

**BELL BLOCK SCHOOL NEWSLETTER #28**  
**Friday 6 September 2024**

**Focus Value:**  
 Responsibility -  
 Takohanga



**School Goal:**  
 Have a positive can-do  
 attitude

We have felt the change to spring this week as the days have become a little longer but with the dusting of snow on the mountain we know the winter weather is still around.

Our Technology Showcase last Friday afternoon was a great way to finish the week showcasing the skills and creativity of our Intermediate students. It was nice to see the students sharing their learning with pride and excitement and some of the creations showed amazing thought and detail. Well done to our Intermediate students and thanks to all our families who were able to come along to support them.

The Colour Run added some excitement to our Thursday with so many of our students taking the challenge to help fundraise money for our Intermediate camp later this month. The students and many of the staff were “decorated” by the end of their run. Thank you to Miss Purser and the students who organised this event.



This week we also had our termly Staff vs Students challenge. The Student Leaders organised a basketball game on Wednesday and although the students put on a great show, the staff were able to claim the victory and the overall lead, two challenges to one with Term 4’s event still to come.

The next few weeks will be even busier than usual with production practices and show run-throughs, as well as the Cross Country Day for Years 3-8 and the Intermediate camp, not to mention the schoolwide Celebration Days. These opportunities give our students a chance to share their talents and shine outside the classroom while also making the most of the remaining weeks with their academic improvement.

**Looking Ahead**

	<b>Monday 9 September</b>	<b>Tuesday 10 September</b>	<b>Wednesday 11 September</b>	<b>Thursday 12 September</b>	<b>Friday 13 September</b>
<b>Week 8</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8:00 Breakfast Club</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hearing &amp; Vision Testing Year 0/1 &amp; Year 7</li> <li>Kapa Haka Community Trip</li> <li>7:00 PTA Meeting</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8:00 Breakfast Club</li> <li>9:00 New Entrants’ Transition Visit</li> <li>Cross Country Years 3-8</li> <li>2:00 Kapa Haka group practice</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9:00 Open Morning</li> <li>5:00 Board Meeting</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8:00 Breakfast Club</li> <li>10:15 Celebration Assembly</li> </ul>
	<b>Monday 16 September</b>	<b>Tuesday 17 September</b>	<b>Wednesday 18 September</b>	<b>Thursday 19 September</b>	<b>Friday 20 September</b>
<b>Week 9</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8:00 Breakfast Club</li> <li>Pizza orders close</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1:00 Shrek Jnr Matinee Performance</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8:00 Breakfast Club</li> <li>9:00 New Entrants’ Transition Visit</li> <li>1:00 Shrek Jnr Matinee Performance</li> <li>6:30 Shrek Jnr Evening Performance</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pizza Day</li> <li>6:30 Shrek Jnr Evening Performance</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8:00 Breakfast Club</li> <li>10:15 Celebration Assembly</li> </ul>

## 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 during 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. Both casts need to attend every performance and be ready to perform. If not needed in a leading role, they will be in the choir.

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



### Meeting Places for Evening Performances

For the evening shows on **Wednesday 18 September and Thursday 19 September**, students should be dropped off at the following times to their designated meeting place:

5.00pm	Room 17	Face painters and main cast with face paint
5.00pm	Room 18	Main cast
5.45pm	Room 19	Fairy-tale Dancers and Royal Dancers
5.45pm	Room 20	Choir (please be wearing black)
5.45pm	Hall	Backstage, sound and lighting (please be wearing black)
5.45pm	Own classroom	<b>Students in Rooms 1-14</b>

*Students must be collected from their holding room at the conclusion of the performance.*

### Production Tickets

Tickets to the production shows are available to purchase from the [myKindo shop](#). 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.

Please make sure you have secured your tickets for your preferred performance of Shrek Jnr, as from **Monday 9 September** any remaining tickets will be on general sale via Kindo until sold out. Please note that the evening performance on Wednesday 18 September is now sold out.

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.

### Junior Playground

After about 35 years of loyal service to thousands of students at our school, we have unfortunately had to close our wooden fort, tunnel and slide in the Junior playground. Sadly, this means it can no longer be used and has been fenced off. We ask that families no longer use this part of the playground outside of school hours including the weekends. We are now in the process of seeing what we can do to replace it and will look to involve the students in this exciting opportunity.

### Parent Survey - Reports and Interviews

The [Parent Survey](#) about our school reports and Parent Teacher Interview programme closes on Monday so it's your last chance to 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.

## Junior Cross Country

It was great to see the Junior classes participating in their Cross Country last week. The students all enjoyed the run and being cheered on by their supporters. Thank you to all the parents who were able to join us. The results are:

5 YEAR OLD GIRLS	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>
Race 1	Indy Buick	Ayra Faris	Ruby Northcott
Race 2	Eva Piripi	Yashvitha Koyya	Amayra Kumar

5 YEAR OLD BOYS	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>
Race 1	Siva Mauga	Jordan Vile	Eddie Marsh
Race 2	Jahraz Adamson	Ardie Wood	Billy Stosic

6 YEAR OLD GIRLS	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>
Race 1	Indi Deuart	Zoey van Wyk	Aria Dwyer
Race 2	Ava Page-Bowers	Maali Soffe	Aubree Forbes-Knott

6 YEAR OLD BOYS	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>
Race 1	Save Sauliga	Dylan Washer	Carter Walsh
Race 2	Max Smith	Aryan Sodhi	Connor Bailey

7 YEAR OLD GIRLS	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>
Race 1	Tess Sanderson	Thea Parkinson	Thea Watson

7 YEAR OLD BOYS	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>
Race 1	Tony Chen	Harrison Honeyfield	Rory Gardiner



## Term 4 Sports

Summer sports teams are now been organised and team details will be notified via the @school app as soon as they are finalised. If you have any queries, please email [sport@bellblock.school.nz](mailto:sport@bellblock.school.nz) or telephone the office on 755 0838.

## Touch Rugby Coaches Needed

We are looking for volunteers to coach or manage our touch teams. If we do not have a coach or manager for each team, then the team is not able to be entered and unfortunately the students miss out on playing. Please email [sport@bellblock.school.nz](mailto:sport@bellblock.school.nz) if you, or a family member, are able to assist.



## Indoor Netball – Bell Block Gems



The Bell Block Gems indoor netball team played their last game on Sunday and enjoyed their first win of the season. The team have been going from strength to strength each week and getting to know each other as a team along the way. Their confidence has grown tremendously over the indoor netball season and we are so proud of their commitment and achievements. They played each game with a smile and a positive attitude! Thanks to all the supporters and special thanks to Cathy Sweetingham for leading the team each week.

## Hearing and Vision Testing – Tuesday 10 September

Vision and hearing screening is completed by Te Whatu Ora Health New Zealand Vision and Hearing Technicians at our school. The technicians will be visiting our school on **Tuesday 10 September** to test eligible students' vision and/or hearing. Eligible students include:

### New Entrants

Routine screening is completed for students who are new to school, and/or have not completed their B4 School Check and/or require further testing post B4 School Check.

### Year 7

Routine vision screening is completed for all Year 7 students and Year 8 students who have not completed the Year 7 screening and/or students that require further testing.

Visit dates are available in our online calendar which can be accessed via the website and @school app. If you have any queries or concerns, or do not wish for your child to have this screening done, please contact the school office.

## Pizza Day - Thursday 19 September



Pizza orders can be placed online via *myKindo* [here](#). 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.** Please ensure orders are placed before the deadline as no late orders will be accepted. If you have any difficulties placing your order, please don't hesitate to contact the office who will be happy to assist.

## Teacher Only Day – Friday 25 October

We have been directed to have a further Teacher Only Day in Term 4 and the Board have ratified Friday 25 October. This is the Friday before Labour Weekend. School will be closed to students on that day. We apologise for the impact this will have on our families and thank you for your support as we continue to develop our school and programmes.

## From the Student Council

You may have noticed that the bush area next to the blue turf has been taken out. We are using that space and the grass next to it for our Legacy Project which is going to be an orchard. Every year the Student Council has a Legacy Project that the future students of the school will remember us for and enjoy. To make this happen, we are seeking donations of fruit trees. We are using feijoa trees, Luisa plum trees, Hawera plum trees, pear trees and citrus trees like mandarin, lemon or lime. It would be much appreciated if you could donate any of these trees to Room 20.



Thank you to Karen Haw for her kind assistance in clearing some green waste to make way for our new vegetable garden and orchard. We appreciate your help.

## Bryce Jourdain Scholarship

Congratulations to Year 8 student, **Lilly Geurts**, who is the recipient of the Bryce Jourdain Scholarship for 2024. The scholarship provides Lilly the opportunity to participate in a week-long outdoor-focused course with TOPEC. The course is aimed at personal development, self-discovery, and unlocking inner potential for participants who are a role model for others, show leadership and recognise Aotearoa's outdoors as a special place. We hope you have enjoyed your week and learnt a lot, Lilly.

## Daffodil Day

Thank you to everyone who kindly made a donation on Daffodil Day. We are pleased to share that, as a school, we raised a total of \$563.85 which we are thrilled to pass on to the Cancer Society!



## 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.

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](mailto:office@bellblock.school.nz).

## Out of Zone Enrolment Timeline for 2025

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

## myKindo

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

**Please download the myKindo app or visit the Kindo website [here](#) and set up your account.** Kindo will be used to make all payments to school.

Please take the time to get your whānau set up on the app now.

### 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

**SPLD/NZ COURSE  
INTRODUCTION TO SPECIFIC LEARNING DIFFICULTIES (SLD)**

Are you a teacher or teacher aide working with a child who is struggling to learn? Do you have a child who is struggling to learn? Do you have a child who is struggling to learn? Do you have a child who is struggling to learn?

**SPLD/NZ NZ 5-year-day Introductory course is for you!**

This training is suitable for anyone with little or no knowledge about Specific Learning Disabilities (SLD).

**Topics:** -Understanding 'SP' and 'Thinking' -SP at a Glance

- Gain practical insights into what it is like to have Specific Learning Difficulties (such as spelling, maths and writing) -SLD and performance.
- Learn practical strategies, tools and tips for helping learners in the classroom and at home.
- Sharing the 'Big Picture' and how that impacts on learning and education for these learners.

*This was written - based on an early draft - "It gives an in-depth insight and encouragement" - feedback from a parent of a child with a diagnosis. The structure provided and content that have been contained in this "Introduction" page, dates and resources.*

**Register at least 2 weeks prior to SPLD/NZ course. SPLD/NZ NZ 5-year-day Introductory Course (SLD)**

**Free of charge for all participants. Free of charge for all participants. Free of charge for all participants.**

**For more information contact us at [office@bellblock.school.nz](mailto:office@bellblock.school.nz)**

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**'PATIENCE MATTERS'**

**Friday 6th September**

**6-8pm**

**@ Northpoint Baptist Church**

**116 Mangati Road, Bell Block**

**Games, kai and fun**

**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](mailto:recharge@northpoint.org.nz)

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- Adventure Art

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