

BELL BLOCK SCHOOL NEWSLETTER #23

Friday 2 August 2024

Focus Value:
Responsibility -
Takohanga



School Goal:
Be responsible for my
own belongings

Kia ora everyone,

We've had a fantastic start to the term so far filled with exciting learning and fun activities. Our students' enthusiasm and creativity make our school such a lively place.

Welcome New Staff

We would like to welcome Delwyn Bunting and Kaarena Kingi to our team. Delwyn has expertise and skills in raranga/weaving. She is working alongside our Year 7/8 students to weave putiputi/flowers. The tamariki have had their first session and they are incredibly excited and proud of what they have created. We will use these putiputi as a gift for new students starting at our kura, during our mihi whakatau welcome process. Kaarena is a Kapa Haka tutor and is taking our Junior, Middle and Senior teams for a session every fortnight. The first session was a huge success with great enjoyment had by all the teachers and students.

Student Council - Terms 3 and 4

I would like to congratulate our new Student Leaders for Terms 3 and 4. They are an excited group who are keen to get underway with their new roles and responsibilities. We have delegated a range of tasks from Celebration Assembly organisation, fundraising, Staff vs Student games, whānau points and the Legacy Project within the new team. It will be exciting to see the growth in their leadership skills over the next few months. I look forward to working alongside them.

myKindo

We are now using an online payment portal for all school payments.

Please download the myKindo app and set up your account now. The app will be used to register for sports, make donations towards camp and for schoolwide events like Pizza Day or Production, so it is a good idea to get your whānau set up now. myKindo is linked to our school records and will pre-load all your information – just use the email address we hold on file to set up your account.



To set up your Kindo account, go to <https://shop.tgcl.co.nz> or use the QR code here:

As our term looks to get busier with upcoming sports, trips, the production, and camp (to name a few) we are lucky to have dedicated staff and motivated students to make this all a success.

He waka eke noa! We are all in this together!

Looking Ahead

	Monday 5 August	Tuesday 6 August	Wednesday 7 August	Thursday 8 August	Friday 9 August
Week 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:00 Breakfast Club 11:30 ICAS Writing exam Intermediate Trip to Summerset Retirement Village Rms 17/20 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 11:30 ICAS Digital Technologies exam Intermediate Trip to Summerset Retirement Village Rms 18/19 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:00 Breakfast Club 9:00 New Entrants' Transition Visit 2:00 Kapa Haka group practice 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Road Patrol Training 5:00 Board Meeting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:00 Breakfast Club 10:15 Singing Assembly 7:00 Quiz Night Camp Fundraiser
Week 4	Monday 12 August	Tuesday 13 August	Wednesday 14 August	Thursday 15 August	Friday 16 August
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Middle Team Inquiry Celebration

This week our Middle Team have celebrated and consolidated their learning about the Olympics with a trip to Gymnastics Waitara. The students have been so excited about this trip and were keen to have a go at all of the different activities on offer. Thank you to the teachers in this team for their organisation, and to all of the parent helpers who volunteered their time to ensure this trip ran smoothly.

Road Patrol Volunteers

We are asking again if we have any parent/caregiver volunteers to donate approximately 30 minutes of their time each week to support our Year 6 tamariki on road patrol. This would include helping our students collect their jackets, flags and signs, supervising them during the crossing period and helping them to return their equipment at the end. Our crossing operates from 8.25am - 8.55am and again from 2.55 - 3.15pm.

If you think this is something you could help with please email Emily Doelman (emily.doelman@bellblock.school.nz) or Courtney Goldsworthy (courtney.goldsworthy@bellblock.school.nz) as soon as possible to let us know your preferred day and time to help out.

Intermediate Camp

We welcome donations for the Intermediate camp via the myKindo app. If your child has sold chocolate last year to fundraise for camp, the donation amount requested has been adjusted to reflect the money raised. Any monies already paid to school for camp will be applied to your account after you have set up a myKindo account. Students who have dietary requirements are required to pay a compulsory fee of \$25 via myKindo. Camp parent volunteers are required to pay a separate compulsory camp fee of \$280 via myKindo.

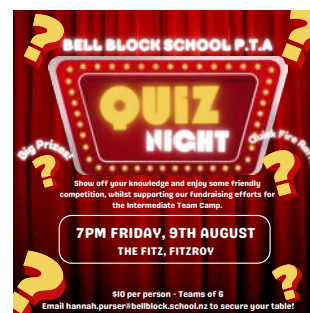
Intermediate Camp Fundraiser - Firewood Raffle

Be in to win \$300 worth of high-quality firewood thanks to Ideal Buildings, New Plymouth. All funds raised will go towards the Intermediate camp. Only 100 tickets available, \$5 each. Get in quick to snap them up and fill the shed for next winter!



Intermediate Camp Fundraiser – Quiz Night

Come and join the Bell Block School PTA on Friday 9 August for our highly anticipated Quiz Night. Starting at 7pm at The Fitz, it is an event not to be missed! To book your table of six, please email hannah.purser@bellblock.school.nz or visit the school office.



Term 4 Sports

Registrations are now open for the following Term 4 school sports teams:



- Touch – Years 1-8
- Cricket – Years 1-8
- Hockey – Years 3-6
- Netball – Years 1-2

Please note: all sports registrations are now completed via the *myKindo* app.

Registrations close on FRIDAY 30 AUGUST at 11.59pm. Payment must be made at the time of registration via the myKindo app. If you are having difficulty making payment, please contact the office before the deadline to discuss alternative arrangements.

Full information including season dates is available on the school website www.bellblock.school.nz
If you have any queries, please email sport@bellblock.school.nz or telephone the office on 755 0838.

Touch Rugby

Touch rugby is open to all ages, boys and girls. Games are played on a Wednesday afternoon at Hickford Park. Fees \$42-\$50.

Cricket

Cricket is open to all ages, boys and girls. Games are generally played on a Friday evening at 5.30pm at various grounds around New Plymouth. Fees \$30.

Hockey

Summer hockey is available for players in Years 3-6 only. Games are played on a Saturday morning at the New Plymouth turf on Hobson Street. Fees \$45-\$55.

Netball

Term 4 netball is open for players in Year 1 and 2 only. This is a great introduction to netball for our youngest players and the focus for this age group is on exploring netball. Games are played 4 aside on 1/3 court size. With a small team and small space to play, your child will have many opportunities to have their hands on the ball, increasing their involvement and fun. It allows players to catch, pass and shoot from day one – a programme designed just for them. There is no charge to participate.

Volunteer Coaches/Managers



We are always on the lookout for willing volunteers to coach or manage our sports teams. Please consider putting your hand up if you're able to as we rely heavily on adult volunteers in order for the teams to go ahead.

Yummy Apple Stickers for New Sports Gear

Please continue saving your stickers from Yummy apples or larger cut-out labels from bags of Yummy apples to help us earn FREE sports gear for the school.

We will collect stickers until Week 9 of this term.



The Sticker Collection Sheets are available to download from the school app under 'Documents' or can be collected from the school office.

Ryan Hailes Memorial Scholarship 2024



The Ryan Hailes Memorial Scholarship recognises emerging young sports people who demonstrate excellence in their chosen sport. The purpose of the scholarship is to offer financial contribution in recognition of the costs involved in competing at a regional and/or national representative level. If you know a deserving recipient, please apply in writing by email to sport@bellblock.school.nz. Applications for Term 3 must be received no later than Friday 30 August.

Children's Monster Book Sale

The Taranaki Toy Library is holding a Children's MONSTER Book Sale on **Friday 20 September and Saturday 21 September** at the Hall of Knox Church in Fitzroy. On their behalf, we are currently collecting any good quality second hand books for children. If you have any unwanted books that you wish to donate, please drop these off to the school office before 22 August. Please do not include colouring-in or activity books unless they are in new condition. To find out more about this book sale, please browse their Facebook page under "Children's Monster Book Sale".

Courtney Goldsworthy
Acting Principal

COMMUNITY NOTICES

