

BELL BLOCK SCHOOL NEWSLETTER #27
Friday 15 September 2023

Focus Value:
 Responsibility -
 Takohanga



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

It was an exciting start to the week for our Junior Team who had Egmont Honey come to visit as part of our inquiry around bees. The team is learning all about bees and how we can play a small part in helping to protect them. Fiona talked through the process of how honey is made and what a vital role they play for our growers. We were even able to try some of their delicious mānuka honey!

The Middle Team had the wonderful opportunity to visit Taranaki Pioneer Village in Stratford this week. All classes were immersed in the experience of what life would have been like in the past. This included visiting a classroom to experience what school would have been like in the olden days, along with washing clothes using original laundry equipment, dressing up in vintage clothing and also included a fun ride in the old train. Remembering and valuing our past is an important part of our learning towards kaitiakitanga, focusing on the importance of being guardians for our past, present and future.



Looking Ahead

	Monday 18 September	Tuesday 19 September	Wednesday 20 September	Thursday 21 September	Friday 22 September
Week 10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:00 Breakfast Club 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Intermediate Team Celebration PTA Noodle Head Fundraiser 4:30-8:00pm 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:00 Breakfast Club Lost Property on display 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 Middle Team Celebration 	<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 LAST DAY OF TERM 3

Water Safety

The Senior Team participated in a water safety programme this week sponsored by AWE and NPDC at the Todd Energy Aquatic Centre. Students were taken through a series of water safety exercises and activities. Thanks to the Senior Team teachers for organising this opportunity for our students.

Celebration Days

With the end of term, comes the Celebration Days for the students who continually do their 'Best Always'. This is a small way for us to recognise the fantastic students who consistently meet our behaviour expectations throughout the term.

New Plymouth Cross Country



Our top 9-11 year old runners attended the New Plymouth Cross Country event last week and represented Bell Block School with pride. Some of these runners will again represent our school in the Taranaki Primary Schools Cross Country Championships in Hawera next week.



Pizza Day



Pizza Day is on **Wednesday 20 September** to raise money for the Student Council Legacy Project. Orders closed at 12pm today. If your child is absent that day and has ordered pizza, please contact the office to make alternative arrangements for their pizza order.

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 **Wednesday 20 September**. Classes will be taken through and parents are welcome to have a look and retrieve any misplaced property. 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.



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

Attendance

	# of Students Attending Last Week	% of Students Attending Last Week	Potential Lost Learning Days per Year
Regular Attendance 90-100%	283	64.76%	Up to 19 days
Irregular Absence 80-89%	72	16.48%	Up to 38 days
Moderate Absence 70-79%	12	2.75%	Up to 58 days
Chronic Absence 0-69%	70	16.02%	Up to 193 days

Term 4 Sports

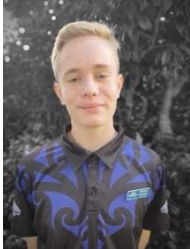
Sports teams for touch, hockey, cricket and netball are now being finalised. Notification of team details will be sent out via the school app and uniforms will be issued in the first week of term. Big thank you to all the parent volunteers who have offered to assist the teams by taking up a role of coaching, managing or refereeing. We really do appreciate all the help as we couldn't offer these opportunities for the students without parent support.

Yummy Stickers



It is now time to return all your Yummy apple sticker collections to the office please. We need them all returned as soon as possible so that we can create a final tally to go towards new sports gear for the school.

Meet the Leaders



Kia ora, my name **Marley Norman** and I am going to tell you all about me. One thing I love to do is play piano. I have been playing basically ever since I was born but started to take lessons when I was 9. I still love to play piano and play it every day. If you see me out in the playground, I will most likely be playing football (or soccer). I love football. It is my favourite sport and I love to play any chance I get. If you approach me in or outside of the classroom, I will be eager to help you with any problems you may have and make you feel safe and comfortable. I am honest, kind and always put my hand up for any questions asked. Another thing I love to do is cook/bake and hang out with my friends and family. I am willing to answer any question you may have and will always be respectful to anybody.



Kia ora, I'm **Hailey Duncan** and I am one of the Kōtuku Whanau Leaders. Outside of school, I love to do cheerleading, sports, roller skating, swimming, go to the beach and hangout with my family and friends. I am a friendly person and am always willing to help and try something new. I always aspire to follow the school motto, values and Triple A's and be a positive role model. I love being on the Student Council as I get amazing opportunities and face lots of new challenges.

PTA Fundraiser

The wonderful team at Noodle Head are running another fundraiser next **Tuesday 19 September**. Order anything between 4.30pm and 8.00pm and mention '**Bell Block School**' with your order and 15% of the takings will go to Bell Block School PTA and Bell Block School! Take the night off cooking, get something delicious and support our school. Thank you to Noodle Head for another great initiative.



Emily Doelman

Acting Deputy Principal

COMMUNITY NOTICES

CHILDREN'S MONSTER BOOK SALE

Friday Sept 15th, 2pm-6pm
and
Saturday Sept 16th, 9am- 1pm

Knox Church Hall
524 Devon Street East
Fitzroy, New Plymouth

Good quality secondhand books for children up to age 13
ETTPGS available. BYO bag

All proceeds help support
your local Taranaki Toy Library

For more information:
Children's Monster Book Sale
(06) 758 2444
events@taranakitoylibrary.org.nz

Final ReCharge for Term 3

Lost & Found Car Rally
WITH A TWIST

Friday 15th September
6:00-8:00pm
Northpoint Baptist Church
116 Mangati Road, Bell Block

Urban Indoor Sports Taranaki Presents
Summer League 2023/24
Begins Oct 16th
Entries open NOW!

Our Mixed 6 aside 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!
W: urbanindoor.sports.com/taranaki
F: facebook.com/urbanindoor.sports
E: info@urbanindoor.sports.com
M: 0275724114

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WWW.URBANINDOORSPORTS.COM

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FUN & SOCIAL GIRLS DAY OUT

Join us for our new Girls Golf Day. No team fees and enjoy a day out with your friends!

Tuesday 16th October
9am - 12pm (Indoor Golf Club)
Then 12:45 - 1:15 (Lunch)
1:15 - 4:00pm (Golf)
Equipment Provided

The register, new and old, is open to all and your school membership is welcome.

Location: Devon 1 (027) 572 4114 | info@urbanindoor.sports.com

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GIVE IT A GO DAY
NEW PLYMOUTH BMX CLUB

SATURDAY 14th OCTOBER
11am - 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.