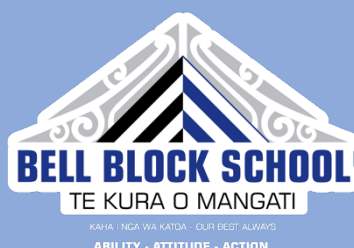


**BELL BLOCK SCHOOL NEWSLETTER #30**  
**Friday 20 October 2023**

**Focus Value:**  
 Responsibility -  
 Takohanga



**School Goal:**  
 Take responsibility for  
 keeping your areas tidy

Term 4 is well underway now and a key focus for us is making the most progress possible over the time we have left. The students should be producing their best work of the year this term building on all the things they have learnt across the year. Teachers are in the process of writing the end of year reports and assessment data is being gathered. This not only shows the academic progress made this year but also helps focus the teaching for the rest of the year and gives staff the ability to begin to plan for the beginning of 2024.

This week we were visited by staff from schools in Taumarunui who came to have a look at schools in our area as part of their professional development. It was great to host these visiting teachers and we hope they got a lot out of their trip to Taranaki. As the weather has improved, athletics practices are continuing and it is great to see the students giving all the activities a go and supporting each other.

Week 2 ended with our first Celebration Assembly of the term. Well done to all the students who received awards for their hard work at the assembly.

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### Looking Ahead

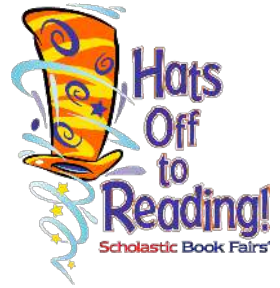
	Monday 23 October	Tuesday 24 October	Wednesday 25 October	Thursday 26 October	Friday 27 October
<b>Week 3</b>	<b>LABOUR DAY</b>  <b>SCHOOL CLOSED</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Outdoor Academy – TOPEC</li> <li>Year 8 Immunisations</li> <li>Last day for 2024 parent emails for class placement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

The process of organising 2024 classes has begun and, 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](mailto: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**.

## Scholastic Book Fair

This term the fantastic Scholastic Book Fair returns to our school. The library will host our Book Club/Book Shop from **Thursday 2 November to Monday 6 November** and will be open from 8.30am until 3.30pm each day. Throughout Book Fair week, students will have the opportunity to browse through a selection of Scholastic books on sale and take part in exciting activities that will be held at break times. This is a brilliant opportunity to get some amazing books, games, stationery and other items early for Christmas at reasonable prices. Every purchase earns the library Scholastic Rewards Points to spend on books for our school.



Please join us for Grandparents' Day on **Friday 3 November**. We invite all Kuia, Koro, Grandmas and Grandads to come in to school to have morning tea with their family, spend time in classes and browse our Book Fair. All are welcome to attend!



Grandparents' Day is held in conjunction with our Book Fair. Students are encouraged to dress up as their *FAVOURITE BOOK CHARACTER*. There will be prizes for the best costumes.

The programme for the day is as follows:

**11:00am Morning Tea Time:** Grandparents arrive at school and head to classes to eat morning tea with their grandchildren or accompany them to the library to browse the Book Fair.

**11:30am Book Character Parade:** The bell will ring for the end of morning tea time and students will go back to class. Whānau will assemble in the hall ready for our Book Character Parade.

**Approx. 12:15pm Whānau time:** After the parade, grandparents are invited to join us around the school until lunchtime at 1pm. Your tamariki may wish to share some work in their classroom or browse the Book Fair in the library.

**1:40pm:** Classes resume as normal after lunch.

Tea, coffee and home baking will be available for sale at the Tuck Shop for \$2 each, fundraising for the PTA.



## Teacher Only Day

Just a reminder that our final Teacher Only Day for the year is on **Monday 20 November**. We appreciate your support.

## ICAS Results

We are beginning to receive the results from the voluntary ICAS tests undertaken earlier this year. These are challenging academic exams competing against students across the Pacific region. Well done to all the students who received awards in these subjects.

### English

Riley Davis	Credit
Gwenith Genji	Credit
Olin Domney Mackey	Credit
Red Marzan	Credit

### Science

Riley Davis	Merit
Gwenith Genji	Credit
Olin Domney Mackey	Credit
Zara Khan	Distinction
Kyra Khan	Merit

## Attendance

	# of Students Attending Last Week	% of Students Attending Last Week	Potential Lost Learning Days per Year
Regular Attendance <b>90-100%</b>	315	71.75%	Up to <b>19</b> days
Irregular Absence <b>80-89%</b>	66	15.03%	Up to <b>38</b> days
Moderate Absence <b>70-79%</b>	6	1.37%	Up to <b>58</b> days
Chronic Absence <b>0-69%</b>	52	11.85%	Up to <b>193</b> days

## Meet the Leaders



Kia ora everyone, my name is **Deja Tohi** and I am proud to be your Kererū Whanau Leader for the second half of 2023. For anyone who doesn't know me, I am 13 years old; I am part European, Māori and Tongan. Out of school, I love to travel, ride horses & hang out with friends. If you ever need help, come and find me and we can find a solution together. I am super excited to be a part of the Student Council and being able to host assemblies and attend meetings.



Kia ora, my name is **Tai Gilbert-Barlow** and I am the Kererū Whanau Leader for Term 3 and 4. I was born and raised in Taranaki. My favourite thing to do is playing sports like football, ping pong and darts. I also love hanging out with my friends and family playing board games or riding a bike around. So far, I am loving being a Whānau Leader this term experiencing all the opportunities on offer. It's so fun being a Whānau Leader if you get the chance to give it a try.

## PTA News

This term our fundraiser is Juicies - just in time for summer! For \$10 you can order a 10 pack of Juicies which includes a bonus Juicie holder. There are three delicious flavours - Tropical, Wildberry and Lemonade. A great option to have on hand in the freezer. Order forms will be coming home with students next week.



**Conrad Hailes**  
**Principal**

## COMMUNITY NOTICES

