

BELL BLOCK SCHOOL NEWSLETTER #2
Friday 7 February 2025

Focus Value:
 Respect - Whakaute



School Goal:
 Help one another,
 emphasising respect
 through acts of kindness
 and teamwork

Two weeks of the term are done and we have had a great start to the new year. Students are settled in classes and teaching and learning programmes are up and running. One of the important parts of our programmes is working out where students are with their learning. This happens through many methods from formal testing to observations of student work in the classroom and samples of the work they produce. This helps us to work out what the student's next steps are for learning and design activities to move them forward. Spelling testing has been undertaken this week and part of the new Structured Literacy approach and targeted teaching has also begun. Over the next few weeks, we will be undertaking Progressive Achievement Tests or PAT's that many of you will have completed when you were at school. These will cover Mathematics, Reading Comprehension and Listening Comprehension. Results from these initial tests will be shared with parents to help you understand where your child is at with their learning but also to help plan teaching programmes.

We have begun teaching with the new Oxford Structured Maths programme. More information will be shared about this as we progress during the year but Structured Literacy will be our main priority to start the year.

Next week will be a busy one for the Year 7-8 Team with the first of our trips for the year, starting with the Bike Trip to Ngāmotu Beach. This is always a fun day and a great way to face the challenge of a long bike ride by showing tū māia. The Year 7-8 Team will also begin their Technology programme which starts on Friday. This year they will be learning in the areas of Manufacturing, Visual Arts, Music, Textiles, Hospitality and Enterprises/Digital Technology.

The Year 4-6 classes are in the process of selecting their Class Councillors who will be announced at our first celebration assembly next Friday 14 February. With the capacity restrictions in the hall, we will be holding our Celebration Assemblies in two parts with a Year 4-8 assembly at 9:30am and a Year 0-3 assembly at 10:00am. Once again, the assemblies will be led by our fantastic Student Leaders who are looking forward to taking on various roles in the assembly and around the school. Parents are welcome to attend Celebration Assemblies so please do join us if you are able.

Looking Ahead

	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 9:00 Road Patrol Training 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7:00 PTA Meeting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:00 Breakfast Club 	<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 9:00 New Entrants' Transition Visit 9:30 Year 4-8 Celebration Assembly (Class Councillors announced) 10:00 Year 0-3 Celebration Assembly Year 7-8 Technology
	Monday 17 February	Tuesday 18 February	Wednesday 19 February	Thursday 20 February	Friday 21 February
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School Swimming

Here is the updated and finalised timetable for Term 1 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. Swimming will conclude for the term on Friday 14 March.

Bell Block School Swimming Timetable - Term 1 2025						
	Time/Day	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Inside Pool	12:15pm-1:00pm	Room 16 (2 lanes only)	Room 17 (2 lanes only)	Room 17 (2 lanes only)	Room 13 (2 lanes only)	Room 13 (2 lanes only)
	1:40pm - 2:20pm	Room 10 Room 11 Room 14	Room 18 Room 19 Room 20		Room 18 Room 19 Room 20	Room 9 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

Term 1 Sports

All sports registrations are completed via the *myKindo* app [here](#). Payment is required at the time of registration. 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.

On completion of the online registration form and payment, please check your email for an 'Order Confirmation' to ensure the registration has been received by the office. Registrations must be received by the closing date. There is a very tight timeline for team entries so NO extensions will be given.

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 – Years 1-8



Cricket registrations have now closed and teams are being finalised. We are seeking a coach and/or manager for our junior team. Please contact me as soon as possible if you, or someone you know, is able to assist. Unfortunately, if we are unable to secure a coach, then the team must be withdrawn and the players are unable to play.

Touch – Years 1-8

Registrations close TODAY, Friday 7 February



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

Rippa Rugby – Years 1-8 Registrations close Friday 21 February



Please note, there has been a change of venue for rippa rugby games - these will now be played at Puketapu School instead of Hickford Park. The season runs for 6 weeks from Thursday 6 March until Thursday 10 April. There is no charge to join a team.

Coaching



I am looking for coaches for our junior cricket team and still need several coaches for touch teams. We need volunteers to assist with U6, U8, U10 and U12 touch teams please. If you are able to help in any capacity, please contact me as soon as possible, otherwise a team may have to be withdrawn and players miss the opportunity to play.

Being Sun Smart

Our school sun hats are now compulsory. Any students without a hat will be encouraged to be in the shade during break times. Thanks to our PTA, sunscreen is available at four points in the playground for students to use and reapply during break times.

PTA Meeting – Tuesday 11 February

We invite anyone interested in joining or helping the PTA to come along to our first meeting for 2025 this **Tuesday 11 February at 7.00pm** in the school staffroom.



Conrad Hailes
Principal

COMMUNITY NOTICES

A yellow poster for the ReCharge launch. At the top left, it says "NO CHARGE, BUT A KOHA IS APPRECIATED" next to a battery icon with a plus sign and the text "ReCharge Intermediate Youth". At the top right, it says "IF IT'S YOUR FIRST TIME PLEASE GET YOUR PARENT TO FILL OUT A REGISTRATION FORM WHEN THEY DROP YOU OFF. THANKS HEAPS" next to a registration form icon. The main text reads "RECHARGE LAUNCH FOR 2025", "DON'T JUDGE A BOOK BY IT'S COVER WHAT'S INSIDE IS IMPORTANT!", "FRIDAY 14TH FEBRUARY", "6:00-8:00PM", and "@ NORTHPOINT BAPTIST CHURCH 116 MANGATI ROAD, BELL BLOCK". At the bottom, it says "RECHARGE IS A YOUTH GROUP FOR KIDS IN YEAR 7 & 8 AT SCHOOL. FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT US AT RECHARGE@NORTHPOINT.ORG.NZ".

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