

BELL BLOCK SCHOOL NEWSLETTER #25
Friday 16 August 2024

Focus Value:
 Responsibility -
 Takohanga



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

This week we have seen a rise in student and staff illness which will hopefully improve in the coming weeks as we move towards spring. We do our best to keep things as settled as we can and to ensure the consistency of learning programmes but when we have increased numbers of students and staff away, this can be challenging.

To finish off the week a group of our Intermediate students attended the LEAD Conference to develop their leadership skills. It is great to see students taking opportunities and developing skills that will serve them well as they move through their schooling.

Celebration Assembly

At our Celebration Assembly today we heard from students in Room 5 who shared their learning and art-work about flamingos. To see six and seven year old students presenting their learning to around 500 people in assembly is just amazing. The detail, quality and volume of their written work should make them and their families feel very proud of their efforts.

We also recognised a group of Bell Block School students who have been doing outstanding things at our school with the Triple A and Values awards. Well done to all the students who received these awards this week.

Willow Cross, Isabella Napia, Aryan Sodhi, Amayra Kumar, Maali Soffe, Will Simpson, Salote Mauga, Stella Wellstood, Ariies Crean, Gurseerat Sidhu, Dolly Genji, Lexie Old, Charlie Parkinson, Lilly Coleman, Kora Lowe-Hunt, Ruby Jeffries, Lyla Watchorn, Mia-May Davis, Charlotte Bryan, Charlotte Allam, Xandrei Tamayo, Samuel Dolz, Anabelle Jordaan, Xanthe Poi, Isabella Pigneguy, Jasper Welton, Konrad Turama, Elizabeth Fidow, Chloe Green, Jamie Turama, Jack Goldfinch, Jackson Payne, Ayla White, Maeve Luke, Jessica Grundling, Cassidy Bhana

Looking Ahead

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| | Monday 19 August | Tuesday 20 August | Wednesday 21 August | Thursday 22 August | Friday 23 August |
| Week 5 | <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 |
| | Monday 26 August | Tuesday 27 August | Wednesday 28 August | Thursday 29 August | Friday 30 August |
| Week 6 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:00 Breakfast Club 5:30 Camp Parent Helper Briefing | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ICAS Mathematics exam | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:00 Breakfast Club 2:00 Kapa Haka group practice 2:00 Cross Country Yrs 1-2 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cross Country Yrs 3-8 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:00 Breakfast Club 10:15 Celebration Assembly 2:00 Technology Showcase Sports Registrations Close Daffodil Day |

Report and Interview Feedback

As part of our development around communication with whānau and the school assessment schedule, we are inviting parents to share their thoughts on our current reports and Parent Teacher Interview programme. Next week you will be sent the link to a short survey that will give you the opportunity to share your ideas and help us to continue to develop what we do here at Bell Block School. Please complete the survey if you are able as we appreciate your feedback and your time.

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. Please note, there has been a change in running order for the Junior event on Wednesday 28 August.

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 | |
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| Venue: School field | |
| First race starts 2pm | |
| *7 year old boys (in Year 2) | 3 laps |
| *7 year old girls (in Year 2) | 3 laps |
| 6 year old boys | 3 laps |
| 6 year old girls | 3 laps |
| 5 year old boys | 2 laps |
| 5 year old girls | 2 laps |
| <p>PLEASE NOTE: There has been a change in the running order: 7 year olds now run first</p> | |

| Thursday 29 August | |
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| 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) |



Colour Run Fundraiser – Tuesday 3 September



We are excited to invite you to our Colour Run fundraising event on **Tuesday 3 September from 1:30pm to 3:00pm**. This event is in support of our upcoming Intermediate Camp to Forest Lakes in Otaki.

Our Colour Run is a fun event where students run a short course around the school wearing white clothing and are showered with brightly coloured powder throughout the course by teachers and volunteers. The visual spectacle of a Colour Run is undeniable and the emphasis is on fun and community spirit.

Full details and a permission slip will be available on the *@school* app next week. To ensure your child can participate, please sign the digital permission slip before the deadline if you are happy for your child to take part.

There will be a gold coin donation for participation with all proceeds going directly to support our Intermediate Camp.

Participants should wear white clothing for the most noticeable colour pop. Don't forget to bring your own goggles/sunglasses if you'd like.

Parents and whānau are also welcome to join the fun for a gold coin donation. We would love to have you join us. We look forward to a fun-filled afternoon with our school community.



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.

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 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.

Production



Commemorative production t-shirts are now available to purchase for \$21.00. The t-shirts will be green with a Shrek Jr logo, the school's name and the year on the front. A size chart is shown below for your reference.

Orders close on **Sunday 25 August**. Please place your order using the [Kindo app](#).

Child's Size Chart:

| Size in cm | SIZE 2 | SIZE 4 | SIZE 6 | SIZE 8 | SIZE 10 | SIZE 12 | SIZE 14 |
|------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|---------|---------|---------|
| Width | 32 | 34 | 37 | 39 | 42 | 45 | 48 |
| Length | 40.5 | 45 | 49.5 | 54 | 58.5 | 63 | 67.5 |

Women's Size Chart:

| Size in cm | SIZE 8 | SIZE 10 | SIZE 12 | SIZE 14 | SIZE 16 | SIZE 18 | SIZE 20 |
|------------|--------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Width | 43 | 46 | 49 | 52 | 55 | 58 | 61 |
| Length | 65 | 66 | 67 | 68 | 69 | 70 | 71 |

Men's Size Chart:

| Size in cm | SML | MED | LRG | XLG | 2XL | 3XL | 4XL | 5XL | 7XL | 9XL |
|------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|-----|-----|-----|
| Width | 51 | 54 | 57 | 60 | 63 | 67 | 70.5 | 74 | 81 | 88 |
| Length | 72 | 75 | 78 | 81 | 84 | 87 | 90 | 93 | 99 | 105 |

The width measurement is taken from armpit to armpit across the chest when the garment is laid flat.

The length measurement is taken from the highest point on the shoulder to the hem.

2025 Enrolments

As we have experienced some growth in student numbers this year, we are beginning to plan for 2025. If you would like your child to start at Bell Block School next year or are looking to apply for an out-of-zone position, please make contact with the office and fill out an enrolment form as soon as you are able. The more we know about who is coming to school next year, the better prepared we can be. Please share this information with friends and family who are interested in attending Bell Block School in 2025.

Intermediate Camp

We welcome donations for the Intermediate camp via the *myKindo* app. 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.

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*.

Quiz Night Thank You

Last Friday the Intermediate Team teachers along with the Bell Block School PTA held a successful Quiz Night at The Fitz with 90 people in attendance. We want to say a big thank you to those who joined us, we hope you had a great night. The Quiz Night wouldn't have been as successful without the help of some amazing businesses and whānau who donated items towards raffles and prizes. We would like to say a huge thank you to the following:

Alegria Latin Dance Studio, Big Barrel, Big Jim's Garden Centre, Bunnings Warehouse New Plymouth, Gutter Solutions New Plymouth, Hell Pizza New Plymouth, Ideal Buildings New Plymouth, Jeffries Family, Juno Gin, Kas Customs, Korff Builders, LiquorLand Fitzroy, McDonald Family, McDonald Real Estate New Plymouth, Mitre 10 Mega New Plymouth, Muskoka Lifestyle, New Plymouth Car Painters Panel & Paint, Pak N Save New Plymouth, Plymouth International Hotel, Reardon Transport, Repco New Plymouth, Sarah Korff, Subway Bell Block, TCM Construction, Tasman Toyota, The Beauty Colab, The Devon Hotel, The Fitz and Whittakers Chocolate.

Pizza Day

Pizza Day is coming up on **Thursday 19 September** 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.



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:



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".

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

ReCharge
Intermediate Youth

No charge, but koha is appreciated

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

HANGOUTS

FRIDAY 16th AUGUST

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

New Plymouth BMX

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 A MESSAGE ON FACEBOOK @NEWPLYMOUTHBMX

NEW PLYMOUTH BMX CLUB - HICKFORD PARK, BELL BLOCK

Netball
TARANAKI
Pohorowhio Taranaki

2024 SPRING LEAGUE

\$300 PER TEAM

REGISTRATIONS CLOSE MONDAY 23 SEPTEMBER

STRATFORD - MONDAY 7 OCTOBER
NEW PLYMOUTH - TUESDAY 8 OCTOBER
HAWERA - WEDNESDAY 9 OCTOBER

MORE DETAILS AT
<https://www.netballtaranaki.org.nz/play/spring-league-1>