

BELL BLOCK SCHOOL NEWSLETTER #37
Friday 22 November 2024

Focus Value:
Responsibility -
Takohanga



School Goal:
Role model our school
values in all that we do.
Do the right thing when
no one is watching

You may have seen a couple of changes around the school environment this week. Firstly, it was great to see our Middle Team students putting their inquiry learning about insects into action by creating bug hotels at two locations around the school. This work was assisted by Richard Carr from EnviroSchools who helped the students with their learning as well as the design and building of these structures. Students were then responsible for filling the hotel with natural materials to keep our insects comfortable. Bug hotels are a great way to help our native insects thrive in a time when insect numbers are declining around the world. The hotels provide shelter from predators and the weather. The completed bug hotels are located on the basketball court side of Room 6 and opposite the library by the ponga fence. The Middle Team students will be only too happy to share their learning and let you know intricacies of their creations. Ka pai tō mahi, Middle Team. This inquiry work has led to an outcome that will make the difference in your lives, other students' lives and lots of bugs' lives!



A huge congratulations to our Year 8 Student Council who were able to complete their 2024 Legacy Project and plant their orchard. Each year the Student Council decides on a project that makes the school a better place for those who follow after them. This year they chose to create an orchard. We are now lucky to have plums, apricots, mandarins, oranges, feijoas, pears, lemons and limes growing in our own backyard. We do have a little while to wait before we harvest fruit from them, but it is a very exciting place to begin. The students fundraised for their project through the schoolwide Pizza Days so thank you to all those families who supported this. Thanks also to Big Jims Garden Centre, Dianne Tanswell and Nicky Jeffries for your help and generous tree donations. We also appreciate the support of Julie Poutu, Natasha Perrett and Kevin Stretton who helped the students with the planting.



Next week will also be a busy week with the Road Patrollers having their Celebration Day at the Todd Energy Aquatic Centre, selected Intermediate students attending the surfing Outdoor Academy trip, our Community Helpers' Morning Tea, the final Technology Showcase and our last Celebration Assembly of the year.

Looking Ahead

	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 ● 9:15 Athletics Rms 11-14 ● 11:00 Community Helpers' Morning Tea ● 11:30 Athletics Rms 17-20 ● 1:45 Sprints and Relays 	<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
	Monday 2 December	Tuesday 3 December	Wednesday 4 December	Thursday 5 December	Friday 6 December
Week 8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 8:00 Breakfast Club 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Junior Trip to Brooklands Zoo 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 8:00 Breakfast Club ● 9:00 New Entrants' Transition Visit ● 11:00 Junior Celebration ● Pizza Day ● Kapa Haka Group Practice 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 9:00 Open Morning ● 5:00 Board Meeting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 8:00 Breakfast Club ● Reports available on school app

Athletics Days

Although our planned Athletics Days on Wednesday and Thursday this week were disrupted by the weather, we managed to reschedule and it was great to see the Junior and Middle Teams out on the field today giving it their best. We look forward to the Senior and Intermediate Athletics Day on Wednesday next week which culminates with the track events and relays which are always exciting. Well done to all the students who participated and lived our school motto *Kaha i nga wā katoa*.

Wednesday 27 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 Day for Term 4 is on Wednesday 4 December. Orders can be placed online via *myKindo* [here](#). **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.

Open Morning – Thursday 5 December

An invitation is extended to all families new to our school and to families of children who will be starting school for the first time to join us on **Thursday 5 December at 9.00am in the school staffroom**. Whānau who are interested in seeing what our school has to offer are also invited to attend. Families will be welcomed by the Senior Leadership Team and there will be a brief presentation, followed by an opportunity to answer any questions you may have. Our Student Council will then take whānau on a guided tour of our beautiful grounds.



Lost Property



There is lots of lost property accumulating. Please remind your children to check the lost property and collect anything that belongs to them. It is helpful if all clothing and property is named so it can be returned to its owner. The Lost Property is located in the foyer outside Room 16 and in the red bin outside Room 1.

Junior Playground Removal

The wooden fort of the Junior playground is scheduled for removal during the weekend of 30 November - 1 December. For your own safety, please avoid the area while the contractors are working.

Collecting Students from School

A reminder that school finishes at 3pm and students are expected to be collected from the school grounds at this time. Due to meetings after school, school staff cannot always be available to supervise your children if you cannot collect them on time. It is appreciated if caregivers can notify the office in advance if running late and students will be required to wait at the office.

Conrad Hailes
Principal

COMMUNITY NOTICES



CSI: CHRISTMAS SCENE INVESTIGATION

Friday 22nd November
6:00-8:00pm

@ Northpoint Baptist Church
116 Mangati Road, Bell Block

Come dressed up as an investigator

Boys bring something savoury and
Girls bring some fruit for shared kai

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



RAISING RESILIENCE
COMMUNITY EVENING
WITH KATHRYN BERKETT
Acclaimed Educational Psychologist

What is resilience and how can we build resilient children?

Join Kathryn Berkett, neuroscientist, as she shares powerful insights on building resilience in our tamariki!

Gain a deeper understanding of what resilience really means and how we can foster it.

Kathryn will break down the brain science in simple, practical ways, giving you tools to make a real difference in daily life.

Date Thursday 28th November

Time 6.30PM - 8.00PM

Venue Sport Taranaki

Don't miss this chance to learn from one of the best!

Bring a friend, whānau member, teaching colleagues everyone welcome

For more information Contact
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TOI SPORT ENGAGE



NEW PLYMOUTH
CHRISTMAS
FOODBANK
DRIVE

MON 2 DEC FROM 5.30PM