

BELL BLOCK SCHOOL NEWSLETTER #11**Friday 2 May 2025**

Focus Value:
Manaakitanga - Caring

School Goal:
Support each other
during challenges

Welcome back to all our students and whānau. We hope you had a relaxing and enjoyable holiday and the students are ready to take on new learning and take their next steps across the term ahead. Term 2 is off and running, starting with welcoming our newest students and their families to our school community at the Mihi Whakatau on Monday. It is a nice way to bring the school together to start the term and help the new students feel settled at their new school.

Term 2 tends to be a bit more settled and focussed on making academic progress. Towards the end of the term our Year 8 Student Leader hopefuls will be putting their names forward for leadership positions for the second half of the year. With no major schoolwide events this term, we have a great opportunity to really focus on teaching and learning programmes. Our staff had two days of professional development during the holidays and it is great to see some of their new learning being used in classes this week.

Next week our Kapa Haka group continues under the tuition of Whaea Raewyn Ashby and the group is already sounding amazing. Reading in Schools begins with members of our local Rotary Club coming in to school to provide students with additional opportunities and support with their reading development. The first Celebration Assemblies of the term will be held on Friday and we welcome our families to come along and join us if you are able.

We would like to share our congratulations and best wishes for Mrs Renee Pearce and her husband who are expecting the birth of their first child in Term 3. Mrs Pearce will be taking parental leave and we are currently looking for a science teacher to cover during her absence.

Looking Ahead

	Monday 5 May	Tuesday 6 May	Wednesday 7 May	Thursday 8 May	Friday 9 May
Week 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:00 Breakfast Club 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:00 Breakfast Club 1:40 Kapa Haka Group Practice 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:00 New Entrants' Transition Visit 9:30 Year 4-8 Celebration Assembly 10:00 Year 0-3 Celebration Assembly
	Monday 12 May	Tuesday 13 May	Wednesday 14 May	Thursday 15 May	Friday 16 May
Week 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:00 Breakfast Club 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:00 Breakfast Club 1:40 Kapa Haka Group Practice 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5:00 Board Meeting Technology Showcase 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:00 New Entrants' Transition Visit 12:00 Year 4-6 Trip to Annie Jnr

PhotoLife

Individual student access codes for school photos have been emailed to caregivers by PhotoLife on 15 April. Photos may be ordered online any time via the PhotoLife website <https://photolife.co.nz/>. To be eligible for the free delivery to school offer, orders must be placed with PhotoLife before the deadline of 4 May. Queries may be directed to PhotoLife by emailing enquiries@photolife.co.nz.

Kids' Literacy Quiz

At the end of last term our Librarian, Ms Manukonga, took two teams of Bell Block School students to Sacred Heart Girls' College to participate in the 2025 Kids' Lit Quiz. There were approximately 20 teams from around the Taranaki and Whanganui region from Year 5 to Year 8. While Bell Block School didn't come away with a placing this year, both teams won a category round each with some students taking out individual bonus round questions (and a cash prize for their pockets!). Ms Manukonga was extremely proud how well the students represented our school throughout the day.



Sausage Sizzle – Sunday 4 May

Please support the Year 7-8 Team with their 2026 camp fundraiser this Sunday 4 May at Mitre 10 Mega, Waiwhakaiti between 9am & 2pm. See you there!

We would like to thank Manjit Kaur and Sukha Singh for their generous donation of the sausages and supplies.

Latin Dance Night – Friday 9 May

Join us on Friday 9 May for an evening of nibbles, laughter, dance demos and your very own Bachata lesson followed by Latin music, mingling and spot prizes. Tickets available on [myKindo](https://www.mykindo.co.nz). Please support the Year 7-8 Team with their 2026 camp fundraising.



Interschool Sports Exchanges

Our Year 5-6 students are busy with their preparation for the Interschool sports exchanges this term. All students in Year 5-6 are practising on Friday afternoons in their chosen sport - either rugby, football, netball or mixed sports. There will be four sports exchanges with other Taranaki schools spread across the term. Further details about game days will follow when arrangements have been finalised.

Sports News

We're excited to see our students hitting the turf and courts again as winter sports get underway. Best of luck to all our teams—whether you're playing netball, hockey, basketball or volleyball, we know you'll represent our school with pride, teamwork, and great spirit.

Yummy Apple Stickers for New Sports Gear

We are now collecting stickers from individual Yummy apples or cut-out labels from bags of Yummy apples to earn FREE sports gear for the school.

Collect your Yummy Stickers during Term 2 and Term 3 and place the Yummy stickers on Sticker Collection Sheets and the cut-out labels on Cut-Out Label Collection Sheets (available to download from the school app by clicking on the 'Documents' icon, from the school website or collect from the school office).



Your Yummy stickers will then be converted into FREE sports gear for the school! The more support we have, the more sports gear we receive for all to enjoy!

Yummy apples can be purchased from your local New World, Pak'n Save and participating Four Square stores. You can collect either individual apples with Yummy stickers or bags with cut-out labels. One cut-out label is worth 10 apple stickers. Sticker sheets should be handed in to the school office before the end of Term 3.

Subway Lunch Orders – Cookie Promotion

With Subway lunch orders next **Thursday 8 May**, order a cookie and receive another one free! The FREE COOKIE will be automatically added to your order.

It's simple to place an order, just visit the website www.lunchonline.co.nz for all menu details – there's something to suit every taste and every budget. Orders can be placed up until 8am on the Thursday and will be delivered to students at lunchtime.



Interschool Swimming

It is always a great privilege to be able to host other full primary schools from our region for our Interschool Swimming Competition. This year we were pleased to welcome Year 6-8 swimmers from Puketapu School, Mangorei School, Omata School and Oakura School. We congratulate all of the students who participated for their wonderful efforts and for representing Bell Block School so well.

These events cannot run without the support of many people, so a huge thank you to Abby Piercy for all the work she put in to ensure the event ran smoothly for everyone involved. Thank you to our staff members who chipped in to help keep time, organise swimmers into races and record scores (to name a few of the many jobs). Thank you also to the parents that were able to come along and support your swimmers. Your support means a lot.

Here are the results for the Bell Block School placegetters:

Year 6 Girls

25m Freestyle	1 st Edi Coster, 2 nd Armani Wipiiti-Boylan
25m Backstroke	1 st Edi Coster, 2 nd Lucy Upton-Fleming
25m Breaststroke	1 st Edi Coster, 2 nd Lucy Upton-Fleming
50m Freestyle	1 st Edi Coster, 2 nd Armani Wipiiti-Boylan
75m Medley	1 st Edi Coster

Year 6 Boys

25m Freestyle	3 rd Charlie Parkinson
25m Backstroke	3 rd Taniora Cassidy
25m Breaststroke	3 rd Taniora Cassidy
50m Freestyle	3 rd Charlie Parkinson
75m Medley	2 nd Charlie Parkinson

Year 7 Girls

25m Freestyle	1 st Emma Davis, 2 nd Olivia Davis
25m Backstroke	1 st Emma Davis, 3 rd Olivia Davis
25m Breaststroke	1 st Olivia Davis, 3 rd Emma Davis
50m Freestyle	1 st Olivia Davis, 2 nd Emma Davis
75m Medley	1 st Emma Davis

Year 7 Boys

25m Freestyle	3 rd Archer Pringle
25m Backstroke	2 nd Jack Goldfinch
25m Breaststroke	2 nd Jack Goldfinch
75m Medley	2 nd Jack Goldfinch
50m Freestyle	3 rd Jack Goldfinch

Year 8 Boys

25m Freestyle	3 rd Maatai Taogaga
25m Backstroke	3 rd Odyn Adlam
25m Breaststroke	3 rd Regan Martin
50m Freestyle	3 rd Maatai Taogaga
75m Medley	1 st Regan Martin

School Relay

2 nd Bell Block School

Conrad Hailes
Principal

COMMUNITY NOTICES



ReCharge
What's Happening?

What happened after Easter?

Friday 2nd May
6:00-8:00pm
@ Northpoint Baptist
116 Mangati Road, Bell Block
Kai this week is: Mac n Cheese

ReCharge is a Youth Group for kids in Year 3 to 9 at school.
For more information contact us at recharge@northpoint.org.nz

TARANAKI SAFEZONE Magazine
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Dear Parents, whānau & caregivers

We're excited to share our FREE online SAFETY magazine with you. The publication is aimed at primary aged tamariki and their parents. We thank Taranaki's extensive growing digital and community engagement for editorial. Our shared vision is that every young child in Taranaki and Aotearoa New Zealand enjoys a childhood free from trauma, violence and injury.

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FROM 9.30AM. WITH TOURS OF THE NEW EAST STAND. CENTRAL FOOTBALL GAMES FROM 12.30PM.



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