

BELL BLOCK SCHOOL NEWSLETTER #29

Friday 13 October 2023

Focus Value:
Responsibility -
Takohanga



School Goal:
Take responsibility for
keeping your areas tidy

I hope you all had a fantastic and relaxing school holiday break. We are now into Term 4 which is always full of exciting events like our summer sport seasons, Grandparents' Day and our End of Year Prizegiving. This is our final learning push where students use all the knowledge that they have acquired in the past three terms to build on.

This week we were lucky enough to have a visit from Richard Carr from Enviro-schools who helped our Junior Team create beeswax wraps. This was part of the learning inquiry around looking after bees. It was great to see so many of these wraps in lunchboxes the following day.



All teams have now begun practising for Athletics Day which is in Week 6 (**Tuesday 14 and Wednesday 15 November**). The weather has allowed us to have an early start in learning these skills. Let's hope it continues!

Looking Ahead

	Monday 16 October	Tuesday 17 October	Wednesday 18 October	Thursday 19 October	Friday 20 October
Week 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:00 Breakfast Club 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:00 Breakfast Club 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 2:00 Celebration Assembly
	Monday 23 October	Tuesday 24 October	Wednesday 25 October	Thursday 26 October	Friday 27 October
Week 3	LABOUR DAY SCHOOL CLOSED	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Outdoor Academy – TOPEC Year 8 Immunisations Last day for 2024 parent emails for class placement 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2:00 Kapa Haka Group practice 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Subway lunch available Intermediate Technology Year 6 Intermediate Taster Session 5:00 Board Meeting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chocolate Fundraiser closes 9:00 New Entrants' Transition Visit 1:00 Puanga Festival 2:00 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.



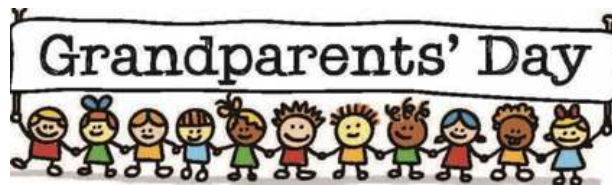
2024 Classes

We have begun the process of organising 2024 classes. As always, we invite parent input into this process. We make no promises but do take parent shared information into account when placing students. This is not an opportunity to directly request a teacher as staffing placements for 2024 have not yet been confirmed, or a particular student for your child to be placed with, but rather an opportunity to share the things that will help your child make the most of the learning opportunities, for example – strengths in maths, P.E. or writing. We appreciate that many families are busy during the day so you can email any information you wish to share to principal@bellblock.school.nz. If you would like to have input into this process, please ensure your emails are sent no later than **Tuesday 24 October**.

Each year half of our students move class and join a new team. In preparation for this, your child will be asked for the names of some students who they would prefer to be placed with next year. It is a very good idea to have a talk with your child about who they work well with and who helps their learning so they can make a good choice. Just being placed with their best friends can be detrimental for their learning. In the past, some students have made very odd requests that have led to a great deal of anguish for themselves and their parents. Again, we cannot guarantee that the students will be placed with the first person on their list but we do our best to ensure the students are placed with someone they have asked for.

Grandparents' Day

We are excited to announce that we will be holding our Grandparents' Day again on **Friday 3 November**. We invite all Kuia, Koro, Grandmas and Grandads to come into school to have morning tea with their family, spend time in classes and browse our Book Fair. All are welcome to attend! More details to follow.



Attendance

	# of Students Attending Last Week	% of Students Attending Last Week	Potential Lost Learning Days per Year
Regular Attendance 90-100%	341	78.03%	Up to 19 days
Irregular Absence 80-89%	19	4.35%	Up to 38 days
Moderate Absence 70-79%	33	7.55%	Up to 58 days
Chronic Absence 0-69%	44	10.07%	Up to 193 days

Term 4 Sports

Our Year 1 & 2 Junior netball teams had their first game on Wednesday. This is the *Bell Block Bluebells* team, seen here being coached by our Intermediate student, Milla Walden (Year 7), who is giving back to the sport whilst developing her own leadership and coaching skills.



Meet the Leaders



Kumusta sa lahat, ako po si **Chloe Gacuma**, isa sa dalawang Takahē Whānau Leader para sa huling kalahati ng 2023. Kia ora everyone! My name is Chloe Gacuma. For those who don't know yet, I am a 13 year old Filipino student of Bell Block School, I'm also one of the Whānau Leaders and my whānau group is Takahē. I don't take part in any school sports at the moment but I am very fond of volleyball and badminton. I am part of the Kapa Haka group and in my free time I often finish off some of my

school work. Being part of the Student Council has motivated me to take on any opportunities that I can and I can now be more confident in what I do as one of the leaders at Bell Block School.



Kia ora, my name is **Riley Smith** and I am your Takahē Whānau Leader for the second half of 2023. I like to play football in my break times and I do marching. I can't wait to go to high school but I am going to miss Bell Block School so much as I have been here for nearly 8 years now.

Emily Doelman
Acting Deputy Principal

COMMUNITY NOTICES



If you're Year 6 you're welcome to join us for Term 4

No Charge but a whole lot of welcome

Whānau Fun Night

We are kicking off Term 4 with a fun night for ReCharge kids and your whānau (all ages welcome!)

Friday 13th October
6-8pm
Northpoint Baptist Church
116 Māngōhi Road,
Bell Block

Kia! generously provided by our Northpoint whānau

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



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**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: 28th October
Time: 9:30am - 11:30am (Golf 10:30am)
Event of 8-10 days Year 7-10 (ages 11-16)
No cost to join
Equipment Provided

To register, see your school sports teacher or bring an email to your school requesting the details.

Contact: Sarah + 0272750821 | knowledgesport@gmail.com

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COMMUNITY EVENT

HALLOWEEN DISCO

Costume Party

Saturday 28th October

From 1pm till 3pm

@ BELL BLOCK RUGBY CLUB

Koha on entry for Kids & Families



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.



LEARN THE ARTS OF THE SAMURAI

Experience authentic, traditional Japanese swordsmanship and martial arts. As well as being great for the body, Bushijutsu disciplines the mind as students strive to develop the core values of the Samurai.

BELL BLOCK - FRED TUCKER CENTRE

Children's Classes (ages 7+ years)
Taijutsu (Self Defence) - Mondays 5.30pm
Kenjutsu (Sword) - Mondays 6.30pm

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