

BELL BLOCK SCHOOL NEWSLETTER #35
Friday 24 November 2023

Focus Value:
 Respect -Whakaute



School Goal:
 To treat others the way
 you would like to be
 treated

Pack the Bus Day on Tuesday was incredibly well supported by our community. With the support of our students and families we were able to donate two shopping trolleys overflowing with donations to support On The House, Taranaki Retreat and the Taranaki Animal Protection Trust. The donations were very gratefully received by the Property Brokers Team and their mascot, Perty the Mouse, who was a hit in the Junior classes he visited. Thank you so much to everyone who was able to make a donation, we appreciate your generosity and support of these worthy groups.

It was also great to see so many students and staff dressed up as what they want to be when they grow up. From forensic scientists to motor cross riders and pilots to teachers, our students have some amazing careers ahead of them. We also managed to cook and serve over 400 sausages as a lunchtime treat for the students. Thank you to our PTA for the donation of the sausages and the Students Leaders for their help planning the event and their BBQ skills.

On Tuesday we also celebrated our Community Helpers - those people who have been able to give up their time to help support our school to provide opportunities for our students. Whether it is our Rotary Readers, parents helpers on trips or sports coaches, just to name a few, we are very appreciative of the support we get from our community to help our students be successful and have opportunities to be involved in activities. I know many of our helpers are extremely busy at this time of year so I would like to again extend our thanks and appreciation for your help in making Bell Block School a great place to be.



The results from our Athletics Days last week are included later in the newsletter. Certificates for the placegetters will be awarded next **Friday 1 December at 11:30am**. Parents are invited to join us in the hall for the presentation.

Next week we have the Student Leaders speeches and voting for our 2024 Student Council, our Road Patrollers have a day out as reward for their service this year, our Kapa Haka Ropu have community performances, we have the last Technology Showcase for the year and we begin practising for the Final Prizegiving Assembly. The end of year is always a busy time with lots of fun activities as we move closer to the last day.

Looking Ahead

	Monday 27 November	Tuesday 28 November	Wednesday 29 November	Thursday 30 November	Friday 1 December
Week 8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Swimming starts Student Leader Speeches and Voting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Road Patrollers' Celebration Day 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2:00 Kapa Haka Ropu Community Performances 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Subway lunch available Intermediate Technology 5:00 Board Meeting 6:00 Technology Showcase 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:00 New Entrants' Transition Visit 11:30 Athletics Awards 2:00 Singing Assembly 2:30 Juicie Collection
	Monday 4 December	Tuesday 5 December	Wednesday 6 December	Thursday 7 December	Friday 8 December
Week 9			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pizza Day Reports available on app 2:00 Kapa Haka Community Trip 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Subway lunch available 9:00 Open Morning Intermediate Technology 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 11:30 Meet the 2024 Teacher

Pizza Day

Pizza Day is on **Wednesday 6 December** to raise funds for the Student Council Legacy Project. Orders for pizzas close Friday 1 December at 12pm.



Technology Showcase

We are proud to be sharing the learning and creations of the Intermediate students with the school community at the Intermediate Technology Showcase on **Thursday 30 November at 6pm**. The Showcase will be held in the Technology classrooms and school hall and will conclude at 7:30pm.

Whānau are invited to first walk through the Technology classrooms to see examples of the students' creations from the work they have done in Hospitality, Digital Technology, Enterprise, Manufacturing and Visual Arts & Design. This is followed by performances and a presentation in the hall from the Dance and Music groups and a Wearable Arts display. We hope to see you there to support the Intermediate students and to experience what the Intermediate Team has to offer to Year 7 and 8 students.

The schedule of events is as follows:

6:00pm - 6:45pm Technology Walk Through

- Manufacturing and Enterprise ROOM 18
- The Arts ROOM 19
- Digital Technology ROOM 20
- Hospitality TECHNOLOGY ROOM

6:45pm - 7:30pm Showcase Performances

- Performing Arts (Music)
- Visual Arts and Design (Wearable Arts)
- Performing Arts (Dance & Drama)
- Awards Presentation

Swimming

Class swimming lessons begin on **Monday 27 November**. Please see the swimming timetable below and make a note of which days your child requires their togs and towel. Parent volunteers to take small groups of students are always welcome. If you are interested in volunteering to help your child's class, please make contact with the classroom teacher.

Bell Block School Swimming Timetable - Term 4 2023					
Inside Pool	Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
	12:15 - 1:00	Room 17 (2 lanes only)	Room 17 (2 lanes only)	Room 11 (2 lanes only)	Room 13 (2 lanes only)
	1:40 - 2:20	Room 18/19/20	Room 18/19/20	Rooms 9/10	Rooms 9/10
	2:20 - 3:00	Room 12/13/14	Room 11/12/14	Room 7/8	Room 7/8
Outside Pool (Juniors)	1:40 - 3:00	Rooms 5/6	Rooms 2/3/4	Rooms 5/6	Room 2/3/4



Final Prizegiving

Our Final Prizegiving is only a couple of weeks away and we would like to extend an invitation to all our families to join us in acknowledging our amazing students. The prizegiving is also a special occasion for our Year 8 students as it includes the traditional light a candle ceremony and graduation awards acknowledging their contributions and achievements as they finish their time at Bell Block School and begin their next step as high school students. The Final Prizegiving is held in the hall on **Tuesday 12 December** beginning at 7:00pm. Please join us for the last school event of 2023 if you are able.

Term Dates 2024

Term 1	Monday 29 January – Friday 12 April
Term 2	Monday 29 April – Friday 5 July
Term 3	Monday 22 July – Friday 27 September
Term 4	Monday 14 October – Friday 13 December

Attendance

	# of Students Attending Last Week	% of Students Attending Last Week	Potential Lost Learning Days per Year
Regular Attendance 90-100%	308	69.37%	Up to 19 days
Irregular Absence 80-89%	70	15.77%	Up to 38 days
Moderate Absence 70-79%	11	2.48%	Up to 58 days
Chronic Absence 0-69%	55	12.39%	Up to 193 days

Boxing

Earlier in the year we were successful in obtaining a grant from Tū Manawa Active Aotearoa (Sport Taranaki) for a group of students to attend weekly boxing sessions at Box Office New Plymouth. These sessions went for 15 weeks in total and were based around developing skills in resilience, self-confidence, self-awareness and communication. The students have relished this opportunity and many have found a new passion for the sport. Thank you Sport Taranaki and Box Office for supporting us in this venture.

Subway Lunch – Thursdays



Subway is now offering a Ham and Cheese 6" sub for \$4. Great value option for lunch any Thursday. The final date for 2023 lunch orders at school will be Thursday 7 December.



Sports

Our touch season is now nearing an end with final games next Wednesday 29 November. Our teams have been having a great season showcasing the skills and teamwork they have learnt with their amazing coaches. The U8 Bell Block Broncos (pictured below) have been trying hard to run straight and score lots of tries – and having lots of fun while they do it. Also pictured is the U10 Bell Block Blast team who always play with immense enthusiasm, represent our school with pride and display our school motto *kaha i ngā wā katoa* - *Our Best Always*.



U8 Bell Block Broncos



U8 Bell Block Blast

PTA News



Thank you to everyone who put in orders for Juicies in our last in-school fundraiser for 2023. All orders can be collected from the Tuck Shop building (behind the library) from 2.30pm-3.30pm next Friday 1 December.

Next **Saturday 2 December from 3pm-5pm** is the Annual Bell Block & District Lions Christmas Parade and Market Day! The PTA will be having two stalls in the school grounds to raise money for Bell Block School - come along for some candy floss and get the kids face painted. This is a highly anticipated community Christmas event and we look forward to seeing you there!



Teacher Aide Vacancy

Bell Block School is seeking an empathetic, conscientious person who enjoys working with children and is willing and able to work as part of a team, supporting students' learning in classrooms and/or those with special needs. This position will be term time only, days and hours negotiable for the right applicant.

Applicants are invited to email their CV's, including the names of two referees and a covering letter outlining their experience to emily.doelman@bellblock.school.nz.

Athletics Results

Year 3 Girls

High Jump
Long Jump
Shot Put
100m Sprint
200m Sprint

1st

Emme Pringle
Ella Walsh
Matilda Lee
Juvania Raigan
Juvania Raigan

2nd

Ella Walsh
Martine Henry-Smith
Paula Meafua
Paula Meafua
Paula Meafua

3rd

Juvania Raigan
Paula Meafua
Emme Pringle
Scarlett Blackett
Martine Henry-Smith

Year 3 Boys

High Jump
Long Jump
Shot Put
100m Sprint
200m Sprint

Raihaan Gill
Kayson Gordon
Jake Sanderson
George Clark
Sai Prasanth

Finn Gardiner
Nicholas Hessel
Thomas Suter
Jake Sanderson
Jake Sanderson

Fatih Faris
Sai Prasanth
Max Geraghty
Thomas Suter
Preston Adlam

Year 4 Girls

High Jump
Long Jump
Shot Put
100m Sprint
200m Sprint

Danica Geraghty
Danica Geraghty
Lucy Upton-Fleming
Eve Goldfinch
Nya Waruhia

Edi Coster
Armani Wipiiti-Boylan
Nya Waruhia
Armani Wipiiti-Boylan
Eve Goldfinch

Eve Goldfinch
Nya Waruhia
Nya Soffe
Nya Waruhia
Charlotte Poole

Year 4 Boys

High Jump
Long Jump
Shot Put
100m Sprint
200m Sprint

Zaiden Bishop
Jamie Turama
Jamie Turama
Jamie Turama
Jackson Payne

Jamie Turama
Jackson Payne
Kenneth Moratuwage
Jackson Payne
Ziggy Harris

Kenneth Moratuwage
Zaiden Bishop
Rayne Pullen
Zaiden Bishop
Kenneth Moratuwage

Year 5 Girls

High Jump
Long Jump
Shot Put
Discus
100m Sprint
200m Sprint

Miila Laurence
Olivia Davis
Samantha Ainsworth
Alivia Martin
Nya McLeod
Nya McLeod

Payton Rook
Chloe Gu
Olivia Davis
Chloe Gu
Emma Davis
Olivia Davis

Alivia Martin
Emma Davis
Sophie Stretton
Blake Whiting
Olivia Davis
Sophie Stretton

Year 5 Boys

High Jump
Long Jump
Shot Put
Discus
100m Sprint
200m Sprint

Lewis Wipiiti-Boylan
Lewis Wipiiti-Boylan
Lewis Wipiiti-Boylan
Lewis Wipiiti-Boylan
Lewis Wipiiti-Boylan
Lewis Wipiiti-Boylan

Felix Evans
Jack Goldfinch
Fergus Luke
Dallas Peters
Jack Goldfinch
Jack Goldfinch

Jack Goldfinch
Reeve Coster
Alex Hanover
Alex Hanover
Likith Vadapalli
Likith Vadapalli

Year 6 Girls

High Jump
Long Jump
Shot Put
Discus
100m Sprint
200m Sprint

Chloe Bishop
Chloe Bishop
Kiarna-Jay Verstraten-Richardson
Chloe Bishop
Chloe Bishop
Chloe Bishop

Lily Hooper & Charlotte Russell
Lily Hooper
Chloe Yang & Cameron Johnston
Lily Hooper
Charlotte Russell
Indie Mattock

Indie Mattock
Charlotte Russell
Ngaia Roach
Cameron Johnston
Indie Mattock
Connie Upton-Fleming

Year 6 Boys

High Jump
Long Jump
Shot Put
Discus
100m Sprint
200m Sprint

Maatai Taogaga
Maatai Taogaga
Aayden Morgan
Aayden Morgan
Drey Henry
Maatai Taogaga

Drey Henry
Vereti Ligavatu
Odyn Adlam
James Buckley
Maatai Taogaga
Drey Henry

Vereti Ligavatu
Varma Vadapalli
Ethan Shea
Maatai Taogaga
Vereti Ligavatu
Vereti Ligavatu

Year 7 Girls

High Jump
Long Jump
Shot Put
Discus
100m Sprint
200m Sprint

Katey Peterson
Aleisha Cooper
Lilly Geurts
Kodie Bridgeman-Reid
Katey Peterson
Katey Peterson

Rylee Beard
Katey Peterson
Ayla White
Lilly Geurts
Meila Dwyer
Lyla Watchorn

Milla Walden
Lyla Watchorn
Milla Walden
Aleisha Cooper
Aleisha Cooper
Lani Johnstone

Year 7 Boys

High Jump
Long Jump
Shot Put
Discus
100m Sprint
200m Sprint

Ty Hardgrave
Kahn Hamann
Matai Mauga
Matai Mauga
Charlie Clark
Charlie Clark

Rimu Austin
Hunter Gordon
Layken Stevens-Rapana
Louis Trim
Hunter Gordon
Hunter Gordon

Archie Bunting
Braxton Hinz
Hunta McGovern
Layken Stevens-Rapana
Archie Bunting
Louis Trim

Year 8 Girls

High Jump
Long Jump
Shot Put
Discus
100m Sprint
200m Sprint

Harmony Emmett-Pene
Monique Paris
Millie Robertson
Sophie Chen
Monique Paris
Baylee Mattock

Elyse Waswo
Hailey Duncan
Elyse Waswo
Chloe Gacuma
Baylee Mattock
Hailey Duncan

Cara Yates
Cara Yates
Holly McLeod
Elyse Waswo
Millie Robertson
Ocean Felstead

Year 8 Boys

High Jump
Long Jump
Shot Put
Discus
100m Sprint
200m Sprint

Leo Padrutt
Tai Gilbert-Barlow
Charlie Goldfinch
Leo Padrutt
Marley Norman
Marley Norman

Marley Norman
Charlie Goldfinch
Leo Padrutt
Luke Peters
Charlie Goldfinch
Charlie Goldfinch

Charlie Goldfinch
Tyler Janes
Marley Norman
Tai Gilbert-Barlow
Isa Talab
Isa Talab

Relays

Middle Team
Senior Team
Intermediate Team
Whānau Relay

Room 7
Room 13
Room 19
Kererū

Room 8
Room 11
Room 17
Takahē

Room 9
Room 14
Room 20
Kōtuku

Conrad Hailes
Principal

COMMUNITY NOTICES

