

BELL BLOCK SCHOOL NEWSLETTER #24
Friday 9 August 2024

Focus Value:
Responsibility -
Takohanga



School Goal:
Be responsible for
attending to my learning
and completing tasks on
time

Week 3 has been another busy week for many students with the Intermediate classes visiting Summerset Retirement Village as part of their work around the arts in our Mahi Toi unit, production practices are in full swing as classes prepare their parts of the performance, and the beginning of the ICAS exams which challenge some of our students with international tests across a range of subjects.

Parent and Whānau Survey

Through our work with the Education Review Office, our school and community has been asked to participate in their evaluation of what is taught in Relationships and Sexuality Education in schools across the country. This is being done via a 10 minute survey put together by the Education Evaluation Centre. This is an opportunity for our community to have their say via the link [here](#). The survey closes on 14 August for those who would like to participate.

Celebration Assembly

During our Celebration Assembly this week, we celebrated another fantastic group of Bell Block School students who have been doing amazing things at our school with the Triple A and Values awards. Well done to all the students who received these awards this week.



Siva Mauga, Klyde Guinoo, Ayra Faris, Sophia Wallis, Lucy Bisson, Novak Kendall, Ada Aspden, Caleb Williams, Piper Marshall, Sophie Stretton, Payton Rook, Miane Laubscher, Aryan Kayastha, Kyani Waitere, Nancy Coleman, Evie Priest, Avery Smith, Brylee Solis, Aarohi Ranjan, Maddie Jupp, Mikella Hardgrave, Evaan Bal, Klay Ramirez, Brylee Macken, Taniora Cassidy, Andy Liu, Jaxon Hardgrave, Sofia Laurence, Reuben Tice, Etta Patten

Honours Awards

Congratulations to the following Intermediate students who have achieved Honours Awards on their way to completing their Honours Badge.

Hunter Gordon - Services
Hunter Gordon - Sports
Fabian Baumann - Services
Rimu Austin - Services
Rimu Austin - Cultural

Cain Logie - Sports
Lani Johnstone - Services
Lani Johnstone - Academic
Lani Johnstone - Cultural

Special acknowledgement goes to **Lani Johnstone** who has now completed her Honours Badge which recognises her as an Honours student for her dedication, effort and citizenship at Bell Block School.

Class Councillors

At assembly, we also announced the new Class Councillors from the Middle and Senior teams. These students were voted into the roles by their classmates and will represent their class as a member of the Junior Council working with our Assistant Principal, Mrs Doelman. This is a great opportunity for these students to develop their leadership skills and help with projects and ideas around our school. Congratulations to all our Class Councillors for the second half of the year.

Room 7	Room 8	Room 9	Room 10
Max Geraghty	Finn Gardiner	Samuel Han	Chester Mattson
Isabella Pignéguy	Nadia Green	Jali Deuart	Taylor Reardon

Room 11	Room 12	Room 13	Room 14
Ben Tice	Max Singh	Lewis Wipiiti-Boylan	Felix Evans
Nya McLeod	Pippa Welton	Emma Davis	Emily Cooper

Looking Ahead					
Week 4	Monday 12 August	Tuesday 13 August	Wednesday 14 August	Thursday 15 August	Friday 16 August
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:00 Breakfast Club 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ICAS English exam NPGHS & NPBHS Enrolment Interviews 	<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"> 8:00 Breakfast Club Year 7/8 LEAD Conference 10:15 Celebration Assembly
Week 5	Monday 19 August	Tuesday 20 August	Wednesday 21 August	Thursday 22 August	Friday 23 August
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:00 Breakfast Club 9:30 Intermediate Trip to Summerset - Rm 17 1:45 Intermediate Trip to Summerset – Rm 19 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ICAS Science exam 9:30 Intermediate Trip to Summerset - Rm 20 1:45 Intermediate Trip to Summerset – Rm 18 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:00 Breakfast Club 9:00 New Entrants' Transition Visit 2:00 Kapa Haka group practice Intermediate Interschool Sports Exchange 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ICAS Spelling Bee exam 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:00 Breakfast Club 10:15 Singing Assembly

myKindo

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

Please download the myKindo app and set up your account now. The app will be used to register for Term 4 sports, make donations for the Intermediate camp and for schoolwide events like Pizza Day, so it is a good idea to get your whānau set up on the app now. Go to <https://shop.tgcl.co.nz> or use the QR code here:



Pizza Day



Pizza Day will look slightly different this term. Firstly, it will be held on **Thursday 19 September** which is Week 9 instead of the traditional Week 10. Secondly, we are going cashless and paperless. All pizza orders should be placed online via *myKindo*. Orders can be placed anytime from now so feel free to log on and check it out [here](#). Each listing is for one quarter of your desired pizza so you will need to add the number of quarters you would like to your cart. Please also ensure that you complete the 'Checkout' process to ensure the order is placed with the school. If you have any difficulties, please don't hesitate to contact the office who will be happy to assist.

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*.

The deadline for deciding whether or not this camp will go ahead is **Friday 30 August**. We would be grateful to receive your donation as soon as possible for our planning purposes. If we do not receive sufficient donations to meet our financial target, then unfortunately the camp is unable to go ahead.

Cross Country

Our schoolwide cross country event will be held on **Wednesday 28 August and Thursday 29 August**. The postponement date is Monday 2 September. Please check the schedule below for the date and time of your child's race. The students are preparing well for this traditional school event getting in as much practice as weather permits.



The events for ages 7-13 are held around the Mangati Walkway, starting at the top bridge (near the entry to the walkway from Antonio Place). A map of the track can be found on the school website under 'Events'.

The Junior Team (Years 1-2) run on the school field.

Please note that students' age is calculated as follows:

5-8 year olds – age as at Wednesday 28 August

9-13 year olds – age as at 25 September 2024 which is the date of the Taranaki Cross Country.

Students run in age groups and always give a massive effort, while also being great supporters of each other when they are not running their event. Every student who runs earns points for their whānau and we encourage students to dress up in their whānau colours and get into the spirit of the day.



Please come along if you are able and cheer on your runners as they give it their best on Cross Country Day.

Wednesday 28 August	
Venue: School field	
First race starts 2pm	
5 year old boys	2 laps
5 year old girls	2 laps
6 year old boys	3 laps
6 year old girls	3 laps
*7 year old boys (in Year 2)	3 laps
*7 year old girls (in Year 2)	3 laps

Thursday 29 August	
Venue: Mangati Walkway	
First race starts 9:15am	
*7 year old boys (in Year 3)	2 laps (2.4km)
*7 year old girls (in Year 3)	2 laps (2.4km)
8 year old boys	2 laps (2.4km)
8 year old girls	2 laps (2.4km)
Venue: Mangati Walkway	
First race starts 11:00am	
9 year old boys	2 laps (2.4km)
9 year old girls	2 laps (2.4km)
10 year old boys	3 laps (3.6km)
10 year old girls	3 laps (3.6km)
Venue: Mangati Walkway	
First race starts 1pm	
11 year old boys	3 laps (3.6km)
11 year old girls	3 laps (3.6km)
12 year old boys	3 laps (3.6km)
12 year old girls	3 laps (3.6km)
13 year old boys	3 laps (3.6km)
13 year old girls	3 laps (3.6km)



Production

We are now in the process of creating costumes and stage sets for our production and we welcome donations of fabric that would be suitable for flames (red/yellow/orange). For example, old shirts, sheets or any scraps of fabric.

We would also appreciate donations of brown paper bags with handles for the storage of costumes. These can be delivered to the office or Room 5.



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 5.30pm at various grounds around New Plymouth. Fees \$30.

Hockey

Hockey registrations are open 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 on Wednesdays at the Waiwhakahi Courts. The format is 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 cost to participate.

Volunteer Coaches



We are looking for willing volunteers to coach or manage our summer 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.

Daffodil Day – Friday 30 August



Our school is proud to be supporting the Cancer Society this Daffodil Day. One in three New Zealanders will receive a cancer diagnosis in their lifetime. Your support helps to fund cancer prevention policy and life-saving cancer research, and to provide support and hope to cancer patients and their whānau from diagnosis through to post-treatment.

On Friday 30 August, we encourage all students to dress in yellow and bring a gold coin to support our fundraising goal. We also have a fundraising page for Bell Block School whānau [here](#) if you wish to donate online.

Taranaki Bulls Captain's Run

Our youngest rippa rugby team, Bell Block Rippers, were fortunate to win a special invitation to attend the Taranaki Bulls Captain's Run yesterday. After watching the Bulls players during their training in the wet, cold weather, our students were able to have a chat and collect autographs.



High School Enrolments

Enrolment interviews for NPGHS and NPBHS take place here in the library **next Tuesday 13 August**. Enrolment interviews are compulsory for students intending to enrol at either of these schools. A caregiver must attend the interview with their child.

To book an enrolment interview, first you must complete an online enrolment application via the school's website. After applying to enrol you can then book an enrolment interview also on the school's website. Please refer to the prospectus provided or the NPGHS/NPBHS websites for further information.

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".

TARANAKI TOY LIBRARY
We are collecting good condition, secondhand books now!
Please donate your unwanted children's books so they can be enjoyed by others.
Drop books off at the following locations:
• the school office by **22nd August**,
• the Taranaki Toy Library, (at 524 Devon Street East, Fitzroy—beside Knox Church) by **15 September**

CHILDREN'S MONSTER BOOK SALE

Friday Sept 20th, 2pm-6pm, and
Saturday Sept 21st, 9am-1pm

Thank you for supporting your local community Toy Library

Conrad Hailes
Principal

COMMUNITY NOTICES

No charge, but a koha is appreciated

ReCharge
Intermediate Youth

Friday 9th August
6-8pm
@ Northpoint Baptist Church
116 Mangati Road, Bell Block

Bring your friends

ReCharge is a Youth Group for kids in Year 7 & 8 at school.
For more information contact us at recharge@northpoint.org.nz

New Plymouth BMX CLUB
HAVE A GO DAY
SUNDAY 18TH AUGUST
9 - 10AM
BALANCE & PEDAL BIKES ARE ALL WELCOME

YOU WILL NEED:

- BIKE
- FULL FACE HELMET
- LONG PANTS AND LONG SLEEVE TOP
- GLOVES
- COVERED IN SHOES

LIMITED BIKES, HELMETS AND GLOVES WILL BE AVAILABLE TO HIRE ON THE DAY

ALL AGES AND ABILITIES WELCOME!

IF YOU'D LIKE ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, SEND US A MESSAGE ON FACEBOOK @NEWPLYMOUTHBMX

NEW PLYMOUTH BMX CLUB - HICKFORD PARK, BELL BLOCK

Supporting Young Athletes Parent and Coach Seminar
By Dave Mackay

The Adolescent Brain and Parent/Coach Influence on Sporting Youth

This seminar explores the adolescent brain and its effects on their behaviour alongside the influence that parents and coaches have on youth through this period of life. This is an essential message for all adults working with sporting youth.

Dave is a trained counsellor who specialises in working with adolescents and people in the sports community. Dave has an extensive background in all levels of sport, from community to high performance across multiple codes.

Venue: New Plymouth Boys' High School, Hostel Dining Room
Date: Tuesday 13th August
Time: 7pm-8pm

Scan the QR code to register
Email: cmackay@teahia.org.nz for more information

Sideline **TSSOA**

Call for Scholarship Applications for Year 8 students commencing secondary education in 2025

The Kiley Family Memorial Trust was established in 2005 to provide financial support to Year 8 students from the Kiley Family Memorial Trust area who are commencing secondary education in 2025. Applications for any level of study will be considered but further preference will be given to those students pursuing a career in agriculture related fields.

Preference is given to students from this week's school who would otherwise have difficulty paying their school fees and meeting other school costs.

For more information and to apply online, visit scholarship.kileyfamilytrust.org.nz

Applications close: Sun, 27th September 2024

Kiley Family Memorial Trust Scholarship