

BELL BLOCK SCHOOL NEWSLETTER #28
Friday 21 September 2023

Focus Value:
Responsibility -
Takohanga



School Goal:
Take responsibility for
keeping your areas tidy

We have reached the end of Term 3 and it has been a busy and rewarding term. The Arts Showcase, Cross Country and Te Ao days were highlights of the term and really displayed what Bell Block School students can do when showing tu māia and being *their best always*.

We are pleased to announce that we have appointed Courtney Goldsworthy to our Deputy Principal position starting at the beginning of the 2024 year. Courtney is currently working at Mangorei School and will bring a wealth of skills and experience to our school. Mrs Goldsworthy will be coming to visit our school next term to begin her transition to Bell Block School. With the appointment of new staff, Miss Josie Hick will be changing roles within our school for Term 4 and Mrs Renee Pearce will be stepping in to teach Room 14 for the rest of the year.

I would like to thank Mrs Emily Doelman and Mrs Renee Pearce for stepping in to the Deputy Principal and Assistant Principal roles for Terms 3 and 4 this year. Their help has been much appreciated. I also extend thanks to Miss Josie Hick for her work in Room 14 during Term 3 and I know that Mrs Pearce is very excited about working with the Room 14 students next term.

We finished our term with our traditional Celebration Assembly where we acknowledged another group of fantastic students and also our cross country champions.

Juke Smith, Ariki John-Dunn, Kora Ardern, Jackson Thurman, Jasper Welton, Jackson Payne, Edi Coster, Jessa Pollock, Dolly Genji, Lily-Belle Te Whata, Jasmin Setti, Vereti Ligavatu, Glacia Ngoi Hawaiki Te Amora, Charlie Goldfinch, Hunter Gordon, Hannah Bradburn, Tai Gilbert-Barlow, Thea Watson, Aria Dwyer, Milan Raigan, Heidi Marx, Karam Kaur, Leo Charlton, Armaan Sodhi, Kyra Khan, Lexi Morgan, Harleen Sodhi, Max Singh, Zack Green, Felix Evans, Gwenith Genji, Neena Waswo, Brooklyn Childs, Kane Christiansen

Well done to all the students who received awards this assembly and this term.

With 2024 being a camp year we have begun the process of planning for the 2024 Intermediate and Senior camps. Parents of all current Year 6 and 7 students will have received information about the first of the fundraising opportunities via the school app. There will be lots more information about camp to follow but this is just an early notice and opportunity for our families to prepare.

With Term 3 completed, planning is well underway for Term 4 which is always a busy and exciting term to end our year. We would like to wish all our families a relaxing and safe holiday and we look forward to seeing all the students back on Monday 9 October ready for the new term.

Looking Ahead

	Monday 9 October	Tuesday 10 October	Wednesday 11 October	Thursday 12 October	Friday 13 October
Week 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none">8:00 Breakfast ClubNew Entrants startFIRST DAY OF TERM 4		<ul style="list-style-type: none">8:00 Breakfast Club2:00 Kapa Haka Group practice3:30 Out of zone enrolment applications close	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Intermediate Technology	<ul style="list-style-type: none">8:00 Breakfast Club2:00 Singing Assembly

Sun Hats

Sun hats are compulsory during Term 4 and Term 1. Hats are available for purchase from the school office for \$13. Payment can be made by internet banking to 15 3956 0057371 02. Please include your child's name and 'sunhat' in the reference. Hats will then be delivered to the student's classroom. Otherwise, cash or EFTPOS is available at the office. Sunscreen is also very important and is provided in each class by our PTA. Students not wearing a hat will be encouraged to play in the shade.



Weetbix TRYathlon – Wednesday 27 March 2024

Entries for the New Plymouth Sanitarium Weet-Bix Kids TRYathlon™ are NOW OPEN! The TRYathlon will be held on **Wednesday 27 March 2024** at Ngāmotu Beach. The TRYathlon is all about giving it a TRY and is a rewarding and fun day out for participants aged 6-15 years. For all information and to enter, please visit the Weetbix TRYathlon [website](#). To join the Bell Block School group, search for 'Bell Block School' when prompted. Please note that the Senior Camp (Years 5/6) will take place from Tuesday 26 March – Thursday 28 March 2024.



Attendance

	# of Students Attending Last Week	% of Students Attending Last Week	Potential Lost Learning Days per Year
Regular Attendance 90-100%	276	63.16%	Up to 19 days
Irregular Absence 80-89%	83	18.99%	Up to 38 days
Moderate Absence 70-79%	12	2.75%	Up to 58 days
Chronic Absence 0-69%	66	15.1%	Up to 193 days

Term 4 Sports

Our 24 summer sports teams have now been finalised. Team lists are available on the school app as well as contact details for the team coach/manager. Uniforms will be issued in the first week of term. It's fantastic to see so many students participating in summer sports teams.



Meet the Leaders



Kia ora, my name is **Yuki Wada-Butcher**, I'm 12 years old and I am one of the Pīwaiwaka Whanau Leaders for the second half of the year. Some people might recognise me and that's because I was also a Whanau Leader in the first half of the year so this is my second time doing it. I enjoyed it so much that I just had to apply for it again. Some of my favourite things to do are dancing, skating, swimming, or just hanging out with my friends or family. Being a Whanau Leader has taught me so many things and I have been able to face new challenges and learn to be a better role model.



Kia ora everyone. My name is **Cara Yates**, I'm 12 years old and I'm very privileged to be your Pīwaiwaka Whanau Leader for the second half of the year. Outside of school I love to ride my 3 ponies and compete them during the weekend, hangout with friends and family and go to Waitara Pony Club. I'm very grateful to be part of the Student Council because it's taught me so many things that will help me later in life like time management, leadership and working with others in a small or large group. Sadly, last year I missed out on getting into the Student Council but I have persevered and made my dream come true. If you see me at break time, don't be afraid to come and say "Hi".

Conrad Hailes
Principal

COMMUNITY NOTICES

**BakerTilly Staples Rodway
Young Visionaries | Term 4 2023**

The Gallery's weekly after-school art classes return in Term 4, to inspire great ideas with great art.

Bookings are open now!

In Term 4, have fun experimenting with various forms of animation, and star in your own film still. Make art that explores optical illusions in Len Lye's kinetic sculptures. Celebrate to Māori, construct a pataka (store house), taupapa (canoe stern) and make poi to tell your own story.

Ages 6 – 8 | Wed 11 October – 13 December | 3.45 – 5.15 pm
Ages 9 – 12 | Thu 12 October – 14 December | 3.45 – 5.15 pm
Where | Todd Energy Learning Centre at the Govett-Brewster Art Gallery | Len Lye Centre
Cost | \$10 per term

Book online at our [website](#). Once you have booked, you will receive further information about the sessions in the next 1-2 working days.

The Young Visionaries after-school art programme is generously supported by BakerTilly Staples Rodway.





#ITSMYMOVE

**FUN | SOCIAL
GIRLS DAY OUT**

Join us for our Girls Golf Day to learn new skills and enjoy a day out with your friends!

Location: John Dwyer Golf Course
Cost: \$10 per person (includes golf club hire, balls and a drink)
Where: John Dwyer Golf Course, 1000 John Dwyer Drive, Napier
Time: 10am - 12pm
Booking: Essential
Booking Link: [Book Here](#)

She Loves Golf

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TARANAKI**

**COMMUNITY EVENT
HALLOWEEN
DISCO**

Costume Party

Saturday 28th October

From 10am till 3pm

@ BELL BLOCK RUGBY CLUB

Koha an entry for Kids & Families

RIP

Summer League 2023/24

Begins Oct 16th
Entries open NOW!

Our Mixed 6 outside Indoor Netball Summer League this year is going to be HOT!! With social or competitive divisions on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Sunday evenings!

Enter your team online today or get in touch with us for more information!

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ACTION

NEW PLYMOUTH BMX CLUB



**GIVE IT A GO DAY
NEW PLYMOUTH BMX CLUB**

SATURDAY 14th OCTOBER

10am - 1pm

FREE

Turn up on the day

If you have a child keen to try BMX come along and give it a go! We will provide bikes, helmets and gloves. Please wear long pants, long sleeves and covered shoes.

Upcoming Presentations TARANAKI!

TARANAKI - HAVE YOU GOT YOUR TICKETS?

Mon 2nd Oct - HAWERA: Understanding Your Brain - Building Resilience & Maximising Learning

Mon 4th Oct - NEW PLYMOUTH: Understanding Your Brain - Building Resilience & Maximising Learning

Tickets can be purchased via:
[www.eventfinda.co.nz](#)
(Search "Nathan Wallis: Hawera or New Plymouth")

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