

BELL BLOCK SCHOOL NEWSLETTER #8
Friday 21 March 2025



Focus Value:
 Respect - Whakautē

School Goal:
 Respect ourselves - use positive self-talk, take care of our bodies, try our best in learning and stand up for ourselves

The change in weather impacted the start of our week with both our Triathlon/Biathlon events not going ahead. We have moved the Triathlon for Year 4-8 to Wednesday 26 March and hope the weather is favourable. Unfortunately, we are not able to run the Splash and Dash Biathlon event for Year 0-3 as the outdoor pool is being emptied this week.

The Sports Assembly that was scheduled for 26 March will now be on **Wednesday 2 April**. At the assembly, we present awards to the place getters from both the Swimming Sports and Triathlon events.



The outdoor classroom build near Room 20 continues to make significant progress and is looking great. Have a look next time you are in the school to see what is going on.

To finish off this week we have the Gala. Thank you to all our amazing sponsors for their generosity and the PTA for all the work they have put into organising this event. We look forward to seeing our community at school tonight for this community event. We appreciate the support of our families and wider community, it allows us to provide many additional opportunities for our students and helps to keep costs down for our families.

Next week the PTA team have their annual AGM in the staffroom at 7:00pm on Tuesday. We are hoping to have our rescheduled Triathlon on Wednesday and will finish the week with the final Celebration Assemblies of the term.

With the term quickly drawing to a close, our teachers are working hard to continue the academic progress made so far this term. Parent/Teacher Interviews are coming up in Week 10 so please make sure you have booked your time to come in.

Looking Ahead

	Monday 24 March	Tuesday 25 March	Wednesday 26 March	Thursday 27 March	Friday 28 March
Week 9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:00 Breakfast Club 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7:00 PTA AGM & Meeting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:00 Breakfast Club Triathlon Year 4-8 1:40 Kapa Haka Group Practice 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3:30-5:30 Room 10 Parent/Teacher Interviews 	<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
Week 10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:00 Breakfast Club Outdoor Academy - Golf 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 11:30 Interschool Swimming – Year 6-8 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:00 Breakfast Club 9:15 Sports Assembly 1:40 Kapa Haka Group Practice 3:00-7:30 Parent/Teacher Interviews 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3:00-4:30 Parent/Teacher Interviews 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:00 Breakfast Club 9:00 New Entrants' Transition Visit Year 7-8 Technology

Parent/Teacher Interviews – 2 & 3 April



Interviews will be held on **Wednesday 2 April** from 3:00 to 7:30pm and **Thursday 3 April** from 3:00 to 4:30pm.

The online booking system is open. Please book your Parent/Teacher Interview by tapping on the 'Interview' button on the @school parent app. Interviews for Room 10 will be held on the alternative dates of 27 March and 9 April. If you have any issues booking your interviews, please call the office team who will be only too happy to help out.

School Triathlon – Wednesday 26 March

Our school Triathlon for Year 4-8 students has been rescheduled to next Wednesday 26 March. We encourage all students from Year 4 upwards to give this event a go, whether they are elite level or trying it for the first time. Please talk to your child about whether they have entered as an individual or as part of a team (or both).



Any students who choose to participate in this event must ensure they can competently swim and cycle and have the correct gear to compete safely. It is a good idea to check bikes thoroughly before the day to ensure they are safe. Please note that cyclists must have a helmet, shirt and shoes.

Supporters are welcome to attend the event and cheer on the students. Each event will start with the swim leg at the Bell Block Aquatic Centre, followed by the cycle leg along Wynyard, Kingsford and Hua Streets and ending with the run inside the school grounds. Please avoid parking on these roads wherever possible to ensure a clear path for our cyclists.

If you are driving around the school on Wednesday, please look out for our students on the roads around the school.

Triathlon Team Events – Year 4-8

10:00am Years 4-6

11:20am Years 7-8

Triathlon Individual Events – Year 4-8

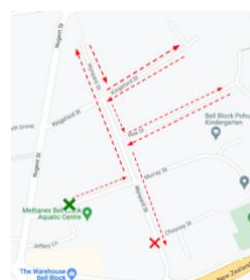
1:00pm Year 4 boys and girls

1:10pm Year 5 boys and girls

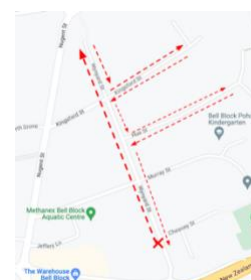
1:20pm Year 6 boys and girls

1:30pm Year 7 boys and girls

1:40pm Year 8 boys and girls



Cycle leg – First lap



Subsequent laps

Distances

Year 4	25m (1 length) swim	2km (1 lap) bike ride	1.5km run
Years 5-6	75m (3 lengths) swim	4km (2 laps) bike ride	3.0km run
Years 7-8	125m (5 lengths) swim	6km (3 laps) bike ride	4.5km run

End of Term 1 – Thursday 10 April

Just a reminder that the last day of school for this term is **Thursday 10 April** with Friday 11 April being one of our two Ministry-directed Curriculum Development Days for the year (previously known as Teacher Only Days).

Sports News

All netball teams have now been finalised and players have been notified. Hockey and basketball teams will be published in the near future. Check the school app for team details.

Volleyball registrations for Year 7-8 students close next Friday 28 March. All relevant season information is available on the school website [sports page](#). 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 questions about sports, please contact the Sport Co-Ordinator by email to sport@bellblock.school.nz or phone the office on 755 0838.

Parent Help Required

We are seeking parent volunteers to help with printing and laminating classroom resources to support the implementation of *Structured Literacy* across our school. Your help would make a big difference in ensuring our students have access to the best possible learning materials. If you are able to assist, please contact Courtney Goldsworthy by email to courtney.goldsworthy@bellblock.school.nz.

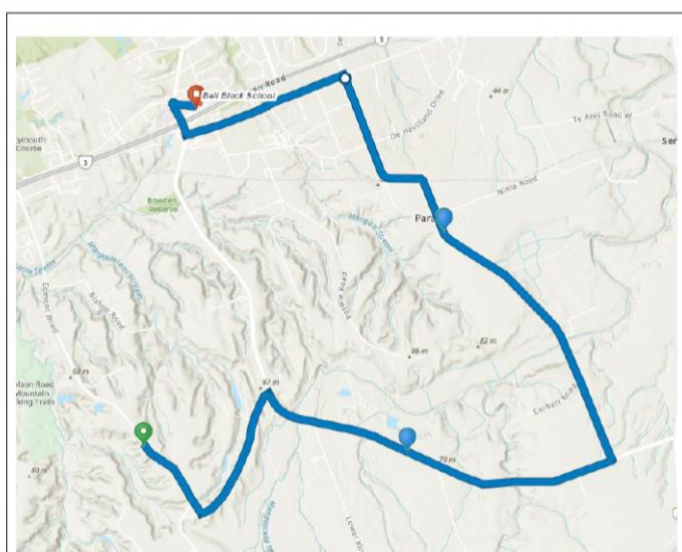
Proposed Bus Route

As from 31 March 2025 the Bell Block School Bus Route is changing, please see the information below. If you would like your child to use the school bus, please contact the office ASAP so your eligibility can be checked. We are waiting for Transit to provide us with pick up and drop off times, and parents will be notified when that information becomes available.

For information on eligibility please click on [this link](#).



Route and directions for D070401 – PROPOSED



Directions

1. Start at 283 Egmont Road, Hillsborough, Egmont Village, Taranaki, 4372
2. Go southeast on Egmont Road toward Henwood Road
3. Turn left on Henwood Road
4. Turn left to stay on Henwood Road
5. Turn right on Manutahi Road
6. Continue east on Manutahi Road
7. Turn left on Corbett Road
8. Continue northwest on Corbett Road
9. Turn left on Connett Road
10. Turn right on Henwood Road
11. At the roundabout, take the third exit onto Bell Block Court
12. Keep right at the fork onto Bell Block Court
13. Finish at Bell Block School, on the left

Outdoor Movie Night Fundraiser

Come and support the Bell Block School Year 7-8 Team as we raise funds for our 2026 camp. We're excited to invite you to a fun-filled evening under the stars.

Bring the whole family for a magical movie experience with our feature film **High School Musical (G)**. Be sure to bring your picnic mats, blankets, and cushions to relax under the stars. Twinkling glow sticks will be available to purchase for the perfect night-time vibe. (Glow sticks are cash only)

When: Thursday 10 April

Time: Gates open at 5:30pm | Movie starts at 6:00pm

Where: Bell Block School Field

Tickets: Only \$5 for adults and children aged 5+ (available via the Kindo app from Monday)
Children under 5 are FREE

Important: Children under the age of 16 must be accompanied by an adult

Enjoy:

- Onsite Candy Bar (Cash only)
- Sausage Sizzle (Cash only)
- Glow Sticks (Cash only)
- Ice Creams from Tinker Bell

We are also looking for *parent volunteers* to help run the night. If you're available to assist, please email the office at office@bellblock.school.nz.

Calling for all Cereal Boxes and Tins

The Year 7/8 Team is looking for donations of *empty cereal boxes and tin cans (with labels removed)* to support some exciting upcoming projects. These materials will be used in creative and meaningful ways as part of our students' learning. If you have any to spare, please drop them off to the Room 18 breakout space at your earliest convenience. Your support is greatly appreciated.

GALA NEWS

What a beautiful day for a Gala!! See you tonight between 5pm-7pm for this unmissable event that only occurs every two years.

Young, old and everyone in-between will find plenty to do with live music, delicious food, face painting, pony rides, countless games, tasty treats, badge making, bouncy castles... we could go on. You'll have to come along to experience it for yourself.



If you haven't already secured your tickets, come straight to the ticket booth on the blue turf before heading to your first stall.

Dunk the Teacher

One of the most eagerly awaited stalls is Dunk the Teacher. Principal, Mr Conrad Hailes is up first in the hot seat! The full schedule is as follows:

- 5:00pm Mr Conrad Hailes
- 5:15pm Mrs Courtney Goldsworthy
- 5:35pm Miss Jorja McCarthy
- 5:45pm Mr Mark Bridger
- 5:55pm Miss Grace Jackson
- 6:05pm Miss Monique van Beers
- 6:15pm Mrs Janine van den Berg
- 6:25pm Mrs Abby Piercy
- 6:35pm Miss Kaia Williams

Prizes

Packed full with goodies, there are so many incredible hampers, prizes and raffles to be won including a Welding Kit from Duroweld, NumberWorks'nWords tuition vouchers, 18-hole round of golf and carts for four people at the New Plymouth Golf Club and more.

Thank You

Thanks to everyone for the donations of items, baking and your time to help make today a huge success. Our generous sponsors will be on display on our sponsors' board so make sure you check out all of the amazing businesses who have contributed in various ways to make this possible.

Giveaway

As a massive thank you to our school community for all of the contributions towards the Gala, we have a scooter to give away to one of our Bell Block School students thanks to Civil Logistics. Every student will go into the draw and have a chance of winning. The winner will be announced at our Celebration Assemblies next Friday.



Map and Price List

The Gala map and price list are included at the end of this newsletter.

We look forward to seeing as many families as possible to join in the buzz and atmosphere this evening. Have fun everyone!!

PTA News

It is that time of year again when the Bell Block School PTA warmly invites you to our AGM. All are welcome to attend. The AGM will be held **Tuesday 25 March at 7pm** in the school staffroom. Nibbles will be provided. We look forward to reviewing the year that was 2024.



Conrad Hailes
Principal

COMMUNITY NOTICES

JUNIOR MUSTER DAYS FOR 2025

FOOTY FUN FRIDAY
21ST MARCH 4 - 5PM

WICKED WEDNESDAY
26TH MARCH 4 - 5PM

Contact us with any queries
waitarasoccer@gmail.com

REGISTRATION LINK:
<https://www.sporty.co.nz/viewform/337133>

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www.rebelisport.co.nz/boot-drive/

*TICKS apply

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AKA 'THE CUBS'

LOOKING TO PLAY JUNIOR RUGBY THIS SEASON?
FERDIE 1-8
BOYS & GIRLS 5 - 12 YEARS

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SCAN ME TO REGISTER

[UNITEDSPORTS.CO.NZ/JUNIOR-RUGBY](https://www.unitedsports.co.nz/junior-rugby)

No charge, but a take is appreciated

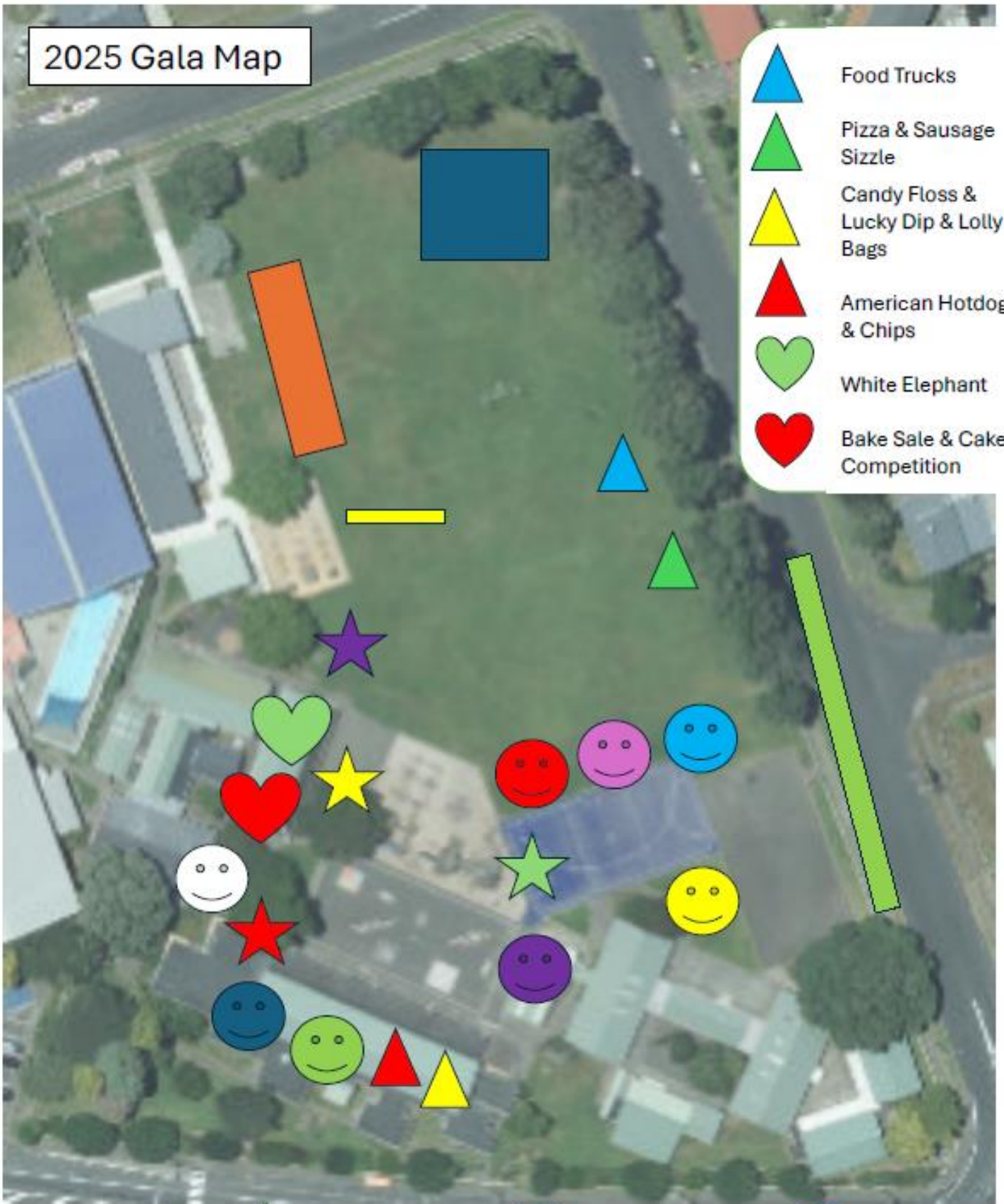
ReCharge
Intermediate Youth

If the youth group have pleasure in your presence to fill out a registration form when they do you will. Thank you!

Finding Forgiveness
Friday 21st March
6:00-8:00pm
@ Northpoint Baptist Church
116 Mangati Road, Bell Block
Kai 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

2025 Gala Map



-  Food Trucks
-  Pizza & Sausage Sizzle
-  Candy Floss & Lucky Dip & Lolly Bags
-  American Hotdogs & Chips
-  White Elephant
-  Bake Sale & Cake Competition

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|  Bouncy Castles |  Tickets |  Badge Making |  Spin the Wheel |
|  Ponies |  Stage & Quickfire |  Adopt a pet & Laughing Clowns |  Treat Trailer |
|  Horizontal Bungy |  Entertainment |  Balloon Darts |  Cornhole & Ladder Toss |
|  Car/Truck/ Tractor Rides |  Lucky Buckets, Principal for a Day & Guess the Number |  Dunk the Teacher |  Facepainting |



Bell Block School Gala 2025

Price List

Balloon Darts	2 tickets (for 3 darts)
Bouncy Castles	2 tickets
Truck/Tractor Rides	3 tickets
Classic Car Rides (minimum of 3 people per ride)	3 tickets 8 tickets for group of 3+ people
Cornhole	1 ticket (for 3 tries)
Dunk the Teacher	2 tickets (for 3 throws)
Face painting	3 or 5 tickets
Horizontal Bungy	2 tickets
Ladder Toss	1 ticket (for 3 throws)
Laughing Clowns	2 tickets (for 3 balls)
Lucky Dip	2 tickets
Badge Making	2 tickets
Treat Trailer	2 tickets
Pony rides	6 tickets
Adopt a Pet	1-5 tickets
Spin The Wheel	2 tickets
Bake sale	Tickets
Cake competition	Silent auction
Lolly Bags	2 tickets
White Elephant	Tickets and cash

Guess The Number	1 ticket
Lucky buckets	2 tickets
Principal for a Day	1 ticket
Quickfire raffles	3 or 5 tickets
American Hotdogs	3 tickets
Candy floss	4 tickets
Drinks	2 tickets (can) 1 ticket (bottle)
Hot chips	5 tickets
Ice-blocks	1 ticket
Pizza	2 tickets/slice 5 tickets/half
Sausages	2 tickets
Smok'n Comrades	Cash and Eftpos
Hungry Bread	Cash and Eftpos
Twinkle Bell	Cash and Eftpos
VIBE Coffee Cart	Cash and Eftpos