

## BELL BLOCK SCHOOL NEWSLETTER #3

Friday 16 February 2024

**Focus Value:**  
Respect - Whakaute



**School Goal:**  
To be respectful of  
others by holding doors  
open and using kind  
words

This week our Intermediate students tested their resilience and perseverance on the annual bike ride to Ngāmotu Beach. The weather turned on perfect conditions for the trip. Thank you to all the parents who also jumped on their bikes to support and encourage the students. It was great to hear such positive feedback about our Year 7 and 8 students and the way they represented our school while out in the community.

We also had our first Celebration Assembly this week. This is an opportunity to highlight some of our amazing students and celebrate student learning and achievement. The assemblies are run by our Student Leaders and provide us with the opportunity to give out certificates to the students who have been modelling our Triple A Vision or Value through their actions over the first few weeks of school. We also enjoy seeing and hearing students sharing their learning when each whānau takes their turn to host the assembly.

Congratulations to the recipients of the first Triple A Awards and Values Awards for the year.

*Neiko Peattie, Varshith Gunnam, Kelsey Kingsnorth, Harrison Honeyfield, Taylor Dolan-Walker, Finn Gardiner, Lachie Early, Ava Mischeski, Achyuth Vavilala, Elsa Ryan, Ezra Stewart-Jacks, Emily Cooper, Kyzah Theobald, Aayden Morgan, Ruchitha Reddapalli, Lily Ratford, Fletcher Coster, Connor Bailey, Ivy Stewart-Jacks, Soyoun Han, Martine Henry-Smith, Emily Collins, Rosabella Green, George Clark, Nikolina Meafua, Andre Paris, Isla Green, Hema Lopinti, Natalie Watchorn, Aiza Ali, Milla Walden, Regan Martin*

At the Celebration Assembly we also introduced the new Class Councillors from the Middle and Senior classes. These students represent their class on the Junior Council and work with Mrs Doelman to build leadership skills and provide opportunities for students. We really enjoy working with our student leaders and welcome them into their roles for the first half of the year.

Congratulations to our new Class Councillors.

Room 7	Leo Charlton	Emily Le-Moratti
Room 8	Raihaan Gill	Matilda Lee
Room 9	Fatih Muhammad-Faris	Liza Makarenko
Room 10	Jake Sanderson	Paige Washer
Room 11	Sophie Stretton	Anuj Wilson-Manas
Room 12	Sara Talab	Jack Gordon
Room 13	Olivia Davis	Jack Goldfinch
Room 14	Glacia Ngoi Hawaiki Te Amora	Alex Hanover

### Parent Teacher Interviews

The upcoming interviews are a key aspect of our communication with parents. The beginning of the year in particular is the perfect time to see how your child has settled in and set some goals for the following terms. We always try to speak to every family during this time so please book in for a time that suits you. Bookings may be made by tapping on the 'Interview' button on the @school parent app. If you have any issues booking your interviews, please don't hesitate to contact our office team on 755 0838.



Interviews will be held on **Wednesday 28 February** from 3:00pm to 7:30pm and **Thursday 29 February** from 3:00pm to 4:30pm.

## Looking Ahead

	Monday 19 February	Tuesday 20 February	Wednesday 21 February	Thursday 22 February	Friday 23 February
<b>Week 4</b>	<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>9:00 New Entrant Transition Visit</li> <li>2:00 Kapa Haka Group practice</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8:00 Breakfast Club</li> <li>10:00 Singing Assembly</li> </ul>
	Monday 26 February	Tuesday 27 February	Wednesday 28 February	Thursday 29 February	Friday 30 February
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### Swimming Sports

Swimming Sports is just around the corner and is the first big whānau competition for the year. Please mark the dates in your calendar and join us to cheer on your child for their efforts at Swimming Sports. Further information will follow with the schedule of events for the day.

Students are encouraged to dress in their whānau colours and create a festival atmosphere.

***Wednesday 6 March - Junior Swimming Sports Years 1-2***

***Thursday 7 March - Swimming Sports Years 3-8***

Preliminary heats to determine the finalists for each event are recorded during class time in the weeks before Swimming Sports. Please encourage your child to bring their togs every day that they have a swimming lesson so they do not miss out on the opportunity to qualify for a final. The heats swum on Swimming Sports day are for participation only.

### Touch Rugby

A reminder that touch fees are due by today at 3pm please. If you are having any difficulty meeting the payment deadline, please contact the office in strict confidence to discuss alternative arrangements. Fees are: Year 1-6 - \$40, Year 7/8 - \$45.



### Rippa Rugby

There is an exciting new opportunity for Rippa Rugby in Term 1. If there is enough interest from players and volunteers to coach/manage the teams, we will facilitate entering school teams. Games will be played on Thursdays at Hickford Park in Bell Block between 4pm and 6pm. The programme will run for 6 weeks from Thursday 7 March. Teams play 7-side with a mix of boys and girls. There is no cost to participate. If your child is interested, please complete the registration form on the school app. Registrations close Friday 23 February at 11.59pm. If you or someone you know is able to assist as coach or manager of a team, please email me as soon as possible to [sport@bellblock.school.nz](mailto:sport@bellblock.school.nz).



### Book Club



Issue 1 for 2024 is out now. Book Club catalogues came home last week and orders are due by next Friday 23 February. You can use the Scholastic LOOP app to purchase items from the catalogue or you can fill out the order form on the back of the catalogue along with the correct change and pop it in the Drop Box in the office. All items purchased earn the school rewards points so we can use them to buy more books for our library!

## Meet the Leaders



Kia ora, my name is **Abigail Beach** and I am proud to be your new Head Girl for the first half of 2024. I'm from South Africa and immigrated here over a year ago. It has been an honour learning all about the new culture here. I enjoy listening to music, long runs on the beach and spending quality time with my friends and family. I am ready to uphold the school's vision and values with this role and make it my mission to serve, guide and lead our amazing school. If you see me around at playtime, don't be scared to say "Hi".

Kia ora, my name is **Archie Bunting** and I am your Head Boy for the first half of 2024.

'What do I like to do at school?' you might ask. Well, I like to play sports and hang out with friends. It has always been my dream to be Head Boy of Bell Block School since I was Year 1 and now, I have achieved that dream. My motto is 'Dream Big and Work Hard'.



## From the PTA

The PTA is looking for new members for 2024! If you would like to be part of our fantastic team of parents/caregivers who help support our school then pop along to our next meeting and AGM on **Tuesday 19 March at 7pm**. We are looking at fundraising opportunities that will benefit the school for various projects and we also like to organise meet-and-greet morning teas for new families at Bell Block School. If you are interested or would like to know more information, please email our Chairperson, Michelle Pignéguay, to [pta@bellblock.school.nz](mailto:pta@bellblock.school.nz).



**Conrad Hailes**  
**Principal**

## COMMUNITY NOTICES

### Whānau Pakari



Now is a great time to join us to build a healthier lifestyle.

Whānau Pakari is a community-based, no cost, whānau-centred programme for children and adolescents aged 4-15 years (inclusive), wanting to improve their lifestyle.

Whānau Pakari uses an expert team to support children and their whānau to make long term changes to activity, food and lifestyle choices, in a respectful and non-judgemental way.

**To access the service or information:**  
Healthy Lifestyles Coordinator:  
[whanaupakari@tdhb.org.nz](mailto:whanaupakari@tdhb.org.nz) or  
753 6139 extn 8729

**For information or to self refer:**  
[www.tdhn.org.nz](http://www.tdhn.org.nz) >  
Services > Whānau Pakari

### Te Whatu Ora

Health New Zealand  
Taranaki

Weekly group activity sessions in Hāwera and New Plymouth for 4-10 year olds, two half-day workshops for adolescents 11 years and over, and a term of physical activity sessions twice per year.

The Whānau Pakari team includes:

- dietitian
- clinical psychologist
- paediatrician
- physical activity specialist
- healthy lifestyle coordinator.

**Whānau Pakari**

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Whānau Pakari  
#238489936



If you're new please get your parent to fill out a registration form when they drop you off. Thanks heaps

No charge, but koha is welcome

## HANGOUTS

FRIDAY 16th February  
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)




## BELL BLOCK JUNIOR RUGBY

Registration Open Now  
FOR THE 2024 SEASON


**REGISTER NOW AT SPORTY!**  
<https://www.sporty.co.nz/bellblockrugby>

Junior Subs only  
\$10

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## BELL BLOCK UNITED JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB



Registrations for the 2024 season are now open!  
Please register via the link on our Facebook page.  
Games will start in Term 2.

Club Fun Nights are on Wednesday (4-8yrs) and Friday (9-13yrs) at the Bell Block School field. These are free, no registration required and will run for 6 weeks.

For more information about the Club Fun Nights or to enrol for the 2024 season please refer to our Facebook page 'Bell Block United Junior Football' or email [bellblockunited@gmail.com](mailto:bellblockunited@gmail.com)

## Taranaki Children's Choir 2024



**We welcome new and existing singers to Taranaki Children's Choir in 2024!**

We will start the year with a fun free trial session open to new and existing members on Tuesday 20 February from 6.30pm to 7.30pm at The New Plymouth Operatic Society Rehearsal Rooms - 76 King Street.

Open to children from age 7 all the way up to High School (end of year 8)  
Our regular sessions are on Tuesdays during term time - at New Plymouth Operatic Society Rooms - 6.30pm to 7.30pm

Taranaki Children's Choir is a not-for-profit organisation  
Discounts for more than one child from the same family attending.