

BELL BLOCK SCHOOL NEWSLETTER #4
Friday 21 February 2025



Focus Value:
 Respect - Whakaute

School Goal:
 Acknowledge the hard work and positivity of others by giving affirmations

It has been a great start to our year so far. The students are settled and the school has a really nice feel out in the playground. As we build up to Gala on Friday 21 March there will be lots of information coming home about how you can support this major school event and help make it another great community event, so keep an eye out.

Open Afternoon – Tuesday 25 February

Next week we have our first Open Afternoon for the year on Tuesday 25 February. This is an opportunity to come into school and have a look at what your child has been doing during the first few weeks of the year. As with past Open Afternoons, your child will have a list of things to show you to help guide your visit. You are welcome to begin your visit at 1:00pm if you would like to have lunch with your child and see them or join in with their break time play. The end of lunch is at 1:40pm and that will be the time your children can show you their learning, classroom and around the school. Your child should return back to their usual classroom at 2:45pm for the end of day pack up routines. All our families are welcome and the students have always been excited to share their work and their school spaces with those closest to them. Please come along if you are able.

- 1:00pm Visitors welcome to arrive for lunch time
- 1:40pm Students return to class to share their learning and tour their visitors
- 2:45pm All students return to their classes for end of day routines

We are fast approaching the school Swimming Sports and Triathlon which are also great events to come along to watch the students in action. The timetables for these events will be ready soon but here are the dates you can pencil in your calendar.

- Tuesday 11 March Year 1-3 Swimming Sports
- Thursday 13 March Year 4-8 Swimming Sports
- Monday 17 March Triathlon (team and individual)
- Tuesday 18 March Year 0-3 Splash & Dash Biathlon

Looking Ahead

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	Monday 24 February	Tuesday 25 February	Wednesday 26 February	Thursday 27 February	Friday 28 February
Week 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8:00 Breakfast Club 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1:00 Open Afternoon • 7:00 PTA Meeting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8:00 Breakfast Club • Kapa Haka Group Practice 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8:00 Breakfast Club • 9:00 New Entrants' Transition Visit • 9:30 Celebration Assembly Year 4-8 • 10:00 Celebration Assembly Year 0-3 • Year 7-8 Technology
	Monday 3 March	Tuesday 4 March	Wednesday 5 March	Thursday 6 March	Friday 7 March
Week 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8:00 Breakfast Club • Cohort 2 New Entrants Start 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8:00 Breakfast Club • Kapa Haka Group Practice 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8:00 Breakfast Club • Year 7-8 Technology

Crochet Club

Our Crochet Club are seeking donations of unwanted yarn and wool, both new and used. If you have any balls of yarn and wool that you are no longer using, please drop them to Room 17.

Term 1 Sports

Registrations for rippa rugby close today, **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**

Basketball – We are seeking expressions of interest for coaching a school basketball team this year. Please contact the office as soon as possible if you are willing and able to coach a junior basketball team, even if it is in a shared capacity with someone else. Further registration information will follow in due course.



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 or phone 755 0838.



Gala News

Have you spotted some of our promotion signs popping up around the school and wider community? Our Twilight Gala, on **Friday 21 March 2025 from 5pm-7pm**, is nearing and so begins the collection of items for our White Elephant stall.



White Elephant Stall

Are you due a declutter? Have you had a summer clear out but haven't quite managed to pass the items on? Let us take them off your hands!

We would be grateful for any new or pre-loved good condition books, toys, sports gear, furniture, clothing and household items to be sold in our White Elephant stall at the Gala. **Drop offs open next week: Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 8:25am – 8:55am at the old Tuck Shop.** We would also happily take any clean, reusable or paper bags that you no longer need.

Sponsorship

There is still time to become a GOLD SPONSOR when you donate \$300 or more (total value of items or monetary donation). We already have some amazing businesses on board. All funds raised from the school Gala go towards the Junior Playground upgrade. We appreciate all the support from our community – all donations, no matter how big or small, help our Gala to be a spectacular evening.

Flexi Tub Buckets

If you have a PTA flexi tub at home from a recent prize or raffle, would you please return this to the office as soon as possible so that it can be used for Gala raffles.



Facebook Event



Keep updated in the lead up to Gala through the [Facebook event](#) and stay tuned for an exciting giveaway there coming soon!

Donation Schedule

From Monday 3 March, we will begin collecting donations to make the Gala a wonderful success. *Please see the donation schedule attached to this newsletter.* If you can help out by donating any of these items, it would be much appreciated. Donations of classroom items may be delivered direct to the child's classroom and placed in the box provided.

Conrad Hailes
Principal

COMMUNITY NOTICES



Nominate your primary school for a chance to WIN one of four \$10K sports grants!

Hi Bell Block School,

The Big Little Sponsorship is back and bigger than ever, so spread the word and nominate your school for the chance to win one of four \$10,000 sports grants. You can spend it on whatever you need, like new equipment, sports uniforms or coaching sessions. Anything to help your little champions play a little freer.

Entering is easy!

Winning takes teamwork, so get the whole community involved by nominating your school. Teachers, students, parents, friends and whānau can all share the love and show their support for your school by nominating here or by visiting aainurance.co.nz/big-little

Entries are now open so get your nominations in today!

[Nominate](#)

*T&Cs apply. Entries close 11.59pm Sunday 16 March 2025

Taranaki Diocesan School for Girls Stratford

An integrated Anglican
Year 9 – Year 13 Boarding and Day School

OPEN DAY
Wednesday 19 March 2025
visit anytime between 10 am – 2 pm

Enrolments: Weekly Boarding, Part Boarding (2/3 nights) and Day Students

Daily transport options from and to New Plymouth and Hawera

Prospectus Packages available 06 765 5333

sandracc@taranakidio.school.nz

Virtual Tours available any time via website

www.taranakidio.school.nz

FACE THE GIANTS
FRIDAY 21ST FEBRUARY
6:00-8:00PM
@ NORTHPOINT BAPTIST CHURCH
116 MANGATI ROAD, BELL BLOCK
FOOD THIS WEEK IS: HOTDOGS

RECHARGE IS A YOUTH GROUP FOR KIDS IN YEAR 7 TO 9 AT SCHOOL. FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT US AT RECHARGE@NORTHPOINT.ORG.NZ

Work-Life Balance - The Myths and Realities webinar!

Thursday 6th March
7:30 pm - 9:00 pm

Bookings essential
<https://events.humanitix.com/work-life-balance>

real parents

JOIN ST JOHN YOUTH!

St John Youth is a structured programme for young people aged 5 to 18 years. The focus is on young people developing their potential through leadership, hauora and engaging in their communities.

Youth members meet once a week during the school term at their local division, and there's always heaps of other exciting activities throughout the year to meet new people, learn new things and have loads of fun.

St John Youth is for all young people, so come learn, connect, and grow with us - we can't wait to see you soon!

Jump onto youth.stjohn.org.nz and use the interactive map to find your closest division!

Penguin Programme (5 to 10 years) - fun, discovery, building confidence and teamwork Learn how to keep yourself and others safe, basic first aid and tips, new hobbies and interests, creative thinking and planning, and how to help out in your community.

Cadet Programme (11 to 18 years) - first aid, health care, leadership and life skills Have fun with overnight stays and camps, adventure activities, competitions and first aid scenarios, courses and training workshops, travel opportunities and scholarships.

Youth Leaders (18+ years) - help make a positive impact on young people Help support and develop young people as a Youth Leader.

How much does it cost to join?
There is a one-off, \$25 enrolment fee, plus an ongoing cost of \$25 per term. This applies per person. There are additional costs for camps and activities. We have fees assistance to help cover costs if needed.

We want to hear from you:
youth.stjohn.org.nz | 0800 ST JOHN (0800 785 646)
youth@stjohn.org.nz | [@stjohnyouthnz](https://www.facebook.com/stjohnyouthnz)

Whānau Pakari

Whānau Pakari is a community-based, no cost, whānau-centred programme for children and adolescents aged 4-15 years (inclusive), wanting to improve their lifestyle.

Whānau Pakari uses an expert team to support children and their whānau to make long term changes to activity, food and lifestyle choices, in a respectful and non-judgemental way.

Health New Zealand Te Whatu Ora

Activity sessions in Hawera and New Plymouth for 4-10 year olds, two half-day workshops for adolescents 11 years and over, and a term of physical activity sessions twice per year.

The Whānau Pakari team includes:

- dietitian
- clinical psychologist
- paediatrician
- physical activity specialist
- healthy lifestyle coordinator.

To access the service or information:
Healthy Lifestyles Coordinator:
whanaupakari@tdhb.org.nz or
753 6139 extn 8729

For information or to self refer:
www.tdhn.org.nz > Services
> Whānau Pakari

Whānau Pakari

[vimeo](https://vimeo.com/whanaupakari)
Whānau Pakari
#238489936



Bell Block School Gala 2025

Friday 21 March 2025 - 5pm – 7pm

Our school Gala is a fantastic community event with lots of food, prizes, entertainment and fun. We need your help to make it an amazing evening again. Lots of local businesses have generously donated a range of fantastic items. We appreciate all the support from our community - all donations, no matter how big or small, help our Gala to be a spectacular evening. If you can help out by donating any of the items below, it would be very much appreciated.]

Please bring all donations to your child's classroom and place in the box provided between Monday 3 March - Friday 7 March

Families with more than two children at school are asked to bring a maximum of TWO items.

We will gratefully accept any donations of goods or support over the coming weeks so please support us however you are able. There is still time to become a GOLD SPONSOR when you donate \$300 or more in either monetary or items.

Whole school	Items for the White Elephant/Garage Sale – good quality new or used items including books, games, toys, small appliances, kitchen equipment. It's a great opportunity to have a sort through things at home and reduce your clutter.
Rooms 2 & 3	Canned goods – eg: baked beans, spaghetti, fruit salad, sweetcorn, soup
Room 4	Spreads – eg: jam, peanut butter, vegemite
Rooms 5 & 6	Bottles – Anything that comes in a plastic or glass bottle eg: fizzy drink, sauce, soy sauce, oil, orange juice, maple syrup, mustard, tomato sauce
Rooms 7 & 8	Grocery items – Anything non-perishable for our grocery raffles – eg: dried pasta, rice, soup mix, readymade meals, chips, crackers, nuts, popcorn, biscuits
Rooms 9 & 10	Grocery items – Anything non-perishable for our grocery raffles – eg: muesli, Weetbix, cornflakes, rolled oats, tea, coffee, milo, hot chocolate
Rooms 11 & 12	Pamper items – eg: foot soak, moisturiser, mud mask, body lotion, body shimmer, anything that helps to relax and pamper the body and soul
Rooms 13, 14 & 16	Sweet treats – eg: family lolly pack, chocolate bars, wrapped lollies/chocolates, Easter goodies, lollipops
Rooms 17 & 18	Prizes for girls and boys – Anything that our students might like to win – eg: toys, puzzles, books, colouring equipment, treats, board games, fun local activities
Rooms 19 & 20	Prizes for girls and boys – Anything that our students might like to win – eg: toys, puzzles, books, colouring equipment, treats, board games, fun local activities
Friday 21 March	Home Baking – Each family will bring a disposable plate home and we ask if you could please make us some delicious home baking for the Bake Sale. It can be anything from biscuits or slices to muffins or cakes. Please deliver all home baking to Room 12 on Friday 21 March before school from 8.25am.

All items should be in their original packaging and non-perishable. Please ensure that they are not past, or near to, their expiry date/use by date.

We need lots of helpers on the night. If you are able to donate your time to help out on the night, please contact the PTA directly by email to PTA@bellblock.school.nz or message the Facebook page 'Bell Block School PTA'. Like and follow our event page to see what awesome things will be happening at our 2025 Gala.

Thank you for all your support and we look forward to seeing you on Friday 21 March from 5pm for the Gala.