

BELL BLOCK SCHOOL NEWSLETTER #9
Friday 28 March 2025



Focus Value:
 Respect - Whakaute

School Goal:
 Model respectful communication – speak to each other with kindness and empathy

I would like to start this week’s newsletter with a huge thank you to everyone who supported our Gala last week. The weather turned on perfect conditions and I was, once again, blown away by the support of our community. We are so grateful to all our businesses, whānau and supporters for their amazing donations and to the families and community who came along to enjoy the evening. The Staff vs Students vs PTA Cake Competition was again hotly contested with a surprising level of professional quality bakers being part of the school community. The PTA/parents took first place with the students close behind, just ahead of the staff team. This places the students 2-0 up in the Staff vs Students Competition for 2025. I would like to send out a huge thanks to our PTA whose work behind the scenes started last year to put on this fantastic Gala. We are very grateful and appreciative of the support our school receives.

Week 9 has been another busy one with the rescheduled Triathlon event being held on Wednesday with much better weather than the original date. It was impressive to see so many students involved in both the teams and individual events and, for some of the students, both. It is great to see our students pushing themselves to complete something that isn’t easy. The Triathlon requires effort over a long period of time which makes the numbers of students completing the event even more impressive. Well done to all the students who got involved and gave it a go and thank you to Abby Piercy and her team of helpers who organised this event.

The final Celebration Assemblies for the term closed our week with more students being recognised for their dedication and hard work across the term.

Mia Hughes, Charlotte Bryan, Nikau Ardern, Kora Ardern, Amayra Kumar, Oliver Campbell, Liam Harris, Mason Page-Bowers, Jasper Welton, George Clark, Chester Mattson, Dolly Genji, Mokshasri Setti, Sophie Trundle, Cameron Johnston, Jack Goldfinch, Emmie Walsh, Vijay Mwaengeni, Yewan Bangamuwa Gamage, Blayze McCulloch, Ryka White, Kiara Bunting, Millean Ngoi Hawaiki Te Amora, Aubree Forbes-Knott, Teja Reddipalli, Hassan Mustafa, Vivian Tian, Diya Wilsonmanas, Mary Stephens, Omar Ali, Tasman Sullivan, Ben Tice, Shyla Drummond, Indie Mattock, Lohith Vadapalli, Aiza Ali

Well done to all the students who received awards this week.

Next week sees some of our Year 7-8 students playing golf as part of our Outdoor Academy on Monday and our best Year 6-8 swimmers taking on the students from five other full primary schools at the Interschool Swimming Sports on Tuesday. The Sports Assembly will be on Wednesday where we will present the awards from the Year 4-8 Swimming Sports and Triathlon events. Parent/Teacher Interviews are on Wednesday and Thursday next week, sharing information from the first term of learning.

Looking Ahead

	Monday 31 March	Tuesday 1 April	Wednesday 2 April	Thursday 3 April	Friday 4 April
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
	Monday 7 April	Tuesday 8 April	Wednesday 9 April	Thursday 10 April	Friday 11 April

Week 11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:00 Breakfast Club 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lost Property Day Literacy Quiz Year 7-8 Immunisation Catch Ups 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:00 Breakfast Club Year 7-8 Trip to Muru Raupatu 9:00 New Entrants' Transition Visit 1:40 Kapa Haka Group Practice 3:00-5:30 Room 10 Parent/Teacher Interviews 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ANZAC Assembly 6:00 Year 7-8 Outdoor Movie Night Fundraiser 	CURRICULUM DAY SCHOOL CLOSED
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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.

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

Volleyball registrations for Year 7-8 students close today. 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, please contact the Sport Co-Ordinator by email to sport@bellblock.school.nz or phone the office on 755 0838.



Sports Assembly

A Sports Assembly will be held on **Wednesday 2 April at 9.15am** to award placegetters of the Year 4-8 Swimming Sports and Triathlon. Please do join us in the school hall if you are able.

Parent Help Required

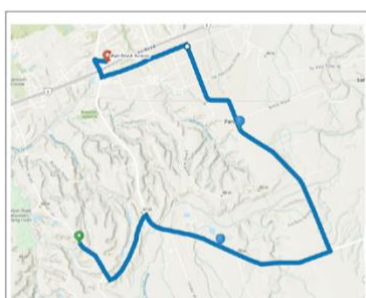
We are seeking parent volunteers to help with printing and laminating classroom resources to support the implementation of *Structured Literacy* across our school. Your help would make a big difference in ensuring our students have access to the best possible learning materials. If you are able to assist,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

New Bus Route

The new bus route will be effective as of Monday 31 March 2024. Please see the information below. If you would like your child to use the school bus, please contact the office as soon as possible. For information on eligibility please click on [this link](#).



Route and directions for D070401 – PROPOSED



Directions

- Start at 283 Egmont Road, Hillsborough, Egmont Village, Taranaki, 4372
- Go southeast on Egmont Road toward Henwood Road
- Turn left on Henwood Road
- Turn left to stay on Henwood Road
- Turn right on Manutahi Road
- Continue east on Manutahi Road
- Turn left on Corbett Road
- Continue northwest on Corbett Road
- Turn left on Connett Road
- Turn right on Henwood Road
- At the roundabout, take the third exit onto Bell Block Court
- Keep right at the fork onto Bell Block Court
- 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)
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 Tinklebell

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



GALA NEWS

Wow! What a turn out for the Gala last week. Teachers were dunked, food was consumed and prizes were won. Thank you to those who came along - it was such a great vibe and we hope everyone had fun. We've had great feedback from the community who were very impressed with the manners of our students, well done everyone.



Winners

Today at the Celebration Assemblies, the winners were announced for the following prizes from the Gala:

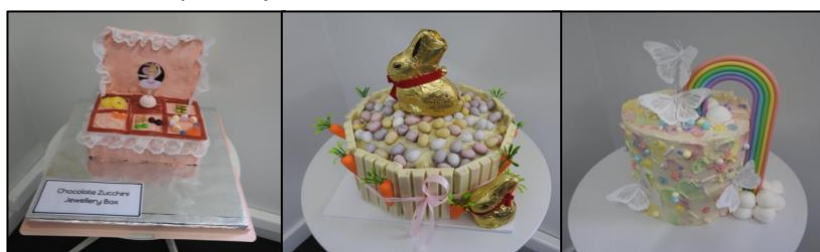
- **Principal for a Day**
Peyton Metcalfe from Room 19 and Poppy Gibson from Room 4.
- **Guess the Number**
Lollies (95) Jessica Grundling from Room 19
Easter Eggs (63) Liza Makarenko from Room 11
(These students can collect their jars from the office after school).
- **Scooter**
The winner of the scooter donated by Civil Logistics is Blayze McCulloch from Room 3.



Cake Competition

The results of the Cake Competition are in. The winners this year were the PTA/Parents who sold their cakes for a combined total of \$250, followed closely by the students at \$230 and the staff at \$102. The highest bid was on student Samantha Ainsworth's very impressive jellyfish cake that sold for \$95. Amazing! The cake entries this year were jaw-dropping and we've heard they were just as delicious too.

Congratulations to all!



Sponsors

We couldn't have made our school Gala happen without the support of local businesses and our community. Please find all of our valued and generous sponsors listed at the end of the newsletter. When you can, please support these businesses as they have us.

We were well supported in so many ways, and the Lucky Buckets and Quick Fire Raffles were top quality. People walked away with travel vouchers courtesy of Korff Builders, meat packs from Silver Fern Farms and Tegel, nights at either the Plymouth International or Country Retreat Glamping, vouchers for lessons at Gymnastica, Streamline Swim Academy and Academy of Dance, and so much more!



Again, the PTA wishes to express a massive thank you to everyone who contributed in many ways - the baking, the donations, your time, as well as attending the Gala. What a fantastic community we have!

Conrad Hailes
Principal

COMMUNITY NOTICES

UNITED JNR RUGBY
UNITED AKA 'THE CUBS'
LOOKING TO PLAY JUNIOR RUGBY THIS SEASON?
FERDIE 1-8
BOYS & GIRLS 5 - 12 YEARS
REGISTER NOW THROUGH XPLORER
XPLORER.RUGBY/UNITED-RUGBY-AND-SPORTS-CLUB
SCAN ME TO REGISTER
UNITED JUNIOR RUGBY
UNITEDESPORTS.CO.NZ/JUNIOR-RUGBY

CREATE MEMORABLE EXPERIENCES
PLAY RUGBY
SIGN UP TO YOUR LOCAL CLUB TODAY

2025: Your Year in Rugby!

Make unforgettable memories with your local club - on and off the field. Sign up now and start creating moments that last a lifetime!

Join today and experience the camaraderie, excitement and personal growth rugby has to offer!

Register here: <https://explorer.rugby/taranaki-rfu>

KEYBOARD LESSONS
Bell Block
*Individual & Group lessons
*Practical & Theory
*Performance opportunities
*First Lesson FREE
*Enquiries Welcome
For more info.....
Phone Jo: 027 489 5709

APRIL HOLIDAYS
Wednesday 16 April
9:00 AM TO 3:00 PM
Fred Tucker Hall, Bell Block
KIDS LINE DANCING
Children aged 7 - 11 are invited to a day of Line Dancing and other fun activities!
Come along...make some new friends...try a new style of dancing...HAVE FUN!
Registrations Essential (closing date Mon 14th April)
EMAIL: jongav@xtra.co.nz / PH: 0274895709
\$35
Minimum registrations required for this to go ahead...tell your friends!!

Clothing sale
Fill a bag for \$10*
Saturday April 12, 9am - 1pm
Northpoint Baptist Church, 116 Mangati Road, Bell Block
*Items must fit in a regular sized shopping bag.
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BELL BLOCK SCHOOL GALA

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