

BELL BLOCK SCHOOL NEWSLETTER #26
Friday 8 September 2023

Focus Value:
Responsibility -
Takohanga



School Goal:
Taking responsibility for
your own actions both in
the classroom and in the
playground

Week 8 saw students taking on lots of learning and hands on activities in Te Ao Māori. These incorporated learning in class across the students' teams and in their school whānau across a range of activities. It has been amazing to see the students' learning and all the things they have made. They have been very excited and there has been a real buzz around the school. Thank you to Mr Kade Forsyth and the staff for their work in preparing and planning for these days and also to Kelsi Tamaiparea and Dave Trinder for their help and guidance.



Life Education has been in full swing with students working with Harold the Giraffe and the Life Education teacher in the mobile classroom. These sessions are always full of useful and interesting information and the students look forward to them with great anticipation.

The Celebration Assembly concluded our week and showcased the work of some of our students from the Kererū whānau. We also acknowledged another group of fantastic students for their hard work and for living the school values over the past two weeks.

Seth Rodejo, Tony Chen, Amelia Butters, Odin Neill, Nicholas Hessel, Georgia Emeny, Ariies Crean, Rocco Neill, Mia-May Davis, Emma Davis, Alivia Martin, Hunta McGovern, Lyla Watchorn, Alissa Schultz, Apikale Ligavatu, Lola Shaw, Mela McGovern, Mason Page, Nadia Green, Cindy Liu, Charlie Parkinson, Heath Logie, Olivia Davis, Fergus Luke, Marley Norman, Ashley Harris

Well done to all the students who received awards at the Assembly.

Unfortunately, next week will be the final week for Miss Caitlin Amos as the Room 8 teacher. She is pursuing a career outside teaching. Caitlin has been teaching here at Bell Block School for three years and we wish her all the best for this new challenge. Fortunately, we have been lucky enough to secure the return of Mrs Sian Evans and Mrs Aleisha Parkinson, both highly experienced teachers who will be sharing this role until the end of the year.

With two weeks left there are still lots of engaging activities and classroom learning to go this term. The Middle Team trip to Pioneer Village, Celebration Days and Pizza Day all lead up to the final Celebration Assembly of the term. This is the time our students should be showing all the learning that has occurred this year and produce their best quality work of the term.

Subway Lunch Orders

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. For further details, please refer to the parent app message. 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.



Looking Ahead					
Week 9	Monday 11 September	Tuesday 12 September	Wednesday 13 September	Thursday 14 September	Friday 15 September
	<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
Week 10	Monday 18 September	Tuesday 19 September	Wednesday 20 September	Thursday 21 September	Friday 22 September
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:00 Breakfast Club 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:00 Breakfast Club Lost Property on display Outdoor Academy Pizza Day Taranaki School Cross Country 11:30 Junior Team Celebration 2:00 Kapa Haka Group practice 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Intermediate Technology 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:00 Breakfast Club 9:00 New Entrants' Transition Visit 9:30 Senior Team Celebration 2:00 Celebration Assembly

Upcoming Dates

Please make a note in your calendar of the dates for next year's Senior and Intermediate Camp. More information will follow soon.

Senior Camp (Years 5-6): Tuesday 26 March – Thursday 28 March 2024

Intermediate Camp (Years 7-8): Monday 23 September – Friday 27 September 2024

Enrolments 2024

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

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). *Please note that children with siblings currently enrolled who live outside of the school zone must apply as an out of zone student.*

Parents of students who live within the home zone should also apply by Wednesday 11 October to assist the school to plan appropriately for next year.

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.

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

Term 4 Sports

Netball registrations for Year 1-2 close today.

A reminder that payment for touch, cricket and hockey is due by 3pm today. 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.

Attendance

	# of Students Attending Last Week	% of Students Attending Last Week	Potential Lost Learning Days per Year
Regular Attendance 90-100%	273	62.33%	Up to 19 days
Irregular Absence 80-89%	27	6.16%	Up to 38 days
Moderate Absence 70-79%	56	12.79%	Up to 58 days
Chronic Absence 0-69%	82	18.72%	Up to 193 days

Meet the Leaders



Kia ora, my name is **Gemma Maltby** and I am honoured to be the Head Girl for the second half of 2023. Outside of school I love to do jazz, hip hop and contemporary dancing, roller skating, swimming and netball. I love taking my dog for walks on the beach. I am friendly and approachable so you can always come up to me with any questions or even just to introduce yourself! I am very excited to be Head Girl because I know I will get many opportunities and challenges and will be able to improve in my leadership skills. I can't wait for what exciting challenges these terms will bring!



Hi! I'm **Leo Padrutt**, and I am the Head Boy for the second half of this year. Here's a bit about me: I love climbing, mountain biking, skiing, hockey, and surf lifesaving. Besides being sporty, I am also very creative and love building things. If you see me in the playground or outside of school, don't be shy – come and say "Hi!" I'm easy to talk to and will always lend a helping hand.

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.

Conrad Hailes

Principal

COMMUNITY NOTICES

HANGOUTS

FRIDAY 8th September
6:00-8:00pm
@Northpoint Baptist Church
116 Mangati Road, Bell Block

Boys bring something savoury and
Girls bring some fruit for shared kai.

ReCharge is a Youth Group for kids in Year 7 & 8 at school.
For more information contact us at recharge@northpoint.org.nz

LEPPERTON TENNIS COACHING

Register now -Junior & Adults Tennis Coaching Program Term 4 2023.

Kids coaching. Suitable for any ability, ages 5-16, Mondays (main day) or Fridays (interest dependent). After school, times to be advised once groups are sorted. Qualified coach, \$55 each for term, small discount for subsequent children.

Adult coaching/ Cardio fitness class- Fridays 5.45pm. Suitable for all, even non tennis players.

Club Open Day -Questions/ Registrations & BBQ- Friday September 22nd 4 - 6pm

Interested in playing kids interclub - contact us.

Coaching registration via - Lepperton Tennis website, click [coaching](#), or use <https://clubspark.kiwi/LeppertonTennisClub/Coaching>

email shereandrew@hotmail.com if any questions.

Wanna try sailing?

Learn to sail with the
Waitara Boating Club

Our popular Learn to Sail courses are designed to introduce children aged 9 to 16 years and their parents to the sport of sailing. The three day courses run in October and December each year. Boats and buoyancy vests are provided, and include member benefits for the season.

Check www.sportsground.co.nz/waitaraboating for more

Contact waitaraboatingclub@xtra.co.nz