evening full of fun, food and entertainment. We saw lots of smiling faces around the school! We are extremely proud to announce as a result of our Gala, we have raised approximately \$25,000 for Bell Block School! Thank you also to all of our hard-working PTA members, volunteers, staff and intermediate students who helped out on the night at all of our different stalls. Without you all it would not have been possible.

We would like to acknowledge our MCs on the quickfire raffle truck – Glen Bennett, MP for New Plymouth and Lisa Weston from Pekaren – who entertained the crowd for the evening while raffling some amazing prizes. We were so lucky to have amazing support from all of our sponsors this year which helped make it an incredible success. We have been acknowledging all of our sponsors on our Facebook page - follow us (details below) and please support our sponsors as they have supported us.



PTA Members

While we are taking a break from Gala organisation, we are always looking for more PTA members to help throughout the year in our fundraising endeavours to support Bell Block School. If you would like to know more information about joining this amazing team of parents please email: pta@bellblock.school.nz. Or come along to our next meeting: **Tuesday 2 May 2023, 7pm** in the school staffroom.



Follow us on Facebook ('Bell Block School PTA')

From all the team at Bell Block School, we wish you a happy and safe holiday and we look forward to seeing all our students back for the start of Term 2.

Conrad Hailes
Principal

COMMUNITY NOTICES

