

BELL BLOCK SCHOOL NEWSLETTER #25
Friday 1 September 2023

Focus Value:
 Responsibility -
 Takohanga



School Goal:
 Taking responsibility for
 your own learning

With Week 7 now finished we are closing in on the end of Term 3. There are still lots of things happening as we build towards our end of term activities like Celebration Days, recognising all the students who have consistently modelled our school motto *Kaha i ngā wā katoa – Our Best Always*. Next week, Life Education continues with Harold the Giraffe and the New Plymouth Cross Country event for our qualified Year 4-6 runners is on Friday.

On Wednesday this week we had the Staff vs Students basketball game played in front of a very excited and vocal crowd. After a titanic struggle, the score was tied 20-20 at the final whistle with the staff scoring first in sudden death overtime. We would like to thank Quintin from the Taranaki Airts and Zoe from the Taranaki Thunder basketball teams for adding some genuine talent to the staff team. After a very well founded student protest the staff team was obviously disqualified and the students have claimed another victory.



If you know of any families who live out of zone that would like to attend Bell Block School next year, please have them make contact with the school office as the enrolment application process is now open. If you have a child turning five this year or next year, you can enrol your child now. This helps us as a school prepare and plan for staff allocation. If you have any questions about enrolments please contact our school office team who will be able to assist.

Looking Ahead

	Monday 4 September	Tuesday 5 September	Wednesday 6 September	Thursday 7 September	Friday 8 September
Week 8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:00 Breakfast Club Life Education bus Calendar art on display in classrooms Let's Go Fresh Air Challenge 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Te Ao Māori Day Let's Go Fresh Air Challenge 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:00 Breakfast Club Te Ao Māori Day 2:00 Kapa Haka Group practice Let's Go Fresh Air Challenge 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Intermediate Technology Life Education bus Let's Go Fresh Air Challenge 5:00 Board Meeting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:00 Breakfast Club 9:00 New Entrants' Transition Visit NP Cross Country Life Education bus Let's Go Fresh Air Challenge Calendar Art orders close Netball registrations close Term 4 sports fees due 2:00 Celebration Assembly
	Monday 11 September	Tuesday 12 September	Wednesday 13 September	Thursday 14 September	Friday 15 September
Week 9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:00 Breakfast Club Let's Go Fresh Air Challenge Te Wiki o te Reo Māori 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Let's Go Fresh Air Challenge Year 6 AWE Water Safety Programme 7:00 PTA Meeting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:00 Breakfast Club Let's Go Fresh Air Challenge Year 6 AWE Water Safety Programme Middle Team Trip to Pioneer Village – Rm 9/10 2:00 Kapa Haka Group practice 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:00 Open Morning Intermediate Technology Let's Go Fresh Air Challenge Year 6 AWE Water Safety Programme Middle Team Trip to Pioneer Village – Rm 7/8 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:00 Breakfast Club 9:00 New Entrants' Transition Visit Let's Go Fresh Air Challenge 2:00 Singing Assembly

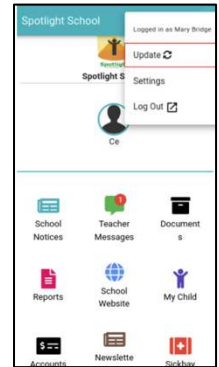
Let's Go Fresh Air Challenge



Next week is the start of the Let's Go Fresh Air Challenge. This is a chance for your child's whole class to win a prize. Walk, cycle or scooter to school between 4 and 15 September and the class with the highest percentage will win. So, get ready and get excited to walk, cycle or scooter to school next week!

'@school' Parent App

There is an update to the @school Parent App available. Please ensure you are using the most up-to-date version of the app by selecting 'Update' from the menu in the top right of the dashboard.



Attendance

	# of Students Attending Last Week	% of Students Attending Last Week	Potential Lost Learning Days per Year
Regular Attendance 90-100%	250	57.47%	Up to 19 days
Irregular Absence 80-89%	91	20.92%	Up to 38 days
Moderate Absence 70-79%	13	2.99%	Up to 58 days
Chronic Absence 0-69%	81	18.62%	Up to 193 days

Lunch Online

We are pleased to now be able to offer lunch orders from Subway once a week on a Thursday. You can place your order and pay online via the website www.lunchonline.co.nz. The order will be delivered to your student/s at lunchtime on Thursday. Cut-off time for orders is 8.00am Thursday. Advance orders are possible and may be cancelled up to 8.00am on the Thursday if your child is absent that day for any reason. Please be aware that the Board are currently in the process of developing schoolwide Healthy Eating Guidelines which may mean that some menu items currently available may not be offered in the future.



Term 4 Sports

Registrations close today for the following Term 4 school sports teams:

Touch – Years 1-8

Cricket – Years 1-8

Hockey – Years 3-6

Netball registrations for Year 1-2 close next Friday 8 September.

Registrations can be completed by visiting the school website www.bellblock.school.nz.

Payment of fees is required no later than Friday 8 September at 3.00pm. Online payment to the school bank account is preferred or correct cash in the school Drop Box. If you are having difficulty making payment, please contact the office before the deadline to discuss alternative arrangements. Late payments will not be accepted and your child will miss out on team selection.

Coaches – Touch and Cricket



We are still looking for coaches for our U6, U10 and U12 touch teams and a junior cricket team please. The team is not able to be entered if there is no coach or manager to support the players. Please consider putting your hand up if you're able to assist or know someone who may be able to help. Please email sport@bellblock.school.nz

Congratulations to our Year 8 boys basketball team, *Bell Block Nets*, who made it through to semi-final stage and came up against Devon Aces on Tuesday. The team played hard and represented our school with pride but were unlucky to secure the win.



Out of Zone Enrolments 2024

The Board invites applications from parents who wish to enrol their children at Bell Block School for next year.

Enrolment at the school is governed by an enrolment scheme, details of which are available from the school office.

To apply for a place for your child please download an enrolment form from the Enrolments page of our [website](#) and provide your child's birth certificate and immunisation record to the school office. Enrolment packs are also available from the school office.

Applications for out of zone enrolments for 2024 must be received by 3:30pm on Wednesday 11 October 2023 (please see the timeline below for further information). Parents of students who live within the home zone should also apply by this date to assist the school to plan appropriately for next year. *Please note that children with siblings currently enrolled who live outside of the school zone must apply as an out of zone student.*

The exact number of places available will depend on the number of applications received from students who live within the school's home zone.

If the number of out of zone applications exceeds the number of places available, students will be selected by ballot. If a ballot is required it will be held on 12 October 2023. Parents will be informed of the outcome of the ballot within three school days of the ballot being held.

An Open Morning is scheduled for Thursday 14 September from 9am - 10am for families and children who are interested in seeing what our school has to offer. Please sign in at the office and meet in the staffroom. No reservations required.

Should you have any questions regarding enrolments, please contact Kim Thomas in the office on 06 755 0838 or email office@bellblock.school.nz.

ENROLMENT TIMELINE FOR 2024

Thursday 11 May 2023	Board meeting to determine number of places available
Wednesday 30 August 2023	Advertisement of out of zone places commences
Wednesday 11 October 2023	Deadline for out of zone places closes at 3:30pm
Thursday 12 October 2023	Ballot for out of zone places (if required)
Friday 13 October 2023	Parents notified of outcome
Friday 27 October 2023	Parents must confirm whether the offer of a place is accepted or declined

PTA Meeting

We invite all parents/caregivers to our next PTA Meeting on **Tuesday 12 September at 7pm** in the school staffroom. At our meetings we discuss all fundraising opportunities and ideas that help support our school. You can also follow the Bell Block School PTA on [Facebook](#) for all upcoming events and information.

PTA News

Calendar art is now on display in the classrooms. Students have produced some amazing art work which can be printed on calendars, notepads, cards, diaries or drink bottles. These make great Christmas gifts for friends and whānau. An order form has been sent home with students or is available to download from the school app under 'Documents'. Order forms are due in to the office by Friday 8 September please.



Conrad Hailes
Principal

COMMUNITY NOTICES

REAL LIFE

MONOPOLY

ReCharge

No charge but
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FRIDAY 1ST SEPTEMBER

6:00-8:00PM

@ NORTHPOINT BAPTIST
CHURCH

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