

**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

This week started off with our Student Leader nominees presenting their speeches to the Senior and Intermediate students before the voting took place. The students involved now have a nervous wait until the Final Prizegiving where the Student Council for the first half of 2024 will be announced.

Our Road Patrollers had their reward day at the Aquatic Centre with other Road Patrollers from across the region. This event was put on by the NZ Police as an acknowledgement of their efforts across the year in all the varied weather conditions Taranaki offers. I would like to thank the students and the staff involved for their service this year. At the pool, Mr Forsyth was victorious in the Staff Bombing Competition and was very pleased to receive a gold medal for his efforts.

The Kapa Haka Ropu performed for various local community organisations this week in preparation for their final performance of the year at the school Prizegiving. The performances were very much enjoyed by the respective audiences. It is always nice for our students to be out in the community showcasing their talents and making connections with the Retirement Village and Early Childhood Centres they visit.

We also had the final Technology Showcase for the year where our Intermediate students showed their creations and performed on stage. Thank you to all the families who were able to attend to support these students. It is such a highlight to see what our students can do when given the opportunity to be creative. Thank you also to all of our wonderful Technology teachers for their work across the year providing these opportunities for the students.

With the end of year approaching we have some updates on staff for 2024. We will be farewelling some of our staff at the end of this year. Miss Monique van Beers is taking time away from teaching to do some travelling but will still be here as a reliever between her trips. Ms Susannah Pitcairn has taken up a role at Vogeltown School and we wish her all the best for 2024 and beyond. I would also like to thank Miss Josie Hick and Mrs Rachel Taylor who helped us through the second half of this year. In addition, we will be farewelling two of our Teacher Aides, Mrs Jan Whitmore, who will be retiring after a long and dedicated career supporting students and staff, and Nikita Ploeg who has decided to begin training for her teaching qualification. Nikita will be having Bell Block School as her base school so will still be a part of the team for a little longer.

We have some new staff coming to join our team for 2024 and we have begun the process of inducting Miss Bridget Payne and Miss Chloe Gardner-Harrison who will join our Middle Team, Miss Hannah Purser in the Intermediates and Miss Sharon Jones joining the Juniors. We will have several of these teachers attending the Meet the 2024 Teacher on Friday next week. The new staff are very excited to join our team and meet their new classes.

Just a reminder...

- End of Year Reports are available on the school app on Wednesday 6 December
- Breakfast Club will finish for the year on Friday 8 December
- Lost Property will be on display on Wednesday 13 December so please take some time to have a look
- School finishes at 12:00pm midday on Thursday 14 December

### **Final Prizegiving**

We would like to extend an invitation to all our families to join us in acknowledging our amazing students at our Final Prizegiving held in the hall on **Tuesday 12 December at 7:00pm**. 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. Please join us for the last school event of 2023 if you are able.

Looking Ahead					
Week 9	Monday 4 December	Tuesday 5 December	Wednesday 6 December	Thursday 7 December	Friday 8 December
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8:00 Breakfast Club</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8:00 Breakfast Club</li> <li>Pizza Day</li> <li>Reports available on app</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Subway lunch available</li> <li>9:00 Open Morning</li> <li>Intermediate Technology</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8:00 Breakfast Club finishes</li> <li>11:30 Meet the 2024 Teacher</li> </ul>
Week 10	Monday 11 December	Tuesday 12 December	Wednesday 13 December	Thursday 14 December	Friday 14 December
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Year 8 Graduation Dinner</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>11:30 Junior Celebration</li> <li>1:45 Senior Celebration</li> <li>7:00 Final Prizegiving</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Intermediate Celebration Day</li> <li>Lost Property on display</li> <li>1:45 Middle Celebration</li> </ul>	<b>TERM 4 ENDS</b>  <b>SCHOOL CLOSSES 12pm</b>	<b>SCHOOL CLOSED</b>

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

Back to School Stationery

We’ve teamed up with OfficeMax to make your back to school shop super easy. And if you order in December, you’ll go in the draw to WIN 1 of 5 \$1000 cash prizes\*.

Your child’s class list is already loaded. Just go to [myschool.co.nz](https://myschool.co.nz). Simply add your details, check that you want everything on the list, then click and confirm — and OfficeMax will get your delivery underway with free delivery on orders over \$70^.

You can pay by internet banking, credit card or debit card. Laybuy\* is also available, so you can pay in 6 weekly, interest-free payments and still get your order right away. Plus you’ll be helping our school earn school rewards\* that we use to purchase much needed extra resources for our school.

Should you wish to purchase your stationery from an alternate retailer, please download our school stationery list from our website or collect a copy from the office.

\*Terms and Conditions apply, see [myschool.co.nz](https://myschool.co.nz) for details.

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**Beat the rush and order back to school stationery now!**



Class lists are ready at [myschool.co.nz](https://myschool.co.nz)

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School Lunches



**Win with Subway Valley**

During December Subway Valley will be randomly selecting orders to win limited edition Subway merch. Prizes include Subway key rings, jibits, socks, and shoes laces.

All Subway Valley orders placed before the end of the school year will also go into the draw to win a giant Subway inflatable (one winner per school) year.

**Place your orders now to be in with a chance to win!**



The final date for 2023 lunch orders at school will be Thursday 7 December. All orders placed will be in with a chance to WIN in the big Subway merchandise giveaway, including a giant Subway inflatable (one winner per school).

From next year, we are pleased to extend our school lunch offerings to include sushi orders from St Pierres on Fridays. The first date available to order sushi will be Friday 9 February.



**Lunches at Bell Block School**

**Sushi starting Fridays 2024**

**Starts Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February**

**Subway still every Thursday**

**Order Now !!**

It's simple; all you need to do is register at [www.lunchonline.co.nz](https://www.lunchonline.co.nz) and follow 4 easy steps to get started

1. Register an account
2. Add member/s including your name and delivery location
3. Make a payment to have funds in your account before you order
4. Select your lunch and place an order

Phone 0800 125 125  
Phone 0800 165 165  
[info@lunchonline.co.nz](mailto:info@lunchonline.co.nz)



## Attendance

	# of Students Attending Last Week	% of Students Attending Last Week	Potential Lost Learning Days per Year
Regular Attendance <b>90-100%</b>	314	70.56%	Up to <b>19</b> days
Irregular Absence <b>80-89%</b>	75	16.85%	Up to <b>38</b> days
Moderate Absence <b>70-79%</b>	9	2.02%	Up to <b>58</b> days
Chronic Absence <b>0-69%</b>	47	10.56%	Up to <b>193</b> days

## Term 1 Sports

As we near the end of Term 4 sports, we start planning ahead for our Term 1 teams as well. As there is a quick turnaround for cricket and touch early in the school year, early bird registrations will be available on the [school website](#) for those students who already know they wish to join a team during Term 1. Season dates and information will not be available until late January and will be updated on the school website as soon as possible. Please continue to check the website during the holidays for the most recent information.



Coach Paul Walden and Manager Michelle Austin are so proud of the Bell Block Blitz team for finishing the Term 4 touch module in fourth place in the Year 7/8 grade. Paul and Michelle say *"It has been amazing to see the improvement and growth of confidence in the players over the eight week competition. The team effort and attitudes both on and off the field was continuously of a high standard, and it has been a pleasure to coach and manage such an awesome group of kids!"*

## PTA News

This **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.



## 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](mailto:emily.doelman@bellblock.school.nz).

**Conrad Hailes**  
**Principal**

## COMMUNITY NOTICES



Year 6's welcome  
This is our last Recharge for 2023.

# HANGOUTS & Year 8 Farewell

## FRIDAY 1st December

### 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](mailto:recharge@northpoint.org.nz)

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## DECEMBER 2023 HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

BELL BLOCK SCHOOL

	Mon 11 December	Tues 12 December	Wed 13 December	Thurs 14 December	Fri 15 December
WEEK 1	<b>SCHOOL DAY</b>	<b>SCHOOL DAY</b>	<b>SCHOOL DAY</b>	<b>LAST DAY OF SCHOOL</b> Today Bell Block School finishes at 12pm. We will be having a special half day event. To book for today please email <a href="mailto:kellyclub.co.nz/bell-block">kellyclub.co.nz/bell-block</a>	<b>STAY-AT-TACK</b> Do you think you have what it takes to out-stay your opponent? Come along to find out.
WEEK 2	<b>OUR AMAZING RACE</b> Can only 1 of your child and one parent make it today we are going to challenge to challenge! Who will be the winner? The last to cross the line wins!	<b>JUNIOR COOK OFF</b> Food is just better when you make it! Today we are going to cook up a storm. Become a junior master chef as you present your dish to our panel of judges.	<b>DISCO-CISE</b> Who likes to get groovy? Today we are bringing our body into full strength. Please join in!	<b>COOL CARTOONS</b> We all love cartoons so why not become your favourite cartoon character for a day? We've got you covered with some cartoon-atic activities planned.	<b>CLASSIC KIWI XMAS</b> We're celebrating the most wonderful time of the year the classic Kiwi way. Sing, eat and drink with a sprinkling of Santa.
	<b>FULL WEEK: \$250</b> 8:30am-3:30pm	<b>FULL DAY: \$54</b> 8:30am-3:30pm	<b>SCHOOL DAY: \$39</b>	<b>HALF DAY: \$34</b> 8:30am-1pm or 1pm-3:30pm	<b>NO EVENT DAY THIS PROGRAMME</b>

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## JANUARY 2024 HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

BELL BLOCK SCHOOL

	Mon 22 January	Tues 23 January	Wed 24 January	Thurs 25 January	Fri 26 January
WEEK 5	<b>VENETIAN CARNEVALE</b> Enter the floating city of Venice and get ready for a carnival! Carnival celebration! Did you bring your Venetian mask? If not don't worry, we've got you covered!	<b>IRON CHILD CHALLENGE</b> Have your muscles put them to the test! Iron Child Challenge! Give your child a day of fun and games, all activities, and snacks!	<b>STONEY OAKS TRIP</b> Join us on an exciting bus trip to Stony Oaks Wildlife Park. Please remember covered shoes, a bag lunch, drink, and hat.	<b>HOLLYWOOD</b> Are you ready to start your own show? Hollywood! We'll have a red carpet and a star! Get ready for a day of fun and games, all activities, and snacks!	<b>YEAR 2000</b> Welcome to the year 2000! That week has changed but what we've got for the future is a great one! Get ready for a day of fun and games, all activities, and snacks!
WEEK 6	<b>SCHOOL DAY</b>	<b>SCHOOL DAY</b>	<b>SCHOOL DAY</b>	<b>SCHOOL DAY</b>	<b>SCHOOL DAY</b>
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	Mon 8 January	Tues 9 January	Wed 10 January	Thurs 11 January	Fri 12 January
WEEK 1	<b>SUMMER SPLASH!</b> It's hot out there so let's splash and splash to cool off the heat! We've got you covered with Water Fight!	<b>LIGHT TASTIC!</b> Today we're discovering the incredible properties of light. It's fun to see the light, but it's even more fun to see the light in action! We've got you covered with Light Tastic!	<b>BBO AT THE POOLS</b> Join us for a summer BBQ and a swim at the BBO Pools. We've got you covered with BBO Pools!	<b>MAGIC MANIA</b> There's magic in the air at Kelly Club. Come and take a magic lesson as you learn to use your magic powers!	<b>CARNIVAL DAY</b> Calling one, calling all, call up for a day of fun and games! There's a lot of fun going on so get along for some crazy fun!
WEEK 2	<b>ANCIENT GREECE</b> Step back in time to explore the wonders of Ancient Greece. There may be Monsters or Medusas on the loose so it'll be kept some prepared!	<b>YUM YUM SUMMER FUN!</b> Come along for a day of classic outdoor fun and games. Beat the heat by cooking up some delicious summer treats!	<b>BUMPER BALL TARAMAKI</b> Bring your own inflatable ball and bounce, flip, roll over and bring home others with Bumper Ball Taramaki. \$20 extra for the day.	<b>WICKED WHEELS DAY</b> Bring your kids, skateboard or scooter & helmet! Races through the obstacle course where a trophy awaits for a winner. Beaters of wheel hidden bonus points along the way.	<b>ROBOTICS</b> Are you ready to become a tech wizard? Put on your thinking cap and let's get designing!
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