

BELL BLOCK SCHOOL NEWSLETTER #33
Friday 25 October 2024

Focus Value:
 Responsibility -
 Takohanga



School Goal:
 Take ownership of your
 own learning

The second week of the term ended with our staff undertaking training from an international education researcher, Lane Clark, whose knowledge and insights into the science of learning are at the forefront of this area. Her work has impact right across our curriculum and is certainly helping our staff to develop and reflect on our practice and provide the best learning opportunities for our students moving forward.

It is a very busy time of year and preparations for 2025 are well underway. Thank you to all the parents who shared information about the placements of their children for next year both to myself and our teachers. We use this information to help place students and smooth transitions as students move up the school.

We have a short but exciting week ahead with the arrival of the Book Fair and we also look forward to hosting our grandparents and whānau here at school on Friday. This will be another opportunity for our students to share their learning and bring their families into school on what is always an eagerly awaited day.

We also wish our Kapa Haka group well for their performance at the Taranaki Puanga Festival in Waitara on Thursday. Kia kaha. We know they will represent us with pride and if their practices are anything to go by, they will put on a fierce performance.

Today our Assistant Principal, Mrs Emily Doelman, begins her parental leave. We wish her all the best and look forward to welcoming her back in mid 2025.

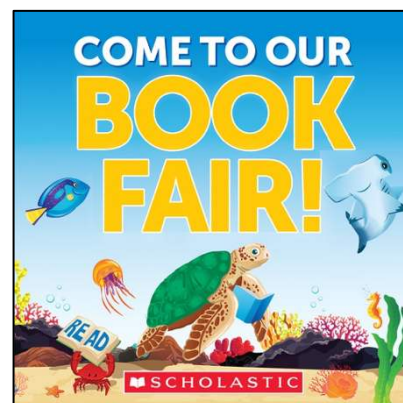
Looking Ahead

	Monday 28 October	Tuesday 29 October	Wednesday 30 October	Thursday 31 October	Friday 1 November
Week 3	LABOUR DAY SCHOOL CLOSED		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:00 Breakfast Club Waitara High School Transition Visit 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Puanga Festival Book Fair begins 5:00 Board Meeting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:00 Breakfast Club Grandparents' Day Book Fair
Week 4	Monday 4 November	Tuesday 5 November	Wednesday 6 November	Thursday 7 November	Friday 8 November
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:00 Breakfast Club Book Fair ends 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:00 Breakfast Club Kapa Haka Group Practice 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Waitara High School Transition Day 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:00 Breakfast Club 10:15 Celebration Assembly

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! 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. Please do pop in. This is the perfect time to start your Christmas shopping! There will be competitions in the library 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





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!

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 from the old tuck shop, as well as raffle tickets to purchase.

The programme for the day is as follows:

11:00am Morning Tea Time: Grandparents and whānau arrive at school and head to classrooms to eat morning tea with their tamariki 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 host you in our spaces.

1:40pm Classes resume as normal after lunch. Students are expected to remain at school.



PTA News – Book Fair and Grandparents’ Day

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!



Athletics Days – 20/21 November

Our Athletics Days are upcoming in mid-November and will be spread across two days. Please see details below of when your child will be participating. We always have a great turnout of parents and families coming along to see the students in action so please mark your calendar and join us to cheer on your child if you are able.

The highly anticipated 100m and 200m sprint finals for Years 3-8 will be held on **Thursday 21 November from 1.45pm**. Heats are held during class time in the weeks prior so that finalists can be determined. If your child is in Year 3-8, please check with them whether they have qualified for the 100m or 200m sprint final.



Wednesday 20 November

9.15am-11.30am	Middle Team (Rooms 7-10)
1.45pm-2.45pm	Junior Team (Rooms 1-6)

Thursday 21 November

9.15am-11.00am	Senior Team (Rooms 11-14)
11.30am-1.15pm	Intermediate Team (Rooms 17-20)
From 1.45pm	Sprints 100m & 200m Finals (Years 3-8 finalists)
Approx. 2.20pm	Class and Whānau Relays (Years 3-8)

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 3 of this year 61% of Bell Block School students attended school regularly (regularly = at least 90% of the time).

This term we are pleased to acknowledge the efforts of 68 students who attended school every day during Term 3. 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.



Sun Safety



School sun hats are compulsory during break times in Term 4 and Term

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

Subway Lunch Promotion

Every Sub ordered with Lunchonline between 21 October and 6 December will go into the draw to win prizes! This is a special promotion for Bell Block School families. Subway lunches are delivered to school every Thursday.



Major Prize - Large Subway Squishmallow valued at \$50!

2 Small Squishmallows

10 L&P socks

2 Powerade Towels

5 Coke Caps

2 Coke Cooler Bags

10 Subway \$10 Gift Cards

5 Powerade Drink Bottles

Prizes will be delivered to school.



<http://lunchonline.co.nz>

Order Now! Support Local.

Conrad Hailes
Principal

COMMUNITY NOTICES

No charge, but a koha is appreciated

It's Labour weekend, but ReCharge is still on.

Friday 25th October
6:00-8:00pm
@ Northpoint Baptist Church
116 Mangati Road, Bell Block

Join us for games, food and craft
Year 6's are welcome to join us this term
See you there!

ReCharge is a Youth Group for kids in Year 7 & 8 at school. For more information contact us at recharge@northpoint.org.nz

Relay For Life 2025 - 29 March

Cancer Society **RELAY FOR LIFE**

You are invited to attend the launch of Relay for Life 2025

Due to unforeseen circumstances we have had to change the Launch to Friday 15th November. Sorry for any inconvenience caused.

Find out what Relay For Life is...
Guest Speakers
Book your Team site
Help with registering a Team

Meet our 2025 RFL Committee
Eftpos Available

KICKIN' IT
Term 4
Kickin' it Hub @ Waitara SC
7 weeks of Girls 5 aside Footy

REGISTER NOW
WED 16TH OCTOBER - WED 27TH NOVEMBER,
4.00 - 5.00 PM @ MANUKORIHU PARK,

Fun, social, stay active, try a new sport, make friends, learn skills

Fun Run & Walk Series

The Nexans Fun/Run and Walk Series 24/25 is kicking off on Sunday 27 October here in Bell Block!

Our first series takes place in Bell Block, Hickford Park at 9.30am on Sunday 27 October!
Whether you're an experienced runner or prefer a casual walk, we'd love for you to join us for a day of fitness and fun.

For more information, visit our website at www.athleticstaranaki.org.nz

We can't wait to see you there!