

BELL BLOCK SCHOOL NEWSLETTER #1
Friday 31 January 2025

Focus Value:
Respect - Whakaute



School Goal:
Contribute to a
respectful classroom
environment

A big welcome to Bell Block School for 2025

It is great to have our students back and full of excitement and enthusiasm for the year ahead. Some students were feeling a bit nervous for the first couple of days but this tends to pass quickly. If your child is still feeling this way next week, please let the classroom teacher know.

For 2025, we have several new staff joining our team this year. We welcome Miss Madison Mitchell to Room 11, Mrs Sarah Oxenham to Room 18, Miss Jorja McCarthy to Room 19. We also welcome Mrs Nikita Roberts and Mr Mark Bridger who join our staff as part-time teachers and Ms Janelle Ferries, who joins our Teacher Aide team to provide additional support for students.

2025 Bell Block School Staff

It is with great pleasure that I can introduce our staff for 2025.

Principal Mr Conrad Hailes

Deputy Principal Mrs Courtney Goldsworthy (Team Leader Yr 7-8)

Rm 2	Ms Tracey Jacobsen (Team Leader Yr 0-3)	Rm 11	Miss Madison Mitchell
Rm 3	Miss Sharon Jones	Rm 12	Mrs Abby Piercy
Rm 4	Mrs Raewyn Clarkson	Rm 13	Ms Wendy Foster (Team Leader Yr 4-6)
Rm 5	Ms Rachael Ingram	Rm 14	Miss Ruhina Leong
Rm 6	Miss Charlotte White	Rm 16	Miss Grace Jackson
Rm 7	Miss Chloe Gardner-Harrison	Rm 17	Miss Hannah Purser
Rm 8	Ms Bridget Payne	Rm 18	Mrs Sarah Oxenham
Rm 9	Mrs Lynda Lamb	Rm 19	Miss Jorja McCarthy
Rm 10	Mrs Alex Thompson	Rm 20	Mrs Janine van den Berg

Science Teacher Mrs Renee Pearce

Health & PE Teacher Mrs Lisette Charlton

Literacy Support Mrs Robyn Jourdain

ELL Mrs Heather McCallum-Day

Part-Time Teachers Miss Monique van Beers, Mrs Aleisha Parkinson, Mrs Melissa Holdom, Mr Mark Bridger, Mrs Nikita Roberts

Teacher Aides Ms Michelle Hight, Mrs Rhonda Sarten, Mrs Jo Hutchinson, Miss Kaia Williams, Ms Janelle Ferries

Executive Officer Mrs Kim Hill

Office Manager Mrs Kim Thomas

Admin/Sports Mrs Gayle Davis

Librarian Ms Cindy Manukonga

Caretaker Mr Colin Rutherford

Cleaners Mrs Helen Langlands and Crest Clean

Resource Teacher of Learning and Behaviour (RTLB) Miss Tennille Yandle

Social Worker in Schools (SWiS) Ms Kayla Harris

Kapa Haka Tutor Whaea Raewyn Ashby

As you can see, we have a large staff working hard to support the students and their families and keep our school looking great. All teachers' email addresses are available from the school website www.bellblock.school.nz.

Looking Ahead

	Monday 3 February	Tuesday 4 February	Wednesday 5 February	Thursday 6 February	Friday 7 February
Week 2		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 7/8 Bike Trip permissions close 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:00 Breakfast Club 2:00 Kapa Haka Group practice Cricket registrations close 5:30 Year 7/8 Bike Trip Parent Briefing 	WAITANGI DAY SCHOOL CLOSED	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:00 Breakfast Club Touch registrations close
	Monday 10 February	Tuesday 11 February	Wednesday 12 February	Thursday 13 February	Friday 14 February
Week 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:00 Breakfast Club 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7:00 PTA Meeting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:00 Breakfast Club 2:00 Kapa Haka Group practice 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 7/8 Bike Trip 5:00 Board Meeting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:00 Breakfast Club 9:30 Year 4-8 Celebration Assembly 10:00 Year 0-3 Celebration Assembly Year 7/8 Technology

Waitangi Day – Thursday 6 February

A reminder that school is closed on Thursday 6 February for Waitangi Day.

School Swimming

One of the major focusses for Term 1 is swimming. Please help your child to be organised for these sessions by talking about what gear they need to bring. It is a perfect opportunity to develop self-management skills especially in the upper levels of the school.

Junior
 Senior
 Intermediate
 ORS

Bell Block School Swimming Timetable - Term 1 2025						
	Time/Day	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Inside Pool	12:15pm - 1:00pm		Room 17 <small>(2 lanes only)</small>	Room 17 <small>(2 lanes only)</small>	Room 13 <small>(2 lanes only)</small>	Room 13 <small>(2 lanes only)</small>
	1:40pm - 2:20pm	Room 11 Room 14 Room 16	Room 18 Room 19 Room 20		Room 18 Room 19 Room 20	Room 9 Room 10 Room 12
	2:20pm - 3:00pm	Room 7 Room 6 Room 8	Room 10 Room 11 Room 14		Room 9 Room 12 Room 16	Room 7 Room 6 Room 8
Outside Pool	12:00pm - 1:00pm	Room 4 Room 3	ORS			Room 4 Room 3
	2:20pm - 3:00pm	Room 7 Room 6	Room 5 Room 2	Room 5 Room 2		Room 7 Room 6

Student Council

Today we had a special Induction Assembly where our new Student Leaders were sworn in to their roles. They always do an amazing job and represent our school with pride and diligence. Congratulations go to all our Student Leaders for the first half of 2025:

Head Girl	Charlotte Russell	Head Boy	Maatai Taogaga
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Kōtuku	Pīwaiwaka	Kererū	Takahē
Regan Martin	Jasmin Setti	Lily Hooper	Kora Lowe-Hunt
Aurora Fieldes	Chloe Bishop	Zack Green	Indie Rook

ICT Student Leader	Odyn Adlam
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Parent App – '@school'



The parent app '@school' is our main form of school communication. Please ensure you are logged in to the app and receiving notifications. If you prefer to receive an email rather than a notification on your phone, you can change the settings in the app to email you with advice of any new newsletters or messages. To do this, log in to the parent app, click on the three dots in the top right, select Settings and tick 'Enable Email Notifications'. You need to do this for each child. You will now receive an email notification in your inbox for any communications from school.

Did you know that the school app can also be accessed via a website? If you do not have the app, use the '@school' website to access school communications and stay informed. www.atschool.co.nz. You will need your UserID and password to log in. If you do not have these, please contact the office who will be happy to provide it to you.

If you need any other assistance to get set up with the school app, please email the office who are only too happy to assist – Email office@bellblock.school.nz

Payment App – 'myKindo'



Our school uses an online payment portal, *myKindo*, for all school payments. You are able to pay for everything your child needs in one place at a time convenient to you. This includes sports payments, school hats, camp donations and school events. *MyKindo* may be accessed by downloading the app from the App Store or Google Play or via the website <https://shop.kindo.co.nz/app/login>



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 4 of last year 73% 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 96 students who attended school every day during Term 4 of 2024. 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 to Class, Approved External Appointment and Board Approved Offsite Learning.

It is expected that appointments and trips are scheduled for outside school hours and during school holidays. Any planned absence from school of more than five days must be notified to the Principal via email in advance. Parents can expect to be contacted by their child's teacher or our Attendance Officer if their child has been absent from school on multiple occasions.

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

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 your child arrives at school before 8:25am they must wait in the covered area outside Room 1. All classroom teachers are in their classroom from 8:25am each day to greet the students as they arrive.

Leaving Early

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 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.

Sports Registrations 2025

Registrations for Term 1 summer sports teams are now open.

Term 1 – Summer

Cricket (Years 1-8) **Registrations close Wednesday 5 February**

Touch Rugby (Years 1-8) **Registrations close Friday 7 February**

Rippa Rugby (Years 1-8) **Registrations close Friday 21 February**

Please register [here](#) via the *myKindo* app. Payment is required at the time of registration. Please check your email for an 'Order Confirmation' to ensure the registration has been received by the office.

Registrations must be received by the cut-off date. There is a very tight timeline for team entries so NO extensions will be given.

If you are having any difficulty making payment of sports fees, please contact the office in strict confidence before the deadline to discuss alternative arrangements.

Registrations for Term 2 and winter sports teams will open soon. Keep an eye on the school website and your school app for further details.

If you have any queries about any sports teams, please get in touch with our Sports Co-Ordinator by email to sport@bellblock.school.nz or phone 755 0838.

Cricket – all ages



Cricket is played on a Friday night or Saturday morning (depending on grade) at various grounds around North Taranaki. The season runs for 7 weeks from 14 February until 28 March. Fees are \$30.

Registrations close on **Wednesday 5 February**.

Touch – all ages



Touch is played on Wednesdays at Hickford Park and runs for 6 weeks from Wednesday 26 February until Wednesday 2 April. Fees are: Year 1-6 - \$42, Year 7/8 - \$50

Registrations close on **Friday 7 February**.

Rippa Rugby – all ages



Rippa Rugby is played on Thursdays at Hickford Park and runs for 6 weeks from Thursday 6 March until Thursday 10 April. There is no charge to join a team.

Registrations close on **Friday 21 February**.

Coaching



Our sports teams rely on adult volunteers from the community to coach, manage and assist school sports teams. Please consider putting your hand up to assist in whatever capacity you are able to so that we can continue to offer as many opportunities as possible to our students.

Overdue Sports Uniforms and Player of the Day Trophies

If you have a sports uniform or Player of the Day trophy at home, please return it to the office as soon as possible so that it is available for the summer sport teams.



Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club is available in the Technology Room (in the corridor near Room 13) every Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 8:00 – 8:30am. All students are welcome to enjoy some free Weetbix and great conversation. Volunteers would be appreciated to help set up from 7:45am. If you're able to assist, please email Renee Pearce Renee.Pearce@bellblock.school.nz

Lunch Orders

We are pleased to offer lunch orders delivered to school for students and staff twice a week. On Thursdays, Subway is available and on Fridays, sushi from St Pierres is available. Orders may be placed online via the website www.lunchonline.co.nz and will be delivered to school at lunchtime. The cut-off time for orders is 8.00am the same day. Advance orders are possible and, if necessary, may be cancelled up to 8.00am on the day if your child is absent that day.



Being Sun Smart



Our school sun hats are compulsory during outside play in Term 1. Any students without a hat will be encouraged to be in the shade during break times. Hats are available for purchase on the [myKindo](#) app for \$15. Hats will then be named and delivered to the student's classroom. Thanks to our PTA group, sunscreen is readily available around the school for students to use.

School Website – www.bellblock.school.nz

A reminder that our school website is a hub of information. You can find the latest school news, calendar of events, stationery lists, sports information, teachers' emails...and more.



Our School Vision, Values and Principles

At this time of year, we spend time setting our standards and routines and developing both class and school culture. These are all based around the school vision. This has been developed with community input and underpins the culture we strive for in the school and what we want to see from our students. It is a perfect time to discuss the vision with your child and set some goals to achieve this year.

The grey part of our logo represents a korowai or cloak. A school and community supporting students to live the motto Our Best Always – Kaha i ngā wā katoa. This is the representation of Triple A - **Ability, Attitude and Action**.



The black side of the logo represents the mountain. The strong, unchanging foundation of what we do. This represents our School Values.

Respect – Whakaute
Manaakitanga – Caring
Responsibility – Takohanga
Tū Māia – Standing Brave

The blue side of the logo represents the rivers and sea. It is an adaptable, unstoppable force that impacts the landscape over time. This represents our School Principles.

Learners – Nga Ākongā
Teaching and Learning – Whakaako Me To Ako
Family – Whānau
Leadership – Rangatiratanga
School Culture – Tikanga Mo Te Kura

2025 will be another exciting year of opportunity and learning. We are looking forward to working with you to maximise the learning and personal growth of every student here at Bell Block School.

Conrad Hailes
Principal

COMMUNITY NOTICES

BELL BLOCK UNITED JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB

Registrations for the 2025 season are open!

First Kicks (4 to 6yrs)
Fun Football (7 & 8yrs)
Mini Football (9-13 yrs)



Registrations close on 31 March 2025.

For more information or to enrol for the 2025 season please refer to our Facebook page 'Bell Block United Junior Football' or [email bellblockunited@gmail.com](mailto:bellblockunited@gmail.com)



COMPASSION 仁
INTEGRITY 義
COURAGE 勇
HONOUR 名
HONESTY 譽
RESPECT 真
LOYALTY 礼
SELF CONTROL 忠

CONFIDENCE BEATS BULLIES

FRED TUCKER CENTRE - CHILDREN'S CLASSES (7+ YEARS)
TAJUJTSU (UNARMED SELF DEFENCE) - MONDAYS 6PM
KENJUTSU (JAPANESE SWORD) - MONDAYS 7PM
Bell Block | Ferndale | Highlands Park | Spotswood www.samurai.nz



LEPPERTON TENNIS

Register for children's coaching for Term 1 2025. Our coaching will be held on Monday afternoons from 4pm (times to be advised once groups are sorted). Lessons are 45 mins long. Suitable for any ability, ages 5-16. Times to be advised once groups are sorted. \$55 per child for the term. Begins 10th February. Ideally we need registrations in before 3rd February.

Coaching registration via - Lepperton Tennis website, click [coaching](https://clubspark.kiwi/LeppertonTennisClub/Coaching), or use <https://clubspark.kiwi/LeppertonTennisClub/Coaching>

email shereeanrew@hotmail.com if any questions.



BMX New Zealand

OCEANIA CONTINENTAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Sun 2 Feb, 2025
New Plymouth BMX Club Track
Saint Andrews Drive, Bell Block, New Plymouth

LIVE STREAM ON BMX NZ YOUTUBE

