

BELL BLOCK SCHOOL NEWSLETTER #12
Friday 9 May 2025



Focus Value:
Manaakitanga - Caring

School Goal:
**Support each other
 during challenges**

It is hard to believe we have completed two weeks of the new term already but it has been another busy week of learning at Bell Block School.

It was great to finish off the week with our first Celebration Assemblies for the term acknowledging another group of students who have not only started the term well but also lived our school motto, *Kaha i ngā wā katoa*, during Term 1 as well. Congratulations to all the students who received certificates this week.

Wei Yi Wang, Kit Sanderson, Varshith Gunnam, Eva Piripi, Théa Watson, Te Taumata Singh, Samuel Han, Harper Korff, Lucas Chen, Nya Piripi, Harley Proffitt, Nikau Russell, Chase Tijssen-Pine, Kyzah Theobald, Vanessa Wellstood, Emma Davis, Nancy Coleman, Ihaia Russell, Maddie Korff, Riley Verveer, Maci Phillips, Max Smith, Tony Chen, Jessa Pollock, Kristel Jordaan, Destiney Yang, Armaan Sodhi, Bentley Vile, Dylan Coombs, Maleeya Jacobs, Valandiel Motilal, Samantha Ainsworth, Likith Vadapalli, Regan Martin

Congratulations also to the following Year 8 students who have completed their Honours Award in their quest to earn their Honours Badge:

Cameron Johnston
Chloe Bishop
Chloe Bishop

Services
Services
Sports

Indie Rook
Regan Martin
Charlotte Russell

Services
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Services



The outdoor classroom will have its finishing touches completed over the next couple of weeks and will then be opened for use. We are really looking forward to utilising this new area, which reflects our school pepeha and adds another valuable learning environment to our kura.

The next stage of the project is the rebuilding of the playground towers. Work is scheduled to begin in the final week of this term, providing the equipment delivery is on time. We are hopeful the new playground will be completed and ready for students to enjoy early in Term 3.

Looking Ahead

	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 6:00 Technology Showcase 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:00 New Entrants' Transition Visit 12:00 Year 4-6 Trip to <i>Annie Jnr</i>
	Monday 19 May	Tuesday 20 May	Wednesday 21 May	Thursday 22 May	Friday 23 May
Week 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:00 Breakfast Club 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NYLD – Palmerston North 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:00 Breakfast Club 1:40 Kapa Haka Group Practice 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1:00 Open Afternoon 	<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

Technology Showcase – Thursday 15 May

Next week the Technology Showcase is on **Thursday 15 May from 6pm-7pm** where our Year 7-8 students will share their learning and creations from their first two Technology subjects. All whānau are invited to come to the hall at 6.00pm to see examples of the students' creations from the work they have done in Design, Textiles, Manufacturing and The Arts. Our Music students will be performing and the Hospitality students will be serving a sample of their kai. Feel free to come along and see what the students have created.

Community Open Afternoon – Thursday 22 May

We would like to invite our community and whānau to our Open Afternoon on **Thursday 22 May from 1.00pm – 2.45pm**. The Open Afternoon will be led by students, showcasing their learning and sharing the improvements they have made since the beginning of the year. Whānau are encouraged to explore all areas of the students' life at Bell Block School. All welcome – we would love to have as many of our families come along as possible. Please sign in at the office and then meet your child in their classroom.



Taranaki Milk Top Challenge

Our school is participating in the Taranaki Milk Top Challenge. During Term 2, please save all your milk bottle tops from 1, 2 or 3 litre dairy milk and cream bottles and bring them to school - washed and air dried. There will be a collection box in every classroom and in the office.

What's the problem?

Milk is in most of our homes. We know to put the bottle in the recycling bin but often get confused about the tops. Bottle tops and container lids are the most common contaminant found in our kerbside recycling.

Milk tops (and other small lids and caps) are too small to be collected through our kerbside recycling and often end up in landfills. In fact, removing lids from bottles and containers is now a requirement for all kerbside collections across Aotearoa - New Zealand.

How will the challenge help?

The good news is we can reduce contamination from our recycling bins, while also getting the milk tops recycled into new products if we collect them separately.

Schools are a good community collection point and adding a challenge adds to the fun for all. Your tamariki will be leaders for positive change, while helping their school's chance to win prizes.

What tops are we collecting?

We will accept all coloured tops from 1,2 or 3-litre dairy milk and cream bottles. Tops from alternative milk that comes in bottles are okay, but no boxed/Tetra Pak milk tops please.

What are the students asked to do?

For all of term 2 your tamariki will be asked to separate and collect milk bottle tops at home. The tops should be brought into their school for collection. They will be motivated to do something positive for their community and win prizes for their school!

How can you support this challenge?

Get the whole whānau involved in the habit of separating tops from bottles. Show your children how to give the tops a quick rinse, air dry and then collect in a dedicated reusable container. Your school will let you know when to bring them to school.

** Please stick to your usual buying habits. Don't be tempted to replace your 3-litre bottle with 3 x 1-litre bottles to collect more tops. We don't want to create more recycling!*

Do we need to wash the milk tops?

Yes please! It's important to rinse and air dry your tops before sending them into school, otherwise they may get a bit stinky.

Where will the collected milk tops end up?

After the challenge, we will be sending the milk tops to Egmont Refuse & Recycling Ltd in Hawera. The tops will get shredded, and the chips get sold to local fabricators and made into new items.

What are the school prizes?

The winning school in the New Plymouth – Ngāmotu district (average of most tops collected per student) wins a \$1,000 voucher from Mitre 10, 2nd wins a \$500 voucher and 3rd wins a \$250 voucher. There will also be spot prizes for students! The winning school in Taranaki will win a trophy.

Why is this Challenge not available to all schools?

Your school is participating in a special trial to see if we make a difference in particular suburbs. If this trial is successful, it may be expanded to other areas of New Plymouth – Ngāmotu.

How can I find out more?

For more information, please scan the QR code below or contact sustainability@npdc.govt.nz



Plant Cuttings Wanted

Room 17 are currently collecting plant cuttings to propagate and sell at the upcoming Matariki Mahi Toi Market as a fundraiser for our 2026 Year 7-8 Camp. Ideal plants for propagating could include (but not limited to) succulents, various house plants, vegetables and flaxes. If you have any cutting that you would be willing to donate, please drop them into the office or Room 17.

We are also collecting unwanted potting mix and clean plastic pots if you have any you wish to donate.

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.

Ryan Hailes Memorial Scholarship 2025

Congratulations to **Deegan Sole** from Room 14, the recipient of the Ryan Hailes Memorial Scholarship for Term 1. Deegan is making impressive strides in the sport of motocross, earning trophies across multiple classes in regional competitions around the country. He has secured first-place finishes in the 53–110cc category and claimed several podium spots in his age group. Most recently, Deegan achieved a fantastic 3rd place overall in the 7–11 year old trail class at the 'King of the Schools' event in Te Kuiti. We're proud to support Deegan in his sporting journey and wish him continued success in the future.



Ryan Hailes Memorial Scholarship 2025



The Ryan Hailes Memorial Scholarship recognises emerging young sports people who demonstrate excellence in their chosen sport. The purpose of the scholarship is to offer financial contribution in recognition of the costs involved in competing at a regional and/or national representative level. If you know a deserving recipient, please apply in writing by email to sport@bellblock.school.nz. Applications for Term 2 must be received no later than **Friday 6 June**.

Conrad Hailes
Principal

COMMUNITY NOTICES



friends & family deals are here!
From 5 May - 18 May 2025

cost* + 5%
Computers, Monitors, TVs and Consoles*

cost* + 7.5%
on all Smart Home

cost* + 10%
storewide, exclusions apply*

15% off all tech support & product protection**

2.5% of total sales will go to Variety - The Children's Charity


Scan this barcode to receive your offer

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Use this code in the app: **FFMAY25**

*Excludes alcohol, tobacco, food, and other restricted items. **See website for details. Offer valid while stocks last. Offer ends 18 May 2025.

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THE LIGHTNING THIEF
THE PERCY JACKSON MUSICAL

BOOK BY JAE TRACY | MUSIC & LYRICS BY ROB ROXBOROUGH
ADAPTED FROM THE BOOK THE LIGHTNING THIEF BY RICK RIORDAN

AUGUST 20TH-30TH
\$27 STUDENTS \$27 ADULTS

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MILO FANTAILS 2025

\$40

8 SESSIONS
7TH TO 25TH MAY
WEDNESDAYS
9 TO 12YRS
MERRILANDS DOMAIN





Peter Cattley Memorial Cross-country

Sunday 11 May 2025
Fitzroy Golf Course, Record Street, New Plymouth

> Estimated time races – closest to their estimate wins the race trophy
> 4% allowance for estimated time
> **NO** walk-ins to be worn
> **SPOT PRIZES**
> **TROPHIES** for winners (Peter Cattley Memorial trophies)
> **Prizes** for first across the line

PROGRAMME

12:00pm	Women	4km	\$5.00
12:30pm	Men	4km	\$5.00
1:15pm	Walkers	4km	\$5.00
2:15pm	Boys and Girls 12 & under	2km	\$2.00
3:00pm	Prize-giving and afternoon tea at Fitzroy Golf Clubrooms		

Specimen fee – competition fee
Adults – \$2.00 per ticket or 3 for \$5.00

Please have estimated times to Karen Gillum-Green (karen@greenhill.school.nz) by Thursday 8 May 2025

Entries are open to: club members – please wear your club uniform
school students / staff – please wear your school singlet/tee-shirt
general public

New Plymouth Girls' High School presents



Annie Jr.

Book by Thomas Meehan Music by Charles Strause Lyrics by Martin Chamin

Fri 16 May 7:30pm
Sat 17 May 2:00pm & 7:30pm
Sun 18 May 2:00pm & 5:00pm

Tickets from **ITICKET**

Original Broadway Production Directed by Martin Chamin
Based on "Little Orphan Annie" By Permission of Tribune Content Agency, LLC



"How can I be bold when I don't feel like it?"

Friday 9th May
6:00-8:00pm
@ Northpoint Baptist
116 Mangati Road, Bell Block
Kai this week is: Hotdogs

ReCharge is a Youth Group for kids to learn to love God and others.
For more information, email: info@rechargechurch.org.nz or visit: rechargechurch.org.nz