

BELL BLOCK SCHOOL NEWSLETTER #26
Friday 23 August 2024

Focus Value:
 Responsibility -
 Takohanga



School Goal:
 Follow rules and
 instructions within our
 class and school

As we reach the halfway point of the term, it's a great time to reflect on all the progress we've made so far. Our students have been engaged in a variety of exciting activities, and there's plenty more to come. From hands-on learning experiences, education outside the classroom to upcoming events, the next few weeks will continue to be packed with opportunities for growth and discovery.

Education Review Office Visit

We have been fortunate to work alongside Catherine Leger from the Education Review Office this week. It has been a pleasure to be able to sit with Catherine and discuss all of the amazing mahi we are doing here at Bell Block School. Catherine is loving getting to know all of the elements of our school that make it a great place to be. Catherine spent time in classrooms this week and was blown away with the high quality teaching and learning she saw. The student engagement and supportive and inviting environments were special mentions of her visits. Ka pai tō mahi tamariki mo ngā kaimahi kura! Great work students and staff!

Year 7/8 Interschool Sports Exchange

Our Year 7/8 teams made an early start on Wednesday as they travelled to Hāwera to compete in a one day Interschool Sports tournament. We were proud to take a rugby, football and netball team with us to compete. Our teams were resilient and played with passion and determination. It was a day filled with many proud moments as we were able to watch our teams take the field and court, showing great sportsmanship and encouraging their fellow teammates. We are excited that our rugby and netball teams have made it through to the finals. The dates for these events are yet to be decided, however more information will be shared in due course.

Literacy Symposium

This week I attended the Literacy Symposium in Wellington, alongside Deputy Principal, Courtney Goldsworthy. It was great to hear from three keynote speakers: Dr Carolyn Strom, Sarah Asome and Dr Anita Archer. The information they shared ranged from the neuroscience of how a brain learns to read, the 'why and how' we teach literacy in a way that supports this research and how to increase student engagement levels in the classroom. We are enthusiastic about our learning from the symposium and are now looking carefully at how we can implement these gems of knowledge within our space.

Looking Ahead

	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 9:30 Intermediate Trip to Summerset – Rm 20 1:45 Intermediate Trip to Summerset – Rm 19 5:30 Camp Parent Volunteer Briefing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ICAS Mathematics exam 9:30 Intermediate Trip to Summerset – Rm 17 1:45 Intermediate Trip to Summerset – Rm 18 	<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 (Please see schedule below) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:00 Breakfast Club 10:15 Celebration Assembly 2:30 Technology Showcase Sports Registrations Close Daffodil Day
Week 7	Monday 2 September	Tuesday 3 September	Wednesday 4 September	Thursday 5 September	Friday 6 September
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:00 Breakfast Club Cross Country Postponement Day 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1:45 Colour Run Fundraiser 	<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"> Year 7/8 Full Primary Cross Country at Omata 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:00 Breakfast Club 10:15 Singing Assembly

Parent Survey - Reports and Interviews

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 school reports and Parent Teacher Interview programme. Please complete the short [Parent Survey](#) to share your ideas and help us to continue to develop what we do here at Bell Block School. The survey will close on **Monday 9 September**. We appreciate your time and contribution.

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 Wednesday event for the Junior Team (Years 1-2) will be held entirely on the school field. Spectators are welcome.

The Thursday events for ages 7-13 are held around the Mangati Walkway. Runners start at the red bridge nearest to Antonia Place and run clockwise around the Mangati Walkway. A map of the track can be found on the school website under '[Events](#)'.

Spectators are welcome. Entry points are Cassia Place, Antonia Place (steep) or Parklands Ave. Please remain on the paved side of the Mangati Stream to cheer for runners. The finish line is best viewed from the paved walkway near Cassia Place and Antonia Place.

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

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 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

Wednesday 28 August	
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

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)



Technology Showcase - Friday 30 August

We are proud to be sharing the learning and creations of the Intermediate students with the school community at the Intermediate Technology Showcase on **Friday 30 August**. Whānau are invited to walk through the Technology classrooms between **2.30pm and 4.00pm** to see examples of the students' creations from the work they have done in Hospitality, Digital Technology, Enterprise, Manufacturing and Visual Arts & Design. The Music students will be performing at next week's Celebration Assembly. We hope to see you there to support the Intermediate students. Please sign in at the office before making your way to the Technology classes.

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 Programmes



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.

Term 4 Sports

Registrations are open for Term 4 school sports teams for touch, cricket, hockey and netball. Full information including season dates is available on the school website www.bellblock.school.nz.

Registrations close on FRIDAY 30 AUGUST at 11.59pm. All sports registrations are now completed via the *myKindo* app. 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.

If you have any queries, please email sport@bellblock.school.nz or telephone the office on 755 0838.

Volunteer Coaches

We are looking for volunteers to coach or manage our summer sports teams. Please email sport@bellblock.school.nz if you, or a family member, are able to assist.



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**. If we do not receive sufficient donations to meet our financial target, then unfortunately the camp is unable to go ahead.

Intermediate Camp Parent Volunteer Briefing – Monday 26 August

We invite all parent helpers that are joining us on camp to attend a Parent Helper Meeting on **Monday 26 August from 5.30pm-6.30pm** in the staffroom. It is important you are able to attend as we will be discussing everything you need to know for our time away. Please bring along any questions you have, or send them through in an email to courtney.goldsworthy@bellblock.school.nz or janine.vandenberg@bellblock.school.nz.

Pizza Day

Pizza Day is coming up on **Thursday 19 September**. There will be no paper order forms sent home and all pizza orders should be placed online via *myKindo* [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. Orders close on Monday 16 September. As we are now operating a cashless system, the office will be unable to accept cash pizza orders. If you have any difficulties, please don't hesitate to contact the office who will be happy to assist.



Gardening/Landscaping Assistance

Our Student Council have started work on their Legacy Project to create a vegetable garden and orchard at school. In order to begin, we would be grateful for assistance with some minor landscape clearing. Please contact Courtney Goldsworthy if you are able to assist (Email courtney.goldsworthy@bellblock.school.nz).

Attendance

With the government's continued focus on attendance, as a school we too, continue to monitor attendance and expect that all students attend school regularly. During Term 2 of this year 67% of Bell Block School students attended school regularly (regularly = at least 90% of the time).

This term we were pleased to acknowledge the efforts of 84 students who attended school every day during Term 2. 100% attendance is determined by following the Ministry of Education guidelines for being present at school. Attendance codes included in the calculation are (but are not limited to) Late, Medical Appointment and Off-site Course.

It can be difficult to know whether your child is too ill to attend school. Te Whatu Ora advice is that healthy young children can have up to 8-12 colds or upper respiratory tract infections each year and these are a normal part of childhood. If in doubt, your child should attend school – often they will feel better after arrival.

Student attendance (along with effective teaching) has the greatest impact on student engagement and achievement. We believe that our community is stronger together, with all of our students in school, on time, every day. We are building life skills, friendships and preparing your child for future success. Every day of school matters.

Arriving Late/Leaving Early

A reminder that students arriving after 8:55am must sign in at the office and take the late slip to their teacher. We appreciate students being on time every day so they have time to get settled before the school day begins and are not missing out on important information relevant to the day ahead.

If students need to leave school early they must be signed out by a caregiver at the office. Students will not be permitted to leave school during the day without a caregiver. If someone other than a caregiver (or emergency contact) is collecting your child early, please notify the office in advance or your child will not be released from school.

School Gates

A reminder that during the school day our school gates are locked to ensure the safety of our students. If entering the grounds during the school day please use the main gate next to the shops which is always unlocked.



Thank You

We would like to extend our gratitude to Bell Block Florist for their generous donation of fabric, flowers and craft items for use in our upcoming production. We are so appreciative of your support.

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 please take the time to get your whānau set up on the app now. Go to <https://shop.tgcl.co.nz>


Checking 'my orders' on Kindo

Not sure if you have completed your order?

Go to 'my orders' on your myKindo page, and you will see your transaction history!

All your orders, top-ups and shopping items will be listed here in date order.

It's quick and easy to check and keep track of orders.



Conrad Hailes
Principal

COMMUNITY NOTICES



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>

No charge, but a koha is appreciated



Friday 23rd 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 HAVE A GO DAY

SUNDAY 25TH AUGUST
9 - 10AM

BALANCE & PEDAL BIKES ARE
ALL WELCOME

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

YOU WILL NEED :

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

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