

BELL BLOCK SCHOOL NEWSLETTER #36
Friday 15 November 2024

Focus Value:
 Responsibility -
 Takohanga



School Goal:
 Be punctual.
 Get to places on time,
 or even early!

This week our students, whānau and staff have faced a wave of sickness. We hope that all the people that were affected are on the mend and we are looking forward to a more settled week next week. A reminder that Te Whatu Ora advice is that students should stay at home for a period of 48 hours from the last episode of vomiting or diarrhea.

School Structure 2025

With the curriculum realignment and school growth, we will be starting the 2025 year with some additional classes to help reduce class sizes in the Junior and Intermediate Teams.

Based on the student numbers we have at the moment, our class structure will start the year as shown below.

7 Junior Classes	6 Senior Classes	5 Intermediate Classes
New Entrant	Year 4	Year 7/8
Year 1	Year 4/5	Year 7/8
Year 1/2	Year 4/5	Year 7/8
Year 2	Year 5/6	Year 7/8
Year 2/3	Year 5/6	Year 7/8
Year 2/3	Year 6	
Year 3		

During our staff meeting this week, our teachers continued their development around the science of learning with Lane Clark. We are fortunate to be working with a leader in this field with particular strengths in how to change classroom practice to improve student outcomes. This work will be ongoing and will continue to ensure we are providing the best learning opportunities we can for our students.

Our Year 8 students continue their transition to high school with Inglewood High School visits today and Girls' High and Boys' High on Monday.

Looking Ahead

	Monday 18 November	Tuesday 19 November	Wednesday 20 November	Thursday 21 November	Friday 22 November
Week 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:00 Breakfast Club Year 8 Visit to NPBHS & NPGHS 1:00 Student Council Legacy Project planting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 6 Intermediate Taste Tester 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:00 Breakfast Club 9:00 New Entrants' Transition Visit 9:15 Athletics Rms 7-10 1:45 Athletics Rms 1-6 Kapa Haka Group Celebration Swim 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9.15 Athletics Rms 11-14 11:30 Athletics Rms 17-20 1:45 Athletics Sprint Finals 2:20 Athletics Relays 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:00 Breakfast Club
	Monday 25 November	Tuesday 26 November	Wednesday 27 November	Thursday 28 November	Friday 29 November
Week 7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:00 Breakfast Club Swimming starts 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Outdoor Academy – Surfing Road Patrol Reward Day 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:00 Breakfast Club 9:00 New Entrants' Transition Visit 11:00 Community Helpers' Morning Tea Kapa Haka Group Practice 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 6 Intermediate Taste Tester 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:00 Breakfast Club 10:15 Celebration Assembly and Technology Showcase

Athletics Days – 20 & 21 November

Next week we have our Athletics Days and we once again invite our families to come along and see their children in action. Events in both track and field will take place and the students will be involved and giving their best across several events and relays. It is always a great couple of days and we look forward to many of our families being able to come along and support the students and their efforts.



The highly anticipated 100m and 200m sprint finals for Years 3-8 will be held on **Thursday 21 November from 1.45pm**. Heats have been held during class time 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)

Swimming Lessons

Class swimming lessons begin on **Monday 25 November**. Please see the swimming timetable below and make a note of which days your child requires their togs and towel. Parent volunteers to take small groups of students are always welcome. If you are interested in volunteering to help your child's class, please make contact with the classroom teacher.



Bell Block School Swimming Timetable Term 4 2024						
	Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Inside Pool	12:15 - 1:00	Room 17 (2 lanes only)	Room 17 (2 lanes only)			
	1:40 - 2:20	Rooms 18/19/20	Rooms 18/19/20	Rooms 9/10	Rooms 9/10	Rooms 11/12
	2:20 - 3:00	Rooms 11/12	Rooms 13/14	Rooms 7/8	Rooms 7/8	Rooms 13/14
Outside Pool (Juniors)	12:15 - 1:00	Rooms 5/6	Rooms 2/3	Rooms 5/6		
	1:40 - 2:45	Rooms 1/4	Room 1/4	Rooms 2/3		

Pizza Day – Wednesday 4 December

Pizza orders can be placed online via [myKindo here](#). There will be no paper order forms sent home as we are now operating a cashless system. **Orders close on Sunday 1 December**. 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. All funds raised will go towards the Student Council Legacy Project.



High School Visits to NPGHS & NPBHS

The Bell Block School visits to New Plymouth Boys' High School and New Plymouth Girls' High School take place this Monday 18 November from 11am to 12pm. These visits are for students who have enrolled at NPBHS or NPGHS for 2025.

Students are expected to attend school in the morning before the visit and again after the visit. Students must sign out and in at the office. Parents are required to arrange to transport and accompany students to the visit. If your child will be collected by a person other than their caregiver, please notify the office in advance or they will not be released from school.

@school App - Notifications



The @school app is our main form of communication from school to home. Please ensure that you are logged in and receiving notifications. Notifications can be received either by email or by push notification to your phone – or both! Click on the three dots in the top right of the app and Settings to check which notifications are enabled. You need to enable notifications separately for each child. If you need assistance with your UserID or password, please contact the office by email to office@bellblock.school.nz who will be happy to help.

Taranaki Schools Year 7/8 Speech Contest

Congratulations to Year 8 student, **Milla Walden**, who represented Bell Block School in the annual Pukekura Toastmasters Year 7/8 Speech Contest last week. Milla delivered an exceptional speech about *Failure in Success* and was awarded third place in Taranaki for her efforts. Ka rawe, Milla!

Thank You Bell Block Florist

A big thank you to Bell Block Florist for their generous donation of artificial flowers which our talented teacher aide, Michelle Hight, has turned into a beautiful arrangement for the foyer.



Yummy Apple Stickers

Thank you to everyone who saved and collected the Yummy stickers from their apples. With your support we have earned over \$500 worth of new sports equipment for the school! Being active makes a huge difference in the lives and wellbeing of our tamariki and having new sports equipment provides much enjoyment during break times.

Ryan Hailes Memorial Scholarship 2024



The Ryan Hailes Memorial Scholarship recognises emerging young sports people who demonstrate excellence in their chosen sport. The purpose of the scholarship is to offer financial contribution in recognition of the costs involved in competing at a regional and/or national representative level. If you know a deserving recipient, please apply in writing by email to sport@bellblock.school.nz. Applications for Term 4 must be received no later than Friday 29 November.

Gala Day 2025 – Save the Date

The PTA are delighted to announce the date for our 2025 Gala Day. Join us on Friday 21 March 2025 from 5pm to 7pm for an evening full of fun!

With planning underway, we'd love to hear from any businesses who would be interested in supporting our school Gala through products, services or cash donations. Any and all donations are welcomed. Get in touch with the PTA by email to pta@bellblock.school.nz

Funds raised will go towards the upgrade of the Junior playground, so we are excited to make it the best Gala yet!

Conrad Hailes
Principal



COMMUNITY NOTICES

No charge, but a koha is appreciated



If you're ever please get your parent to fill out a registration form when they drop you off. Thanks heaps

Year 6's are welcome to join us this term


Refreshing Water

Friday 15th November
6:00-8:00pm

@ Northpoint Baptist Church
116 Mangati Road, Bell Block

Join us for food, games and a Christmas craft

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



A fun water safety program at Fitzroy beach for preschoolers

This is a new initiative in Taranaki, based on key learning for pre-schoolers while having FUN! This program has been developed for 2-, 3- and 4-year-olds and their parent/caregivers.

Through participation in fun sand-based and water-based activities, children learn fundamental skills, water safety and confidence in the beach environment.

Sessions are 1-to-1 ratio with child and caregiver, to enable children to feel safe and confident and learn safe practices in, on and around water.

With qualified and experienced early childhood swim teachers taking the sessions, they will ensure both children and caregivers feel relaxed, confident, and safe. There is a limit to 10 child/caregiver per session. With the caregiver participation, we encourage them to go at the child's pace, so they feel relaxed and are keen to participate.

Each session will include activities that challenge the child's mental and physical skills, learn to follow instructions, develop skills through play, with creativity and exploration. This also gives families the opportunity to learn, share and bond with each other.

- Sessions will run for 50 minutes for 6 weeks every Saturday morning.
- Dates: from 1st February - 6th March 2025 (must sign up for 6 weeks)
- Times of sessions: 10.00am (2-year-olds), 11.00am (3-year-olds) and 12.00am (4-year-olds)
- Cost: \$10.00 per session

If you wish to register, please see contact details below. Registrations are necessary, so please email or phone:

Phone: **Cecilie Elliott - 02041411611**
Email: ccecilie@swimsafetaranaki.org.nz



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