

BELL BLOCK SCHOOL NEWSLETTER #31
Friday 27 September 2024

Focus Value:
 Responsibility -
 Takohanga



School Goal:
 Be responsible for
 my duties at school
 and at home.
 Help out where I can.

Term 3 has almost finished and we look forward to our campers returning today from their week away in Ōtaki and Wellington. I have been hearing that the students have had a fantastic time away and, although tired, have tried a range of new activities and enjoyed the experiences involved in being away from home for a week. Thanks to the staff who put in a huge effort to organise this event and also to all those in our community who made donations that enabled the camp to go ahead. Thank you also to all the camp parents who supported the students down in Ōtaki for the week. Your help is very much appreciated.



Class Placement 2025

After a busy term we now turn our attention to Term 4 and beyond to 2025. With that in mind, we are beginning the process of organising the class placements for next year. Each year half of our students move classes and join a new team. In preparation for this, your child will be asked for the names of some students who they would prefer to be placed with next year. It is a very good idea to have a talk with your child about who they work well with and who helps their learning so they can make a good choice. Just being placed with their best friends can be detrimental for their learning. In the past, some students have made very odd requests that have led to a great deal of anguish for themselves and their parents. Again, we cannot guarantee that the students will be placed with the first person on their list but we do our best to ensure the students are placed with someone they have requested.

As always, we invite parent input into the class placement process. We make no promises but do take parent shared information into account when placing students. This is not an opportunity to directly request a teacher as staff placements for 2025 have not yet been confirmed, or a particular student for your child to be placed with, but rather an opportunity to share the things that will help your child make the most of the learning opportunities, for example – strengths in maths, P.E. or writing. We appreciate that many families are busy during the day so you can email any information you wish to share to principal@bellblock.school.nz. If you would like to have input into this process, please ensure your email is sent no later than **Wednesday 23 October**.

Looking Ahead

	Monday 14 October	Tuesday 15 October	Wednesday 16 October	Thursday 17 October	Friday 18 October
Week 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 8:00 Breakfast Club ● 10:15 Mihi Whakatau 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Year 8 Immunisations ● Year 6 AWE Water Safety 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 8:00 Breakfast Club ● 2:00 Kapa Haka Group Practice ● Year 6 AWE Water Safety 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Year 6 AWE Water Safety 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 8:00 Breakfast Club ● Intermediate Interschool Netball Final

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 [website](#) and provide your child's birth certificate and immunisation record to the school office. Enrolment packs are also available from the school office.

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.

Please note that children with siblings currently enrolled who live outside of the school zone must apply as an out of zone student.

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
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

Office Closed

Just a reminder that our out of zone enrolments close during the holidays on **Friday 11 October at 3:30pm**. As the office is not open during the holidays, any applications will need to be emailed to office@bellblock.school.nz before that time or delivered to the office before **Friday 27 September at 3.00pm** when the office closes.

Parents of students who live within the home zone and intend enrolling their child at any time during 2025 should also send in their enrolment forms by this date to assist the school to plan appropriately for next year.

PTA News – Calendar Art Fundraiser

The students have been busy creating beautiful artwork for you to showcase on calendars, diaries, cards, notepads, drink bottles and mugs. You can now order on [myKindo](#) by selecting 'Calendar Art'. Orders and payment are due in by **Monday 7 October**.

You can view your child's artwork that will be printed on your order in the window of their classroom. If you prefer, you can also upload your own photo or picture to be used instead of the artwork. Samples of the products are available to view in the school office.

Orders will be delivered to your child's classroom approximately late November.

These make great Christmas gifts and are a great fundraiser for the school – don't miss out! There will be a prize for the top two sellers of their art this year too!



Sun Hats

School sun hats are compulsory during Term 4 and Term 1. Hats are available for purchase on [myKindo](#) for \$15 and will be delivered to the student's classroom. Sunscreen is also very important and is provided for the students by our PTA. Students not wearing a hat will be encouraged to play in the shade.



Summer Sports

All summer sports teams have now been finalised and notifications to players have been sent via the school app. The coach or manager for each team has the player contact details and will make contact with you prior to the first game. If you have any queries, please check the [school website](#) or email sport@bellblock.school.nz.

Waitara High School Proposed Enrolment Zone

We have been approached by the Ministry of Education to provide feedback about the proposed Waitara High School enrolment zone. As this may affect and limit the options of some of our families when choosing a high school, we are reaching out to the community for feedback. We will collate this information and send it to the Ministry on behalf of our community.

The section of the proposed zone that may affect some of our families is described below:

1. The zone starts at the intersection of Henwood Road and the main rail line.
2. The zone then follows Henwood Road north to the roundabout at the intersection of Henwood Road, Pohutukawa Place, Nugent Street and the Bell Block Shopping Centre.
 - Addresses off Pohutukawa Place are not in zone.
3. From the roundabout, the zone proceeds north on Nugent Street to the intersection of Nugent Street and Parklands Avenue.
 - Addresses off Warkworth Grove are in zone.
4. At the intersection of Nugent Street and Parklands Avenue the zone travels west to the intersection of Parklands Avenue and Waipu View Drive.
 - All addresses off Nadine Stanton Drive are in zone.
 - All addresses off Sunset Street are in zone.
 - All addresses off Impact Avenue are in zone.
5. From the intersection of Parklands Avenue and Waipu View Drive the zone follows Waipu View Drive and travels overland in a straight line to point on the Taranaki Coast/Tasman Sea.
 - All addresses off Waipu View Drive are in zone.

If you would like to provide feedback, please email your response to principal@bellblock.school.nz by Friday 18 October.

End of Term 3

There have been so many events and student successes both inside and outside the classroom this term. It has been wonderful to see students living our school motto and giving their best to every learning opportunity, event and activity.

We hope all our families have a great break and we look forward to the students returning for Term 4 on Monday 14 October.

Conrad Hailes

Principal

COMMUNITY NOTICES

ReCharge
Kia ora koutou,
hello, Year 6's
and whānau

We want to invite you to join us at ReCharge Intermediate Youth for Term 4, starting on Friday 10th October. It's a chance to see what ReCharge is like and get to know the team.

What is ReCharge?
A youth group for kids in Year 7 & 8 at school.
WHEN: Friday nights during term time from 6-8PM.

WHERE: Northpoint Baptist Church
116 Mangati Road, Bell Block

SEND MORE INFO: contact us at recharge@northpoint.org.nz

We are excited to meet you
The ReCharge Team

RAVENS INLINE HOCKEY
Years 1-8
\$25 per player
8-week league
Some gear available.
Late entries accepted.
Register [here](#).