BELL BLOCK SCHOOL NEWSLETTER #27 Friday 30 August 2024

Focus Value: Responsibility -Takohanga



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

The second half of the term is underway and it will be a very busy last four weeks. It was great to be able to hold our Junior Cross Country this week and see the effort and determination of some of our youngest runners. It is always a great event with the older students cheering on the Juniors and lots of our families supporting the runners as well.

The production is also shaping up with individual groups now blending in with the main cast and students being able to see how it is beginning to fit together. The students are really looking forward to sharing their show with our community in a couple of weeks' time.

Over the term we have been working alongside the Education Review Office as part of our school review process. Our evaluation partner has been in the school for several days and spoken with school leadership, staff, students and some of our families as well as visiting a range of classes across the school. The initial feedback has been very positive and also affirmed some areas we have identified to develop. The feedback will be presented to our Board at their meeting in September and we will receive our initial evaluation report before the end of the year.

At our Celebration Assembly this week it was a pleasure to award more of our students Triple A and Values awards. Well done to all the students who received these awards this week.

Gaurinandha Praveen, Neiko Peattie, Francie Charlton, Annabelle Russell, Carter Walsh, Liam Harris, Cullen-Jack Matenga, Lachlan Sandford, Emily Judd, Emme Pringle, Paige Bennett, Joseph Johns-King, Kenneth Moratuwage, Glacia Ngoi Hawaiki Te Amora, Aria Stewart-Jacks, Connor Mischeski, Ashley Harris, Lacey Sole, Blayze McCulloch, Ruby Northcott, Harlyn Ruff, Bella Zhou, Ava Page, Juke Smith, Julia Jones, Georgia Emeny, Jessa Pollock, Roy Lin, Keeley Rowe, Elsa Ryan, Rayne Pullen, Felix Evans, Zayden Brown-Washer, Billy Marx, Kayden Marshall, Cohen Mullin





| Looking Ahead | | | | | | |
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| | Monday 2 September | Tuesday 3 September | Wednesday 4 September | Thursday 5 September | Friday 6 September | |
| | ● 8:00 Breakfast Club | • 1:45 Colour Run | ● 8:00 Breakfast Club | | ● 8:00 Breakfast Club | |
| _ | | Fundraiser | • 9:00 New Entrants' | | ■ 10:15 Singing Assembly | |
| × | | | Transition Visit | | | |
| Week | | | Staff v Students | | | |
| > | | | Basketball | | | |
| | | | • 2:00 Kapa Haka group | | | |
| | | | practice | | | |
| | Monday 9 September | Tuesday 10 September | Wednesday 11 September | Thursday 12 September | Friday 13 September | |
| | • 8:00 Breakfast Club | Hearing & Vision Testing | • 8:00 Breakfast Club | • 9:00 Open Morning | • 8:00 Breakfast Club | |
| Week 8 | | Year 0/1 & Year 7 | • 9:00 New Entrants' | ■ 5:00 Board Meeting | ■ 10:15 Celebration | |
| | | Kapa Haka Community | Transition Visit | | Assembly | |
| | | Trip | • Cross Country Years 3-8 | | | |
| | | • 7:00 PTA Meeting | • 2:00 Kapa Haka group | | | |
| | | | practice | | | |

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.

Cross Country

Due to the inclement weather forecast this week, our Cross Country event for Years 3-8 was unable to go ahead as planned. It has been postponed to **Wednesday 11 September.** Please join us on that date if you are able.

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.

A permission slip with further details is now available on the *@school* app. To ensure your child can participate, please sign the digital permission slip <u>before the end of the day</u> today 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.

Production - Shrek Jnr

We are pleased to announce the performance times for *Shrek Jnr* are as follows:

Tuesday 17 September Matinee performance at 1:00pm - Featuring CAST A
Wednesday 18 September Matinee performance at 1:00pm - Featuring CAST B
Wednesday 18 September Evening performance at 6:30pm - Featuring CAST A
Thursday 19 September Evening performance at 6:30pm - Featuring CAST B

All students are involved in the production and will be on stage at some time in every performance.

Students who have leading roles (often speaking parts) know which cast they are part of and will perform that role in two of the four shows and have a supporting role in the other two shows. Please check with your child and if you're still unsure, please feel free to check with the office.

If your child does not have a main role, they will perform their class dance in all four shows.



Production Tickets

Tickets to the production shows are now available to purchase from the <u>myKindo shop</u>. Tickets cost \$10 per person and seats are non-allocated. To allow for as many families to attend the performance as possible, families are able to purchase a *maximum of five tickets* per family. Should your family require more than five tickets in total, please contact the office to add your name to the ticket wait list.

After purchasing your ticket, you will receive an email confirmation from Kindo which you may be required to show at the door upon entry.

Tickets are only available to purchase via myKindo. If you are yet to set up a myKindo account please get in touch with the office staff who will be happy to assist.

2025 Out of Zone Enrolments

The Board invites applications from parents who wish to enrol their children at Bell Block School for next year. Enrolment at the school is governed by an enrolment scheme, details of which are available from the school office.

To apply for a place for your child please download an enrolment form from the Enrolments page of our <u>website</u> and provide your child's birth certificate and immunisation record to the school office. Enrolment packs are also available from the school office.

Applications for out of zone enrolments for 2025 must be received by 3:30pm on Friday 11 October 2024 (please see the timeline below for further information). Parents of students who live within the home zone should also apply by this date to assist the school to plan appropriately for next year. *Please note that children with siblings currently enrolled who live outside of the school zone must apply as an out of zone student.*

The exact number of places available will depend on the number of applications received from students who live within the school's home zone.

If the number of out of zone applications exceeds the number of places available, students will be selected by ballot. If a ballot is required it will be held on Wednesday 16 October 2024. Parents will be informed of the outcome of the ballot within three school days of the ballot being held.

An Open Morning is scheduled for Thursday 12 September from 9am-10am for families and children who are interested in seeing what our school has to offer. Please sign in at the office and meet in the staffroom. No reservations required.

Should you have any questions regarding enrolments, please contact Kim Thomas in the office on 06 755 0838 or email office@bellblock.school.nz.

Out of Zone Enrolment Timeline for 2025

| Friday 11 October 2024 | Deadline for out of zone enrolments closes at 3.30pm | | |
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| Wednesday 16 October 2024 | Ballot for out of zone places (if necessary) | | |
| Friday 18 October 2024 | Parents notified of decision | | |
| Friday 1 November 2024 | Parents must confirm whether the offer of a place is accepted or declined | | |

Intermediate Camp 2024

Thank you to all those who have made donations towards getting our Intermediate students away to camp. It is with much excitement and relief that we can confirm that the *camp will be going ahead*. We are not yet at the amount we need so please keep the donations coming in.

I would like to thank all those in our community who have donated money towards their child's camp and those who have donated extra to assist other children to be able to attend. With the continued support of our community, we will continue to try and offer events like this to our students.

Term 4 Sports

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

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.



Parent Survey - Reports and Interviews

The short <u>Parent Survey</u> about our school reports and Parent Teacher Interview programme closes on Monday 9 September so please share your feedback as we continue to develop our systems and processes. Thank you to all our families who have taken this opportunity already. Your feedback is appreciated.

Pizza Day - Thursday 19 September

Pizza orders can be placed online via *myKindo* <u>here</u>. There will be no paper order forms sent home and as we are now operating a cashless system, the office will be unable to accept cash pizza orders. Orders close on Monday 16 September. If you have any difficulties, please don't hesitate to contact the office who will be happy to assist.



Thank You - Toi Foundation

We would like to extend our gratitude to Toi Foundation for their generous grant for our Spring Maths and Early Words programme which is specifically designed to help accelerate our learners.

Thank You – Community Helpers

We would also like to thank Nino Rey and his team for their wonderful mahi over the weekend doing some landscaping and clearing a garden space for our Student Council to begin their school vegetable garden and orchard.

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 make payments for all 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





