

BELL BLOCK SCHOOL NEWSLETTER #38
Friday 29 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

This week has been full of students taking on opportunities and giving things their best effort. It was great to hold the Athletics Days in much better weather conditions than last week offered. I was impressed by the students and the way they supported each other during the events and the skills shown at each of the events. Watching some of our high jumpers clearing heights up towards their own shoulders is very impressive. The sprint events are always hotly contested and hearing the cheers of the school certainly lifts the performance of the students involved. The results are available at the end of this newsletter and awards will be presented to Years 3-8 placegetters during our Sports Assembly next **Wednesday 4 December at 9:30am**. Please do join us if you are able.

On Wednesday we thanked our community helpers who give up their time to help provide opportunities and learning support for our students. Our PTA, camp parents, in-class helpers, coaches, team managers, breakfast servers, road patrollers, our community who come in and support students with their learning, all help to provide opportunities for experiences and personal growth that we would not be able to offer without your support. We had over 100 people on our list this year who have helped out in some way. We know that they were not all able to be there but please know how grateful we are to all of you. It takes a village to raise a child and with your help we certainly have some amazing children here who benefit so much from your support.

On Tuesday our road patrollers had their reward day at the Todd Energy Aquatic Centre to thank them for their two terms of service to our school. They work both before and after school and in all of the challenging weather that New Plymouth throws at them. Thank you to all the students who provided this service this year.

We also had some of our Intermediate students have a go at surfing on Tuesday as part of the Intermediate Outdoor Academy. Some students were a little apprehensive as they started but by the end of the session the joy of success was clearly evident. Well done to all the students involved and thank you to the staff who organised this event.



We finished the week with our final Celebration Assembly of the year. It was packed with acknowledgements of student achievement and effort. Students received Honours Badges after nearly two full years of effort, ICAS awards, Triple A and Values awards, showing what amazing students we have at Bell Block School.

Honours Badges:

Ruby Jeffries, Gwenith Genji, Archie Bunting, Milla Walden, Hunter Gordon, Serena Wong, Ruchitha Reddipalli

ICAS Awards:

Mathematics

Cale Nikolajenko	Merit
AJ Wilsonmanas	Credit
Gwenith Genji	Credit

English

Dolly Genji	Merit
Gwenith Genji	Credit

Spelling Bee

Milla Walden	Merit
Gwenith Genji	Credit

Writing

Emily Le-Moratti	Merit
Shyla Drummond	Distinction

Digital Technologies

Olin Mackey	Merit
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Science

Olin Mackey	Credit
Gwenith Genji	Credit

Triple A and Values Awards:

Elsie Suter, Keimi Jayasinghe, Leila Turner, Ahmad Haroon, Max Smith, Rory Gardiner, Isaac Smith, Jasper Welton, Thomas Suter, Chester Mattson, Nya Waruhia, Ryan Judd, Maeson Ruwhiu, Armani Wipiiti-Boylan, Kora Lowe-Hunt, Skye Ramsay, Ruchitha Reddipalli, Katey Peterson, Ayesh Haider, Zach Rowlands, Lola Shaw, Ekamjot Brar, Tess Sanderson, Bryson Tamaiparea, Jaxon Norman, Kayson Gordon, Fynn Chaloner, Lucas Chen, Taniora Cassidy, Pippa Welton, Zaiden Bishop, Blake Whiting, Archie Bunting, Aiza Ali, Zack Green, Kethan Vavilala

Our Junior Team will be heading on their Zoo Trip next week and we have the last Pizza Day of the year on Wednesday. Friday will see the end of year reports published to the caregiver app which will also include the 2025 class for your child.

We have a busy close to the year ahead and as the weather continues to improve and with team celebrations our students will enjoy the last two weeks of the year.

Technology Showcase – This Afternoon

We are proud to be sharing the learning and creations of the Intermediate students with the school community at the Intermediate Technology Showcase this afternoon. Whānau are invited to walk through the Technology classrooms **from 2.45pm - 4.00pm** to see examples of the students' creations from the work they have created in Hospitality, Digital Technology, Enterprise, Manufacturing and Visual Arts & Design. We hope to see you there to support the Intermediate students. Please sign in at the office before meeting at the Intermediate deck area. We appreciate your support as providing an audience for the students certainly adds purpose to their learning.

Looking Ahead					
	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 9:30 Sports Assembly Yr 3-8 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
Week 9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:00 Breakfast Club 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lost Property on display Year 8 Graduation Dinner 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:00 Breakfast Club 9:45 New Entrants' Transition Visit 9:30 Meet the Teacher Kapa Haka Group Practice 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:30 Middle Team Celebration 6:00 Final Prizegiving at NPGHS 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 12:00 SCHOOL CLOSED

Pizza Day – Wednesday 4 December

Pizza Day 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 your child is away on Pizza Day and unable to collect their order, please contact the office to make alternative arrangements.

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.

Breakfast Club

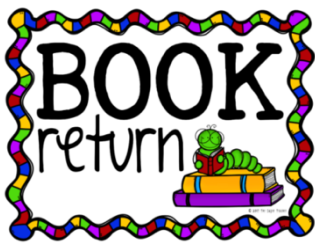
The final Breakfast Club for the year will be on Wednesday 11 December.



Junior Playground Removal

A reminder that the removal of the wooden fort in the Junior playground is scheduled to begin this afternoon and continue over the weekend. For your own safety, please avoid the area while the contractors are working.

Library News



As the end of term fast approaches, our librarian is asking for all library books to be returned next week. She will be stocktaking all items in our library and would appreciate all books returned as soon as possible. Our returns box, 'The Bookie Monster', will be at the door every day next week to make it easy to return books at morning tea and lunch times and there is also a chance for students to return books during their scheduled class visit. Please encourage your child/ren to look for their books over the weekend and pop them in their bag for Monday. Thank you.

Term 1 Sports

Early bird registrations for Term 1 sports are now open via the Kindo app [here](#). If your child would like to play touch, cricket or rippa rugby in Term 1, you are able to complete the registration process anytime from now until registrations close in early February. Payment is required at the time of registration.

PTA – Grandparents’ Day

The PTA would like to thank everyone for visiting our Coffee and Cake stall during Grandparents’ Day. We are pleased to advise that we raised \$480 for the school and our raffle, where tickets were sold during the Book Fair, raised \$400 for the library. Congratulations to Tame from Room 10 and Lexi from Room 12 who were our very lucky winners!



PTA - Calendar Art

Calendar Art orders have now been received and will be coming home with your child very soon. A massive thank you to both the teachers and the students for all the amazing works of art that were produced.

Congratulations to Maddie Jupp (Room 6) and Taylor Reardon (Room 10) who were our top sellers, who each receive a voucher from The Warehouse for their fundraising efforts.

PTA – Bell Block Christmas Parade

The Bell Block Christmas Parade is next Saturday 7 December. Come and say hello to our PTA who will be selling candy floss. We will also have raffle tickets for sale for \$2 each to go into the draw to win our AMAZING Christmas hamper.



Conrad Hailes

Principal

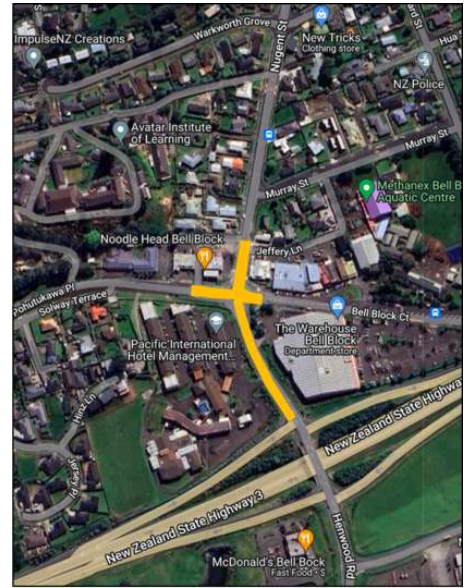
COMMUNITY NOTICES



Road Closure

The New Plymouth Infrastructure Partnership (NPDC and Downer) will complete asphalt repairs on the roundabout at the intersection of Henwood Road, Bell Block Court, Nugent Street and Pohutukawa Place, from Tuesday 10 December for approximately 7-8 nights, weather permitting. The work will take place at night from 7pm-6am to minimise disruption to road users and the community.

- The roundabout at the intersection of Henwood Road, Bell Block Court, Nugent Street and Pohutukawa Place will be closed from 7pm-6am each night on Tuesday 10-Wednesday 18 December, weather permitting.
- Work will not take place on Saturday nights.
- In the case of unsuitable weather, work will be postponed to the next suitable date.
- Alternative routes will be available and clearly signposted while the closure is in place.
- Access to businesses in the area will be maintained at all times. Pedestrian access and parking will not be impacted during the works.
- If residential access to your property is limited during the closure and there are no alternative routes available, please speak with one of our onsite crew and they will assist you.
- The road will not be closed during the day. The roundabout will be open from 6am-7pm under a temporary speed limit.





2024 Athletics Results

YEAR 3 GIRLS	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
High Jump	Apikale Ligavatu	Lily Sweetingham	Heidi Marx
Long Jump	Salote Mauga	Emily Collins	Mikella Hardgrave
Shot Put	Lily Sweetingham	Diya Wilsonmanas	Salote Mauga
Discus	Salote Mauga	Lily Sweetingham	Emily Collins
100m Sprint	Salote Mauga	Mikella Hardgrave	Emily Collins
200m Sprint	Salote Mauga	Mikella Hardgrave	Apikale Ligavatu

YEAR 3 BOYS	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
High Jump	Fynn Chaloner	Cian Marsh	Arlo Rook
Long Jump	Roman Payne	Arlo Rook	Cian Marsh
Shot Put	Arlo Rook	Tame White	Riddick Ramsay
Discus	Riddick Ramsay	William Stretton	Arlo Rook
100m Sprint	Fynn Chaloner	Roman Payne	Lachlan Poole
200m Sprint	Roman Payne	Fynn Chaloner	William Stretton

YEAR 4 GIRLS	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
High Jump	Amelia Nau	Ella Walsh	Jali Deuart
Long Jump	Amelia Nau	Emme Pringle	Isabella Pignéguy
Shot Put	Savannah Blair	Emme Pringle	Amelia Nau
Discus	Amelia Nau	Savannah Blair	Isabella Pignéguy
100m Sprint	Ella Walsh	Amelia Nau	Paula Meafua
200m Sprint	Ella Walsh	Amelia Nau	= Jali Deuart = Paula Meafua

YEAR 4 BOYS	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
High Jump	Thomas Suter	Orin Jacobs	Leo Charlton
Long Jump	Nicholas Hessell	Thomas Suter	Finn Gardiner
Shot Put	George Clark	Finn Gardiner	Brodie McKenna
Discus	= Brodie McKenna = Thomas Suter	Preston Adlam	= Leo Charlton = Jake Sanderson
100m Sprint	George Clark	Thomas Suter	Kayson Gordon
200m Sprint	Kayson Gordon	Thomas Suter	George Clark

YEAR 5 GIRLS	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
High Jump	Nikolina Meafua	Lucy Upton-Fleming	Danica Geraghty
Long Jump	Nya Waruhia	Lucy Upton-Fleming	Danica Geraghty
Shot Put	Lucy Upton-Fleming	Edi Coster	Mandy Yang
Discus	Armani Wipiiti-Boylan	Danica Geraghty	= Lucy Upton-Fleming = Keeley Rowe
100m Sprint	Hania Mustafa	Nya Waruhia	Nikolina Meafua
200m Sprint	Armani Wipiiti-Boylan	Hania Mustafa	Nya Waruhia

YEAR 5 BOYS	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
High Jump	Jackson Payne	Zaiden Bishop	Tanson Zhou
Long Jump	Zaiden Bishop	Taniora Cassidy	= Jamie Turama = Maeson Ruwhiu
Shot Put	Jamie Turama	Harshad Gunnam	Taniora Cassidy
Discus	Jamie Turama	= Zaiden Bishop = Ziggy Harris	Maeson Ruwhiu
100m Sprint	Zaiden Bishop	Harshad Gunnam	Kenneth Moratuwage
200m Sprint	Taniora Cassidy	Harshad Gunnam	Zaiden Bishop



YEAR 6 GIRLS	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
High Jump	Miila Laurence	Asenaca Sauliga	Chloe Gu
Long Jump	Nya McLeod	Olivia Davis	Chloe Gu
Shot Put	Asenaca Sauliga	Harper Taylor	Olivia Davis
Discus	Harper Taylor	Nya McLeod	Asenaca Sauliga
100m Sprint	Asenaca Sauliga	Emma Davis	Olivia Davis
200m Sprint	Asenaca Sauliga	Olivia Davis	Emma Davis

YEAR 6 BOYS	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
High Jump	Lewis Wipiiti-Boylan	Jack Goldfinch	= Felix Evans = Dallas Peters
Long Jump	Lewis Wipiiti-Boylan	Andre Paris	Jack Goldfinch
Shot Put	Lewis Wipiiti-Boylan	Jaxon Hardgrave	Jack Goldfinch
Discus	Fine Nau	Dallas Peters	Lewis Wipiiti-Boylan
100m Sprint	Lewis Wipiiti-Boylan	Jack Goldfinch	Reeve Coster
200m Sprint	Lewis Wipiiti-Boylan	Jack Goldfinch	Reeve Coster

YEAR 7 GIRLS	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
High Jump	Chloe Bishop	Indie Mattock	Charlotte Russell
Long Jump	Chloe Bishop	Charlotte Russell	Lily Hooper
Shot Put	Maddy Adams-Wilson	Chloe Bishop	Cameron Johnston
Discus	Ngaia Roach	Skye Ramsay	Kora Lowe-Hunt
100m Sprint	Chloe Bishop	Evelyn Haw	Charlotte Russell
200m Sprint	Chloe Bishop	Skye Ramsay	Etta Patten

YEAR 7 BOYS	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
High Jump	Maatai Taogaga	Vereti Ligavatu	= Billy Marx = Odyn Adlam
Long Jump	Maatai Taogaga	Billy Marx	Aayden Morgan
Shot Put	Aayden Morgan	Amritaj Singh	Odyn Adlam
Discus	Aayden Morgan	Regan Martin	Vereti Ligavatu
100m Sprint	Maatai Taogaga	Vereti Ligavatu	Billy Marx
200m Sprint	Maatai Taogaga	Vereti Ligavatu	Billy Marx

YEAR 8 GIRLS	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
High Jump	Rylee Beard	Harriet Stretton	Bethany Salem
Long Jump	Rylee Beard	Katey Peterson	Harriet Stretton
Shot Put	Milla Walden	Harriet Stretton	Lani Johnstone
Discus	Lilly Geurts	Harriet Stretton	Ayla White
100m Sprint	Meila Dwyer	Rylee Beard	Harriet Stretton
200m Sprint	Rylee Beard	Meila Dwyer	Lyla Watchorn

YEAR 8 BOYS	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
High Jump	Layken Stevens-Rapana	Archie Bunting	Eric Chen
Long Jump	Layken Stevens-Rapana	Tyler Bisson	Eric Chen
Shot Put	Matai Mauga	Cain Logie	Nikora Cassidy
Discus	Layken Stevens-Rapana	Matai Mauga	Crudyn Hinz
100m Sprint	Layken Stevens-Rapana	Archie Bunting	Louis Trim
200m Sprint	Louis Trim	Layken Stevens-Rapana	Hunter Gordon

RELAYS	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
Middle Team	Room 7	Room 9	Room 10
Senior Team	Room 11	Room 13	Room 14
Intermediate Team	Room 18	Room 19	Room 20
Whānau	Kererū	Kōtuku	Pīwaiwaka