

**BELL BLOCK SCHOOL NEWSLETTER #3**  
**Friday 14 February 2025**

**Focus Value:**  
Respect - Whakaute



**School Goal:**  
To help one another,  
emphasising respect  
through acts of kindness  
and teamwork

It has been another week of stunning weather and many students looking forward to their swimming times. To end the week, we had our first Celebration Assemblies. These assemblies are an opportunity for us to acknowledge some of our students who have made an excellent start over the first few weeks. Our Celebration Assemblies are run by our Student Leaders who do a great job hosting these events, speaking in front of a big audience of students, staff and our whānau.

At the Year 4-8 Celebration Assembly we announced the Year 4-6 Class Councillors who had been voted in by their peers as leaders for the first two terms. These students represent their class on the Junior Council and work to build leadership skills and provide opportunities for students. Well done to these students and we know you will represent your classes with pride.

Our Class Councillors for the first half of the year are:

Room 9	Lucy Upton-Fleming	Lewis Joseph
Room 10	Lily Sweetingham	Jasper Welton
Room 11	Charlotte Thompson	Caleb Williams
Room 12	Hania Mustafa	Zaiden Bishop
Room 13	Nya Soffe	Maeson Ruwhiu
Room 14	Summer Cleary	Preston Adlam

At the assembly we also presented Triple A Awards to students who have set a great example of what *Ability, Attitude and Action* looks like in day-to-day life. These students are hardworking, supportive of others and help make our school a great place to be through their positive attitude and dedication to their learning. We also present Values Awards to the students who consistently show the value of the term, which is currently Respect. These students model the school values, make our school feel welcoming and help out when they can. So many of our students live the school motto *Kaha i ngā wā katoā – Our Best Always* making our school a great place to be.

Well done to all the students who received our first awards of 2025:

*Keimi Jayasinghe, Sivatau Mauga, Ryka White, Avery Smith, Kataleah Matthews, Sophia Wallis, Dylan Franklin, Emily Le-Moratti, Mikella Hardgrave, Jacob Chapman, Kenneth Moratuwage, Jamie Turama, Leo Charlton, Ridhaan Chand, Zayden Brown-Washer, Chloe Bishop, Alice Stephens, Archer Pringle, Eddie Marsh, Rosa Turama, Kit Sanderson, Zach Rowland, Harrison Honeyfield, Bryson Tamaiparea, Aria Dwyer, Jali Deuart, Odin Neill, Isabella Pignèguy, Saige Pullen, Lilly Coleman, Lachlan Poole, Chloe Yang, Beau Henderson, Evelyn Haw, Arlo Macken, James Buckley*

Our Year 7-8 students took on the traditional Bike Trip to Ngāmotu Beach yesterday. It was another beautiful Taranaki day as they tackled the bike ride to Ngāmotu Beach as well as a day of activities and swimming before jumping on their bikes for the ride home. It was great to see the effort and resilience they showed and to hear about the fun they had and camaraderie built through activities like this. Well done to all the students, parents and teachers who went on the Bike Trip this year.



Next week some of our classes will be having SwimSafe lessons as our teachers continue to develop their skills in teaching swimming. Beginning of year assessments continue and we will begin to see the build-up to the Gala ramp up so please contact the classroom teachers or PTA if you are able to help out with donations or by giving your time to help prepare for this major event.

Looking Ahead					
	Monday 17 February	Tuesday 18 February	Wednesday 19 February	Thursday 20 February	Friday 21 February
Week 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8:00 Breakfast Club</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Year 7-8 Swimsafe Taranaki</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8:00 Breakfast Club</li> <li>Year 4-6 Swimsafe Taranaki</li> <li>Year 7-8 Immunisation Presentation</li> <li>Kapa Haka Group Practice</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8:00 Breakfast Club</li> <li>9:00 New Entrants' Transition Visit</li> <li>Year 7-8 Technology</li> <li>Rippa Rugby Registrations close</li> </ul>
	Monday 24 February	Tuesday 25 February	Wednesday 26 February	Thursday 27 February	Friday 28 February
Week 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8:00 Breakfast Club</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1:00 Open Afternoon</li> <li>7:00 PTA AGM and Meeting</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8:00 Breakfast Club</li> <li>Kapa Haka Group Practice</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8:00 Breakfast Club</li> <li>9:00 New Entrants' Transition Visit</li> <li>9:30 Celebration Assembly Year 4-8</li> <li>10:00 Celebration Assembly Year 0-3</li> <li>Year 7-8 Technology</li> </ul>

### Thank You to Hugo Trust



We are incredibly grateful to the Hugo Trust for their generous donation to support our new Structured Literacy journey. This contribution will help us build up our resource base, enabling us to successfully implement evidence-based approaches in our classrooms. With this support, we are confident that we can enhance academic progress for all our students. Thank you, Hugo Trust, for investing in our school's future!

### Seeking Donations

Our Year 7-8 Technology group, Textiles, is seeking donations of an iron, ironing board and sewing machine. If you are able to assist with any of these items, please email the office [office@bellblock.school.nz](mailto:office@bellblock.school.nz).



### Term 1 Sports

Touch teams are now being finalised and notification of team details will be sent out via the @school app next week.

Registrations for rippa rugby are open and will close next **Friday 21 February**. If your child is interested in joining a rippa rugby team during Term 1, please register via the myKindo app [here](#).



Registrations are now open for netball, hockey and volleyball. Please visit the school website and click on the relevant sports page for all season information. Registrations are accepted via the myKindo app [here](#).

Netball (Years 3-8) – Registrations close **Friday 28 February**

Hockey (Years 3-8) – Registrations close **Friday 28 February**

Volleyball (Years 7-8) – Registrations close **Friday 28 March**

On completion of the registration form via myKindo, 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.

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

## Gala – Friday 21 March 2025

The PTA are excited for our upcoming 2025 Gala. Join us on **Friday 21 March 2025 from 5pm-7pm** for an evening full of fun! Soak up some tunes, grab a bite to eat, try your luck at the raffles, grab a White Elephant bargain or the crowd favourite - attempt to Dunk A Teacher! With various stalls on offer, there's lots of fun to be had all while supporting our school.

Save the date and stay updated through the event listing on Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/share/15Gc8jSYyg>

We are also still accepting business donations of items for raffles and prizes as well as monetary contributions. Please email us at [pta@bellblock.school.nz](mailto:pta@bellblock.school.nz) if you can help in any way.



**Conrad Hailes**  
**Principal**

## COMMUNITY NOTICES

**ReCharge**  
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**  
@ NORTHPOINT BAPTIST CHURCH  
116 MANGATI ROAD, BELL BLOCK  
RECHARGE IS A YOUTH GROUP FOR KIDS IN YEAR 7 & 8 AT SCHOOL.  
FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT US AT RECHARGE@NORTHPOINT.ORG.NZ

**AFTER SCHOOL CLUB**  
**BELL BLOCK LIBRARY**  
6 weeks from 20<sup>th</sup> Feb - 27<sup>th</sup> March  
Thursdays 3.30pm to 4.30pm  
A mix of craft, STEM and digital activities suitable for 8 - 12 year olds  
See a staff member to enrol or  
Phone us on 06-7550939

**WHOOPING COUGH VACCINATION CLINIC**  
Friday 21 February  
4pm - 6.30pm  
Saturday 22 February  
9am - 2pm  
Whallara Health Centre  
26 Grey Street, Whallara  
There is a whooping cough epidemic in Aotearoa right now. Protect pipi and tamariki from this killer disease by getting immunised.  
Whooping cough vaccinations **FREE** for EVERYONE  
Other childhood immunisations will also be available  
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**JOIN THE TEAM!** 'APEX' WOMEN'S HOCKEY IS EXPANDING, AND WE WANT YOU!  
WE'RE LOOKING TO FIELD BOTH A COMPETITIVE TEAM, AND A SOCIAL TEAM THIS YEAR, CATERING TO ALL SKILL LEVELS.  
TRAINING WILL BE NECESSARY FOR THE COMPETITIVE TEAM, BUT WILL NOT BE NECESSARY FOR THE SOCIAL TEAM.  
TRAINING DATES TO BE CONFIRMED.  
TO EXPRESS YOUR INTEREST, PLEASE CONTACT US VIA TEXT OR CALL, ON 021 110 4025.  
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**Children's Wellbeing and Resilience webinar!**  
Tuesday 18th February  
7:30 pm - 9:00 pm  
Bookings essential  
<https://events.humanitix.com/child-wellbeing-and-resilience-with-anna>  
realparents

**BELL BLOCK LIONS BOOK FAIR**  
Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> February 9am-6pm  
Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February 9am-6pm  
Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> March 9am-3pm  
**Bell Block Rugby Sports & Community Club Rooms**  
Hickford Park  
Eftpos available - Please bring your own bags  
All proceeds to local charity projects