

**BELL BLOCK SCHOOL NEWSLETTER #32**  
**Friday 18 October 2024**

**Focus Value:**  
Responsibility -  
Takohanga



**School Goal:**  
Take care of your  
belongings and  
remember your hat

Welcome back to Term 4 and our final term of the year. The staff and students have hit the ground running in this important term as it is our last opportunity for the year to make as much progress as possible. It is always a fun term as the weather continues to improve and wearing hats becomes compulsory again when outside. Thanks to our PTA we also have sunscreen available in several locations in the playground for the students to use as needed.

It was a pleasure to start the week by welcoming our new students and their families to our school at the Mihi Whakatau. With nine students starting school for the first time and also families that joined our school during Term 3, we had a lovely group welcomed to our school community for the final term of 2024.

With the Teacher Only Day scheduled for next Friday, we had our Celebration Assembly this week and started off the term acknowledging another group of students who live our motto, *Kaha i ngā wā katoa* every day. Well done to all the students who received awards this week.

*Ihaia Russell, Brylee Solis, Luca Johnston, Max Evans, Leila van Wyk, Mokshasri Setti, Daya Sidhu, Samuel Han, Joe Hargreaves, Dinuga Wickramanthanthri, Max Singh, Lewis Wipiiti-Boylan, Miila Laurence, Chloe Bishop, Kodie Bridgeman-Reid, Nathan Collins, Indy Buick, Jordan Vile, Tess Sanderson, Charles Ascan, Novak Kendall, Samantha Dixon, Archer Jensen-Wade, Tame White, Keeley Rowe, Heath Logie, Samantha Ainsworth, Zoe Trim, Keinnah Jury, Indie Mattock*

We have two more Celebration Assemblies this term on Friday 8 November and Friday 29 October starting at 10:15am.

### **School Structure Realignment**

Plans for 2025 are developing and one change for next year is a realignment of our school structure to the new curriculum levels set by the Ministry of Education. The new curriculums that have been brought out group the students slightly differently and we need to realign our current team structure to match this.

The curriculum now groups students into three phases. These phases will become our new teaching teams.

Phase 1 - Years 0-3

Phase 2 - Years 4-6

Phase 3 - Years 7-8

With our growing roll, we are also going to start 2025 with more classes in an effort to keep class sizes as low as we can within our staffing allocation.

Phase 1 - Year 0-3 will start with 7 classes

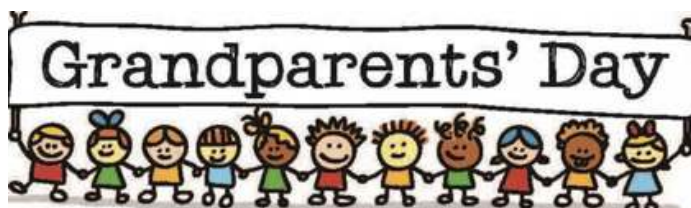
Phase 2 - Year 4-6 will start with 6 classes

Phase 3 - Year 7-8 will start with 5 classes

This new school structure continues to have mainly composite classes with two year groups in the same class, but also some single year group classes. This gives us more flexibility when placing students. These changes will require us to reassign classes and students for the beginning of next year. We appreciate this will be unsettling for some students but it is a necessary step to continue to move our school forward as we aim to provide the best possible outcomes for our students. If you have any concerns please speak to your child's teacher, team leader or email me at [principal@bellblock.school.nz](mailto:principal@bellblock.school.nz). Alternatively, you may call the office to make an appointment to see me.

## Looking Ahead

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Week 2	Monday 21 October	Tuesday 22 October	Wednesday 23 October	Thursday 24 October	Friday 25 October
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8:00 Breakfast Club</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8:00 Breakfast Club</li> <li>2:00 Kapa Haka group practice</li> </ul>		<b>TEACHER ONLY DAY</b>  <b>SCHOOL CLOSED</b>
Week 3	Monday 28 October	Tuesday 29 October	Wednesday 30 October	Thursday 31 October	Friday 1 November
	<b>LABOUR DAY</b>  <b>SCHOOL CLOSED</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8:00 Breakfast Club</li> <li>Waitara High School Transition Visit</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Puanga Festival</li> <li>Book Fair begins</li> <li>5:00 Board Meeting</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8:00 Breakfast Club</li> <li>Grandparents' Day</li> <li>Book Fair</li> </ul>



Please join us for Grandparents' Day on **Friday 1 November**. We invite all Kuia, Koro, Grandmas and Grandads to come to school and have morning tea with their mokopuna, spend time in classes and browse our Book Fair. All whānau are welcome to attend and we would love to see you there!

Grandparents' Day is held in conjunction with our Book Fair. Students are encouraged to dress up as their *FAVOURITE BOOK CHARACTER*. Prizes for best dressed will be awarded after the parades.

Our PTA will have tea, coffee and home baking available for sale, as well as raffle tickets to purchase.

The programme for the day is as follows:

**11:00am Morning Tea Time:** Grandparents arrive at school and head to classes to eat morning tea with their grandchildren or accompany them to the library to browse the Book Fair.

**11:30am Book Character Parade:** The bell will ring and students will go back to class. Whānau will assemble in the hall ready for our Book Character Parade.

**11:40am Junior and Middle Team Parade (Rooms 1-10)**

**12:20pm Senior and Intermediate Team Parade (Rooms 11-20)**

After the parade, grandparents are invited to join us around the school until lunchtime at 1pm. Your tamariki may wish to share some work in their classroom or browse the Book Fair in the library. We encourage you to spend some time in classrooms, check out our wonderful class displays and ask your tamariki to show you through their learning. It is a great time to touch base with what is going on in our classrooms and we would love to see you in our spaces.

**1:40pm:** Classes resume as normal after lunch.

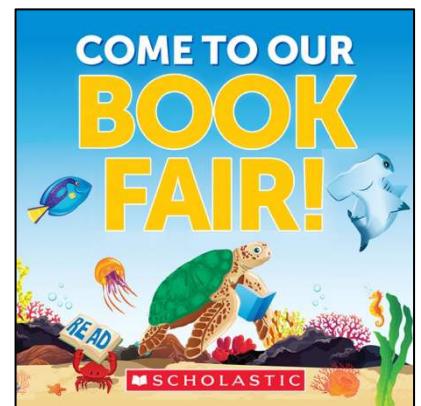




### Scholastic Book Fair – Thursday 31 October to Monday 4 November

We are very excited that the Scholastic Book Fair will be back at our fabulous school library this term! There will be lots of books and stationery items at amazing prices and every purchase benefits our school by earning rewards points to use on resources. We can't wait to see you there – we are open Thursday, Friday and Monday from 8.30am to 3.30pm. This is the perfect time to start your Christmas shopping! There will be competitions in the library all of next week where students will have a chance to win some vouchers to spend at the Book Fair. The countdown is on!

*When:* Thursday 31 October to Monday 4 November  
*Time:* 8.30am to 3.30pm  
*Where:* The Library



### PTA News – Book Fair

The PTA is pleased to have two popular fundraisers return to the Book Fair this year. Our refreshments stall will be run from the old tuck shop (behind the library) during Grandparents' Day. Tea, coffee and home baking will be available for sale. Also returning this year will be our Book Fair raffles – our amazing hampers have books, activities and stationery and all funds raised will go back to our library. The raffle table will be out on Grandparents' Day (Friday 1 November). Pop in and see our fabulous PTA members, we look forward to seeing you!



### PTA News – Calendar Art Fundraiser

Calendar Art orders have now closed. Orders will be delivered to your child's classroom approximately late November.

### Class Placement 2025

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 their 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](mailto: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**.

### Sun Hats

School sun hats are compulsory during Term 4 and Term 1. Hats are available for purchase on [myKindo](http://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.



## Teacher Only Day – Friday 25 October

A reminder that next Friday 25 October is Teacher Only Day. School will be closed to students.

### Ryan Hailes Memorial Scholarship



Congratulations to **Lachlan Sandford** from Room 8 who is the recipient of the Ryan Hailes Memorial Scholarship for Term 3. Lachlan is competing at the NZ ATV Nationals later this month racing in the 50-100cc class and we wish him all the best.



**Conrad Hailes**  
*Principal*

## COMMUNITY NOTICES

**goodseeds**  
*out of school care* Full Day Care 2024

**Drawing and Dino's Day**

From 7am till 6pm on Fri 25th Oct  
Bell Block School Students Only

027 201 8079 Good Seeds OSCAR New Plymouth info@goodseedtrust.co.nz

### Bell Block School Teacher Only Day Friday 25 October

We intend to offer full day care for those that need it. However, we need a minimum of 5 children signed up to run this day session. Please sign your children up if you are interested and we will let you know ASAP if we will be able to offer this service.

Here is the booking link.

<https://enrolmy.com/good-seed-trust/book-now/56-Fri-25-Oct-Day-Program---Bell-Block-School-Teacher-Only-Day>