

BELL BLOCK SCHOOL NEWSLETTER #37
Friday 8 December 2023

Focus Value:
Respect -Whakaute



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

With just the last week to go, our 2023 school year is nearly over. Our Year 8 students have their Graduation Dinner on Monday, the Final Prizegiving as well as the Junior and Senior Team celebrations are on Tuesday and the Middle and Intermediate Team celebrations are on Wednesday. It is going to be a busy end to the year.

The Final Prizegiving will be held next **Tuesday 12 December** at 7:00pm. Students can be dropped off to their classrooms from **6:30pm** and can be collected from their classrooms at the conclusion of the Prizegiving. It is always a special night and a great way to celebrate the students and their achievements throughout the year as well as farewell another group of our Year 8 students as they take the next step and move on to high school next year.

I know many of you will join the staff in passing on our thoughts and condolences to Judy Knuckey and the Knuckey whānau after the unexpected passing of Judy's husband, Grant, last weekend.

Just a quick reminder that **school closes for the year at 12:00 midday on Thursday 14 December**. We would appreciate your timeliness in collecting your children from their classrooms.

*From the team at Bell Block School I would like to wish all our students, staff, families and community a safe and happy summer break and we look forward to welcoming our students back on **Monday 29 January** for the 2024 year. Have a wonderful holiday and a Happy New Year.*

Looking Ahead

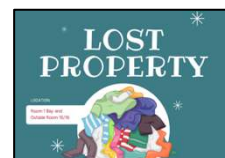
	Monday 11 December	Tuesday 12 December	Wednesday 13 December	Thursday 14 December	Friday 15 December
Week 10	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Year 8 Graduation Dinner	<ul style="list-style-type: none">11:30 Junior Celebration1:45 Senior Celebration7:00 Final Prizegiving	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Intermediate Celebration DayLost Property on display1:45 Middle Celebration	TERM 4 ENDS SCHOOL CLOSING 12pm	SCHOOL CLOSED

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

Lost Property

Lost property will be out on display on **Wednesday 13 December** in Room 1 bay. Parents are welcome to have a look and retrieve any misplaced property. Any items left at the end of the year will be donated to charity.



Sports

A big thank you to all the players, parents, coaches, managers and supporters for your involvement in our school sports teams throughout 2023. It is wonderful to see so many students having positive sport experiences and enjoying healthy, active lifestyles.

Sports Uniforms

A reminder that ALL sports uniforms are now due back to the office as soon as possible please.

Player of the Day Trophies

If you have a Player of the Day trophy, please return this to the office as soon as possible please.

Yummy Stickers



Thank you to everyone who saved the stickers from their Yummy apples throughout the year. With your efforts, we are delighted to announce that we have received over \$700 worth of new sports gear for our school which will benefit all students at break times and those involved in school sports teams. We really appreciate your support.

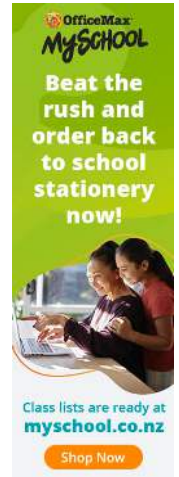


Term 1 Sports

Early bird registrations will soon be available on the [school website](https://www.myschool.co.nz) for those students who already know they wish to join a sports team during Term 1. Information about season dates will be published later in January when it is available. Please continue to check the website during the holidays for the most recent information.

Back to School Stationery

We've teamed up with OfficeMax to make your back to school shop super easy. Your child's class list is already loaded - just go to www.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[^]. [^]Exclusions apply, see [myschool.co.nz/delivery](https://www.myschool.co.nz/delivery) for details.



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

Ryan Hailes Memorial Scholarship

During 2023 we have been pleased to support our students in fulfilling their sporting dreams. The following students have been the deserving recipients of the Ryan Hailes Memorial Scholarship.



Chloe Bishop



Milla Walden



Matai Mauga

Attendance

	# of Students Attending Last Week	% of Students Attending Last Week	Potential Lost Learning Days per Year
Regular Attendance 90-100%	297	67.04%	Up to 19 days
Irregular Absence 80-89%	71	16.03%	Up to 38 days
Moderate Absence 70-79%	10	2.26%	Up to 58 days
Chronic Absence 0-69%	65	14.67%	Up to 193 days

Conrad Hailes
Principal



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Who can attend: Children aged 5-13 yrs.

What do you need to bring: Shoes and appropriate clothing (jacket or sweater), hat, drink bottle and food.

Food: Please bring plenty of packed food and drink for morning tea/lunch/afternoon tea. Lunch will be from approximately 12:30pm to 1:00pm each day.

Programme activities: Programme activities are adapted to suit children of all ages and children may be grouped by age depending on numbers. Programme activities may vary without notice dependent on weather conditions and programme numbers.

Payment details: Payment is required before the holiday programme begins. An invoice will be issued when a completed booking is received. All payment details will be included on the invoice.

Work and travel insurance: Parents / caregivers that meet certain criteria will be able to access a WHZ subsidy to help cover the cost of our programme. For more information visit www.workandtravel.govt.nz.

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DECEMBER 2023 HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

BELL BLOCK SCHOOL

	Mon 11 December	Tue 12 December	Wed 13 December	Thurs 14 December	Fri 15 December
WEEK 1	SCHOOL DAY	SCHOOL DAY	SCHOOL DAY	LAST DAY OF SCHOOL Today Bell Block School finishes at 12pm. We will be running a special half day event. To book for today please visit kellyclub.co.nz/bell-block	STAT-ATTACK Do you think you have what it takes to put our year opponent? Come along to find out.
WEEK 2	OUR AMAZING RACE Get ready to compete as we race from challenge to challenge! Who will be the winner? The coaches or the kids?	JUNIOR COOK OFF Food just tastes 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.	DISCO-CISE Who likes to get groovy? Today we are bringing our kids into full strength. Dance out.	COOL CARTOONS! We all love cartoons so why not become your favourite cartoon character for a day? We've got you covered with some cartoonish activities planned.	CLASSIC KIWI XMAS We're celebrating the most wonderful time of the year the classic Kiwi way. Get 'tuff and sand with a sprinkling of Santa.
	FULL WEEK: \$250 8:30am-5:30pm	FULL DAY: \$54 8:30am-5:30pm	SCHOOL DAY: \$39 9am-3pm	HALF DAY: \$34 8:30am-1pm or 1pm-5:30pm	NO EVENT DAY THIS PROGRAMME

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JANUARY 2024 HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

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	Mon 22 January	Tue 23 January	Wed 24 January	Thurs 25 January	Fri 26 January
WEEK 1	VENETIAN CARNEVALE Enter the floating city of Venice and get ready for a colourful Carnival celebration! Do you bring your Venetian mask? If not don't worry, we've got you covered.	IRON CHILD CHALLENGE Flex your muscles and show us what you're made of in the Iron Child Challenge! Give your all to come out on top, then re-energise with some tasty nutritious snacks.	STONEY OAKS TRIP Join us on an exciting bus trip to Stony Oaks Wildlife Park. Please remember covered shoes, a big lunch, drink bottle and hat. \$20 extra for the day.	HOLLYWOOD Are you ready to strut your stuff down the red carpet and become a star? Get ready for a day of glitz and glam, start activities, and awards ceremony.	YEAR 2000 Welcome to the year 2000! That much has changed but robots are our friends and the stars make good friends!
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WEEK 1	SUMMER SPLASHIN' It's hot out there so let's splash and splash to cool off the heat! We have some fun water games planned.	LIGHT-YASTIC! Today we're discovering the possibilities of light! It flashes in the light, it flashes in the night, it twinkles where it will flash tonight.	BBQ AT THE POOLS Join us for a summer BBQ and a swim at the BBP Pools, with an icy summer treat! Please remember traps, towel, shoes and a hat. \$20 extra for the day.	MAGIC MANIA There is magic in the air at Kelly Club! Come and take a deep breath as you design to spell to unleash the magic within you.	CARNIVAL DAY Calling one, calling all, will you be in for a day of fun? There is so much going on so get along for some crazy fun!
WEEK 2	ANCIENT GREECE Step back in time to explore the wonders of Ancient Greece. There may be Monkeys in Mideasts on the loose so it'd be best to come prepared!	YUM YUM SUMMER FUN! Come along for a day of classic outdoor fun and games! Beat the heat by cooling off some delicious summer treats!	SUMMER BALL TABANAKI Step into a giant inflatable ball and bounce, flip, roll over and bump into others with bumper ball Tabanaki. \$20 extra for the day.	WICKED WHEELS DAY Bring your bike, skateboard or scooter & Natural Buns through the obstacle course where a mighty warrior for a winner. Beware of secret hidden bonus points along the way.	ROBOTICS Are you ready to become a tech wizard? Put on your thinking cap and let's get designing!
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