

BELL BLOCK SCHOOL NEWSLETTER #10
Friday 4 April 2025

Focus Value:
 Respect - Whakaute



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

We have had another great week and with only four school days left in the term, we are wondering where Term 1 has gone.

This week sixty of our Year 7-8 students put our Triple A vision, ‘*Ability, Attitude, Action*’, to the test with a day at Ngāmotu Golf Club. The students worked with Taranaki Golf to build on the skills they had been learning with Mrs Charlton in PE lessons and then put them into practice out on the course. Thank you to all the parents who helped out on the day and to Mrs Charlton and Mrs van den Berg for organising this opportunity for our students.

We also had our top Year 6-8 swimmers take on swimmers from six of our local full primary schools at the Interschool Swimming Sports. This is always a hotly contested event with some of the best swimmers coming together in a competitive meet. Well done to all the students who represented our school and also to the students who took places in the finals. Thank you also to Mrs Piercy who organised and ran this event, ably supported by Mrs Davis and Ms Manukonga. Results will be available in the next newsletter.

We are pleased to share results from the Year 4-8 Triathlon at the end of this newsletter.

Thank you to all the parents who attended the Parent Teacher Interviews this week. It was great to see so many of our families being actively involved in the learning of their children. Please remember you don’t have to wait until interviews to find out how things are going with your child’s learning. You can pop in to see staff when picking up or dropping off your child or contact the teacher to make a time for a meeting or phone call to touch base.

Next week a group of Year 6-8 students will attend the annual Literacy Quiz accompanied by our librarian, Ms Manukonga. Later in the week, our students will be having their Celebration Days and the Year 7-8 Team will be heading out to our marae at Muru Raupatu. The week will finish on Thursday evening with a fundraiser for next year’s Year 7-8 camp so please come along and start the holidays off with a family movie night.

Friday 11 April is the first of our mandatory Curriculum Development Days (previously called Teacher Only Days) where **school is closed** to students while our staff continue their development around the science of learning.

It has been a great term at Bell Block School and our students are doing well, striving to model our motto, *Kaha i ngā wā katoa – Our Best Always*. We hope you all have a great holiday and we are looking forward to seeing the students back on 28 April for the first day of Term 2.

Looking Ahead

	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 Outdoor Movie Night Year 7-8 Fundraiser Last day of term 	CURRICULUM DAY SCHOOL CLOSED

Sports News

Netball, basketball, volleyball and hockey teams have now been finalised and players have been advised of the team details via the @school school app. If you have any difficulty logging in to the school app, please contact the office who will be only too happy to assist.

If you have any questions about sports teams, please contact the Sport Co-Ordinator by email to sport@bellblock.school.nz or phone the office on 755 0838.

Lost Property



Next week we will have our growing pile of lost property out on display so please have a look outside Room 1 on **Tuesday 8 April** to see if you can reclaim any missing items. Classes will be taken to view it but parents are welcome to have a look as well. Any items left at the end of term will be donated to charity.

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.

CINEMA UNDER THE STARS

Bell Block School Outdoor Movie Night

What to bring:

- Ticket either via the Kindo app or cash entry on the gate. Plenty of tickets still available!
- Blankets, pillows, chairs, mats etc. to keep comfy.
- Warm jackets.
- Picnic dinner if you wish!
- Cash for our candy bar, glow sticks and face painting.
- Cash or eftpos available for desserts with Tinkle Bell.

10.04.2025
GATES OPEN 5.40PM
MOVIE STARTS 6PM

Bell Block School Field
PLEASE ENTER VIA GATES ON
MURRAY STREET
*** WET WEATHER VENUE INDOORS AT THE
BELL BLOCK HALL

Road Safety

A reminder to all road users to please follow all road rules around the school and avoid parking on yellow lines as it can create dangerous blind spots for children crossing the road. Wherever possible, please encourage your children to use the patrolled crossing.

Gala Update

We are pleased to announce that the Bell Block School Gala, brought to you by the PTA, has raised over \$23,000 to go towards the school outdoor environment upgrade. Thank you again to everyone for joining us and supporting the Gala. We are so grateful to have such a great turn out which made this fundraising effort such a success. The Gala wouldn't have been possible without the hard work of our PTA members, school staff, sponsors and all of the additional volunteers who helped in many ways.



PTA News

After our recent AGM, we are delighted to announce the following elected roles for the 2025 year:

- Chairperson Michelle Pignéguay
- Treasurer Hanna Mace and Steph Korff
- Secretary Nix Emeny
- Minute Taker Brenda Green



If you are interested in joining the PTA, please email us at pta@bellblock.school.nz. New faces and ideas are always welcomed. We'll be back in Term 2 with our next fundraiser - stay tuned.

Conrad Hailes
Principal

COMMUNITY NOTICES

NO CHARGE, BUT A KOHA IS APPRECIATED

IF IT'S YOUR FIRST TIME PLEASE GET YOUR FAMILY TO FILL OUT A REGISTRATION FORM WHEN THEY DROP YOU OFF. THANKS HEAPS!

"WHAT IS A LEGACY?"
FRIDAY 4TH APRIL
6:00-8:00PM

@ NORTHPOINT BAPTIST CHURCH
116 MANGATI ROAD, BELL BLOCK

KAI THIS WEEK IS: NACHOES

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

TARANAKI COMMUNITY RUGBY

Ferdie Fun School Holiday Session

Monday 14th April	Tuesday 15th April	Wednesday 16th April	Thursday 17th April	Friday 18th April
		Clifton Park, Waitara	Stoddart Electrical and Religious Events Centre, Opunake	
Monday 21st April	Tuesday 22nd April	Wednesday 23rd April	Thursday 24th April	Friday 25th April
	T38 Hall, Hawera	New Plymouth Boys High - McLaughlin Field	Page 35, Stratford	

10:00am - 12:00pm
5-13 YEAR OLD
NO MOUTHGUARD NEEDED
FREE FOR ALL CHILDREN
SCAN THE QR CODE TO REGISTER
FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT: dani@trfu.co.nz

BELL BLOCK

TEACHERS ONLY DAY HANGOUT

APRIL 11TH, 7.30AM - 6.00PM

BELL BLOCK NORTHPOINT BAPTIST CHURCH

goodseeds
OUT OF SCHOOL CARE

Good Seeds OSCAR Bell Block | 027 201 8079 | info@goodseedstrust.co.nz

after school creative art classes @

Gover St Gallery

goverstgallery@gmail.com
for Term 2 enquiries

SMALL CLASSES : 4.15 - 5.30PM
WEDNESDAYS OR THURSDAYS
\$20 P CHILD P WEEK
EVERYTHING INCLUDED

ENCOURAGING CREATIVITY
IMAGINATION : PROBLEM SOLVING
INDEPENDENT THOUGHT

goodseeds out of school care

14TH APR - 25TH APR 2025
BELL BLOCK OSCAR HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

14 APR KIDS PARTY GAMES	15 APR NERF WARS	16 APR EASTER EGG HUNT	17 APR MINUTE WINIT	18 APR CLOSED for EASTER
21 APR CLOSED for EASTER	22 APR BELL BLOCK CUP DAY	23 APR BEATS BRUSHES	24 APR MOVIE & PYJAMA PARTY DAY	25 APR CLOSED for ANZAC

WINZ SUBSIDY APPLIES

FIRE EMERGENCY

CHECK YOUR SMOKE ALARMS THIS DAYLIGHT SAVING

FIRE EMERGENCY

SMOKE ALARM MAINTENANCE

EVERY MONTH
Press the button to sound the alarm

EVERY 6 MONTHS
Dust or vacuum your smoke alarm to help avoid false alarms

FIRE EMERGENCY

SMOKE ALARM MAINTENANCE

EVERY 10 YEARS
Replace all smoke alarms with new long-life photoelectric smoke alarms.
Don't replace the battery in a smoke alarm more than 10 years old, instead replace the alarm.



2025 Triathlon Results

YEAR 4 TEAMS	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
	Tyler Gu Nikau Russell Lachlan Poole	Arlo Rook Tame White William Stretton	Karter Bailey Fynn Chaloner Evaan Bal

YEAR 5 TEAMS	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
	Brodie McKenna Leo Charlton Preston Adlam	Olly Smith Finn Gardiner Kayson Gordon	Liza Makarenko Coby Kingsnorth Caleb Williams

YEAR 6 TEAMS	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
	Taniora Cassidy Jackson Payne Ziggy Harris	Lucy Upton-Fleming Summer Trundle Danica Geraghty	Mary Stephens Keeley Rowe Paige Bennett

YEAR 7 TEAMS	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
	Jack Goldfinch Jaxon Hardgrave Aston Gesterkamp	Payton Rook Nya McLeod Sophie Stretton	Camaro Swan Ben Tice Andre Paris

YEAR 8 TEAMS	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
	Zack Green James Buckley Maatai Taogaga	Regan Martin Archer Pringle Roman Meijer	Odyn Adlam Cohen Mullin Billy Marx

YEAR 4	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
Boys	William Stretton	Arlo Rook	Tyler Gu
Girls	Mikella Hardgrave	Rosabella Green	Diya Wilsonmanas

YEAR 5	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
Boys	Preston Adlam	Jake Sanderson	Max Geraghty
Girls	Emme Pringle	Martine-Henry-Smith	Paige Washer

YEAR 6	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
Boys	Charlie Parkinson	Harshad Gunnam	Jaxon Bartle
Girls	Lucy Upton-Fleming	Edi Coster	Eve Goldfinch

YEAR 7	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
Boys	Jack Goldfinch	Archer Pringle	Jaxon Hardgrave
Girls	Sophie Stretton	= Sophie Trundle = Emily Cooper	Pippa Welton

YEAR 8	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
Boys	Maatai Taogaga	Odyn Adlam	Regan Martin
Girls	Connie Upton-Fleming	Natalie Watchorn	Willa Clark