

BELL BLOCK SCHOOL NEWSLETTER #14
Friday 23 May 2025

Focus Value:
 Manaakitanga - Caring



School Goal:
 Look after our people
 and our place

This week we officially opened our Outdoor Classroom. The students certainly made the most of the space over the second half of the week by exploring the new area. Thank you to the Board and Mrs Hill for their support and efforts that were instrumental in getting this space completed. With the space now open for use, please help our students to look after this new area especially out of school hours so it stays looking amazing.



We also had our Open Afternoon for the term and it was nice to see so many of our families take the opportunity to come in and get a better idea of what their children have been learning. The students are always so proud to share their work with you and show you around the school. Thank you to all those who were able to attend.

We finished the week with the Celebration Assemblies which also included the Technology Awards from the first rotation of the Year 7-8 Technology Programme.

Triple A and Values Awards

Amraj Singh, Bruno Mascull, Paige Harris, Aryan Sodhi, Anabelle Jordaan, Tess Sanderson, Ryan McKenna, Phoenix Martyn-Rice, Emily Collins, George Clark, Olly Smith, Nikolina Meafua, Thomas Suter, Kasey Judd, Beau Henderson, Vereti Ligavatu, Nya McLeod, Liam Johns-King, Brylee Solis, Eden Roiall, Alexander Piwari, Lydia Yang, Henry Lee, Sophie Chapman, Charlie Corp, Klay Ramirez, Gurseerat Sidhu, Livinu Dasanayaka, Carraeah Stevens-Kara, Arleen Kumar, Isaac Smith, Lara Muggeridge, Kora Lowe-Hunt, Varma Vadapalli, Kelly Henry, Aurora Fieldes

Technology Awards

	YEAR 7		YEAR 8	
	DILIGENCE	EXCELLENCE	DILIGENCE	EXCELLENCE
Manufacturing	On You Han	Cameron Mann	Maleeya Jacobs	Regan Martin
Textiles	Heath Logie	Samantha Ainsworth	Mia-May Davis	Indie Rook
Music	AJ Wilson Manas	Glacia Ngoi Hawaiki Te Amora	Nancy Coleman	Zack Green
Hospitality	Jasnoor Singh	Nya McLeod	Lily Hooper	Cameron Johnston
Visual Arts	Jaxon Hardgrave	Olivia Davis	Lily Ratford	Charlotte Russell
Design	Liam Johns-King	Pippa Welton	Billy Marx	Willa Clark

Congratulations to all the students who received awards and to all the students who come to school each day and do their best to live our school motto, *Kaha i ngā wā katoa – Our Best Always*.

Next week our teachers continue their Structured Literacy development with our facilitator onsite. She will be observing staff teaching and providing feedback as well as running professional development with the staff to continue their growth in this area. Also, next week some of our Year 7-8 students will be heading to TOPEC as part of their Outdoor Academy Programme and our Year 4-6 students have their first Interschool Sports Exchange with a trip to Oakura School on Friday to play netball, rugby and football.

Looking Ahead					
Week 5	Monday 26 May	Tuesday 27 May	Wednesday 28 May	Thursday 29 May	Friday 30 May
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:00 Breakfast Club 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hearing and Vision Testing – Year 1 & Year 7 students 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:00 Breakfast Club 1:40 Kapa Haka Group Practice 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Outdoor Academy - TOPEC 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:00 Breakfast Club 11:30 Year 5-6 Interschool Game vs Oakura (Away)
Week 6	Monday 2 June	Tuesday 3 June	Wednesday 4 June	Thursday 5 June	Friday 6 June
	<p>KING'S BIRTHDAY</p> <p>SCHOOL CLOSED</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Student Leader applications due 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:00 Breakfast Club 1:40 Kapa Haka Group Practice 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Matariki and Mahi Toi Celebration 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:00 Breakfast Club 9:30 Year 4-8 Celebration Assembly 10:00 Year 0-3 Celebration Assembly 12:00 Year 5-6 Interschool Game vs Fitzroy (Away)

National Young Leaders' Day

Our Student Leaders went to the National Young Leaders Day in Palmerston North this week. This is an annual trip and learning experience for the students who always come back inspired by the speakers and with new ideas to develop their leadership. It is a very long day with the conference and travel but a very worthwhile experience. Thank you to Mrs Goldsworthy and Mrs Oxenham for organising this trip.



Vision and Hearing Screening – Tuesday 27 May

Vision and hearing screening is completed by Te Whatu Ora Health New Zealand Vision and Hearing Technicians at our school. The technicians will be visiting our school on **Tuesday 27 May** to test eligible students' vision and/or hearing. Eligible students include:

New Entrants

Routine screening is completed for students who are new to school, and/or have not completed their B4 School Check and/or require further testing post B4 School Check.

Year 7

Routine vision screening is completed for all Year 7 students and Year 8 students who have not completed the Year 7 screening and/or students that require further testing.

Visit dates are available in our online calendar which can be accessed via the website and *@school* app. If you have any queries or concerns, or do not wish for your child to have this screening done, please contact the school office.

PTA News

Reminder: Support Our School Camps with Yarrows & Loaf Goodies

Don't forget to place your orders for delicious Yarrows and Loaf goodies to support our school camps. We have a fantastic selection of mini bites, bake-at-home cookies and croissants available. [Purchase now via the Kindo app.](#)

Orders close on **Friday 6 June.**

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Conrad Hailes
Principal

COMMUNITY NOTICES

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Magazine

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 SafeKids Aotearoa (Staship Digital and Community Engagement) for editorial
Our shared vision is that every very child in Taranaki and Aotearoa New Zealand enjoys a childhood free from traumatic, unintentional injury.

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THE FILM

NEW PLYMOUTH
SCREENING

How has the way you were parented
informed how you parent now?

Friday 6th June
DAYTIME SESSION: 12.30-2.00PM
babies in arms welcome
EVENING SESSION: 6.00PM - 7.30PM
bring your partner or your bestie
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