

BELL BLOCK SCHOOL NEWSLETTER #16

Friday 6 June 2025



Focus Value:
Manaakitanga - Caring

School Goal:
Show kindness through
actions and words

Week 6 has come to a close and was another busy week at Bell Block School. Our Student Leader hopefuls have been working hard to get their applications in for short listing. We are always impressed by the quality of their applications and we are fortunate to have many students in our school worthy of these roles.

The Matariki Puanga Celebration and Mahi Toi Market was another opportunity for our school and community to come together in remembrance and look forward to the year ahead. Thank you to all the students who were involved in the evening and to Mrs Goldsworthy, Matua Dave Trinder and the Year 7-8 Team for their hard work to put on this special event. It was also another opportunity for our elder students to participate in raising funds towards their 2026 camp to help ease the financial pressure on families. We appreciate the support of our community and thank those who were able to attend.

Today we had our Celebration Assemblies where awards were again presented to our students who have been doing a great job with their learning and living up to the ideals of our motto, *Kaha i ngā wā katoa - Our Best Always*.

Charlotte Gibson, Jordan Smith, Percy Raikes, Jahraz Adamson, Dylan Washer, Meila Christiansen, Leila van Wyk, Matilda Lee, Mason Williams, Isla Turner, Cindy Liu, Charlotte Green, Riddick Ramsay, Jack Goldfinch, Roman Meijer, Annabelle Russell, Gaurinandha Praveen, Ryan Chand, Ivy Stewart-Jacks, Isabella Napia, Francie Charlton, Xanthe Poi, Tanson Zhou, Rosabella Green, Paige Washer, Mackenzie Price, Chloe Green, Tasman Sullivan, Indie Mattock, Lahari Reddipalli

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

Our Year 5-6 students had their second sports exchange playing against Fitzroy School today. All our students played well and represented the school with pride. We are always so impressed by the sportsmanship of our students.



Looking Ahead

	Monday 9 June	Tuesday 10 June	Wednesday 11 June	Thursday 12 June	Friday 13 June
Week 7	<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"> 8:00 Breakfast Club 9:00 New Entrants' Transition Visit
	Monday 16 June	Tuesday 17 June	Wednesday 18 June	Thursday 19 June	Friday 20 June
Week 8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:00 Breakfast Club 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 12:30 Interschool Game vs Puketapu (Home) 	<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 	MATARIKI HOLIDAY SCHOOL CLOSED

Reports

With the changes to reporting that have been put in place for the year, we have redesigned our school reports for parents. Reports will be available at the end of Week 1 next term and the Parent Teacher Interviews will take place in Week 2. We have taken on the community feedback we received around reports and built in the new directives from the government which has led to a significantly different looking report. We are hoping to have a supporting document coming out before the end of term that will help to explain the changes and give some background information about the key assessments that are used. I would like to thank all the staff for their work in developing this significant document and for the time it takes to sum up two terms of learning and progress for each student.

Matariki Holiday – Friday 20 June

A reminder that school is closed on Friday 20 June for Matariki public holiday.

Firefighters Visit - Year 0-3 Team

This week our Year 0–3 students were happy to welcome local firefighters to school. They enjoyed an exciting and educational visit, learning important fire safety tips for both home and school, and wrote some wonderful stories about their learning.

A firefighter came to our school. I can see the fire.

- Ayesh, Room 3

Beep! Beep! Beep! Don't worry, it was just Jack pressing the smoke alarm test button! Jack and Corey visited Bell Block School. They taught us 'What is Firewise' and how important Firewise is. Never put a candle next to a window otherwise the curtain will catch on fire. Lighters and matches can start a fire so if you see a lighter or match, ask a parent to put it somewhere safe. We crawled under the sheet and pretended it was smoke in the class. Then they had to go to a real fire! If there is a fire at your house, call 111.

– Marshall, Room 8



Pizza Day

Pizza Day is on **Wednesday 25 June** to raise funds for the Student Council Legacy Project. Please place your orders via [Kindo](#) by **Sunday 22 June 2025**.



Room 20 Update

On Friday 27 June, we farewell Mrs Janine van den Berg. Janine and her family will be moving away from our province. We thank Janine for her efforts during her time with us and wish her all the best for her new role. We are very pleased to let you know that Mrs Cassie Batten, an experienced Intermediate teacher, will be stepping into the role of Room 20's teacher. Parent/Teacher Interviews will be held with Mrs van den Berg on Monday 16 June and Thursday 19 June from 3:00pm until 5:30pm on both days in Room 20. Interviews will be available to book from 11:00am on Monday 9 June via the @school parent app.

Term 3 Volleyball – Year 7/8



Registrations for Year 7/8 winter volleyball in Term 3 are now open. Games are played on Sunday afternoons at TSB Stadium. Please register via Kindo [here](#).

Registrations close Friday 27 June.

Conrad Hailes
Principal

COMMUNITY NOTICES

THE GAME CHANGER Podcast

In conjunction with: **Head Start** | **fya**

LIVE VIRTUAL FAN Q&A
FRANCIS DE VRIES

ALL WHITES, AUCKLAND FC

DATE: SUNDAY, 13 July

TIME: 7 p.m. NZST

JOIN THE FREE FAN Q&A ON ZOOM

TO SECURE YOUR SPOT:
Fill out the google form: [HERE](#)
Or email:
info@thegamechangerhub.com



ReCharge
Intermediate Youth

"Boldness in the face of Opposition"

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

ReCharge is a Youth Group for kids in Year 7 to 9 at school.
For more information contact us at recharge@northpoint.org.nz

School Holiday Sewing Fun!

Victoria's
SEWING ALTERATIONS & REPAIRS

Let your child learn a fantastic new skill while having loads of fun!

What children will learn:

- ✓ Basic sewing skills
- ✓ Fun projects to take home!
- ✓ Confidence, patience, and creativity!

No experience needed - all materials provided!

AGES: [8 - 13]

DATES: [Week One: 1st of July & 2nd of July
Week Two: 8th of July & 10th of July]

TIME: [9:30am - 10:30am]

LOCATION: [Bell Block - Address will be confirmed upon booking]

COST: [\$10 per lesson]

SPOTS ARE LIMITED TO 5 MAX PER CLASS

Find me on facebook to book:
Victoria's Sewing Alterations & Repairs
Alternatively, contact Victoria on:
022 101 8075

Let's stitch up some holiday fun!