

**BELL BLOCK SCHOOL NEWSLETTER #17**  
**Friday 13 June 2025**

**Focus Value:**  
 Manaakitanga - Caring



**School Goal:**  
 Be a helping hand

It has been a wonderfully settled Week 7 here at Bell Block School. Classrooms have been focused and calm, with students engaged in clear, explicit instruction across all learning areas. It's been great to see our tamariki working hard, showing focus, and making strong progress as we head into the second half of the term.

A big milestone was reached this week for our aspiring Year 7-8 Student Leaders, with shortlisted candidates receiving their notification letters on Wednesday. These students are now eagerly preparing their speeches ready to present next Tuesday. This will be their time to shine and convince both their peers and teachers why they are the best person for the role. We're incredibly proud of all those students who put themselves forward and can't wait to hear their speeches.

Our Year 0-3 Team has been busy learning all about bees as part of their inquiry. They've been exploring how bees live, their important role in pollination, and why they are such vital creatures in our environment. To tie into this learning, students have also made beeswax wraps – a fun, hands-on way to connect to the incredible work bees do and deepen their understanding of where beeswax comes from.



We're also looking forward to hosting the Year 5-6 Interschool Sports Exchange here next week. Our rugby, netball and football teams will be challenging our neighbours from Puketapu School, and we'd love to see as many of you as possible come along to support. Games will kick off at **12.30pm on Tuesday 17 June** – bring your enthusiasm and cheer loudly for our teams!

With everything running smoothly this week, it's been a great chance to appreciate the consistent effort happening across the school. A huge thanks to our staff for their continued mahi and to our students for living our school values each and every day.

**Looking Ahead**

	Monday 16 June	Tuesday 17 June	Wednesday 18 June	Thursday 19 June	Friday 20 June
<b>Week 8</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8:00 Breakfast Club</li> <li>3:00 - 5:30 Parent Teacher Interviews – Room 20</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>12:30 Interschool Game vs Puketapu (Home)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8:00 Breakfast Club</li> <li>1:40 Kapa Haka Group Practice</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3:00 – 5:30 Parent Teacher Interviews – Room 20</li> <li>5:00 Board Meeting</li> </ul>	<b>MATARIKI HOLIDAY</b>  <b>SCHOOL CLOSED</b>
	Monday 23 June	Tuesday 24 June	Wednesday 25 June	Thursday 26 June	Friday 27 June
<b>Week 9</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8:00 Breakfast Club</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Lost Property on display</li> <li>12:30 Interschool Game vs Stratford (Home)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8:00 Breakfast Club</li> <li>Outdoor Academy – TOPEC</li> <li>Pizza Day</li> <li>1:40 Kapa Haka Group Practice</li> <li>Yarrows Cookie Order Collection Day</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8:00 Breakfast Club</li> <li>9:00 New Entrants' Transition Visit</li> <li>9:30 Celebration Assembly Year 4-8</li> <li>10:00 Celebration Assembly Year 0-3</li> <li>Last day of Term 2</li> </ul>

### Footpath Replacement – 18-24 June

We have been informed by the New Plymouth District Council that they need to replace the concrete footpath between the hall and the school boundary fence. The work will commence on Wednesday 18 June (weather permitting) and is due to be completed by Tuesday 24 June.

### Matariki Holiday – Friday 20 June

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

### Police Competency Test Challenge

Last week four teams of Year 7-8 students participated in the Police Competency Test Challenge. This challenge involves students competing in a timed event hosted by NZ Police simulating the test that sworn police officers are required to pass every two years. The challenge is a 14-part event which includes commando crawling, jumping through a window, climbing over a fence, scaling a wall and a 74kg 'body' drag.



### Milk Top Challenge



The Taranaki Milk Top Challenge continues until the end of Term 2. We have already filled two large boxes of milk bottle tops and we'd like to collect even more! 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. If our school saves the most milk bottle tops in Taranaki, we are in with the chance to win a trophy and prize vouchers for the school. The milk bottle collection box is just inside the office door.

### Outdoor Academy TOPEC – Wednesday 25 June

A quick update for whānau of Year 7-8 students selected for the Outdoor Academy: the postponed trip has been rescheduled for **Wednesday 25 June**. Fingers crossed the weather plays its part so our students can have the full experience. Permission slips have been published on the @school app for those students involved – please ensure these are completed as soon as possible.

### Pizza Day – Wednesday 25 June

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**.



### Lost Property



Our growing pile of lost property will be on display on **Tuesday 24 June** so please have a look outside Room 1 to see if you can reclaim any missing items. Classes will be taken to view it and parents are welcome to have a look as well. Any items left at the end of term will be donated to charity.

### Matariki Puanga Celebration and Mahi Toi Market

The Year 7-8 Team would like to thank all the parent helpers, PTA, and staff who came to support us with running our Matariki Mahi Toi Market last Thursday. Special thanks to *William Zhou from Chinatown Fast Food Restaurant* in Bell Block for supplying us with delicious hot chips, *Van Dyck Fine Foods Ltd* for supplying us with scrumptious pancakes, and *Hellers* for hooking us up with sausages for the BBQ.

### Volleyball Equipment

Since last September, Spotswood Volleyball Club has been leading a project (\$3,200) to provide mobile posts/poles and nets for our school that will enable our students to participate in volleyball right here in the hall. The project is nearing completion and should be in operation by the end of term. We extend our thanks to Spotswood Volleyball Club and New Plymouth District Council for their partnership in bringing this project to life. A big thank you also to Pelorus Trust for their financial grant and Conroy Removals for sponsoring the delivery of the mobile poles from Auckland. We hope to see many students learning and enjoying the sport of volleyball.



### 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.**

### Yummy stickers



Please continue saving your stickers from Yummy apples (or bags of Yummy apples with larger cut-out labels) to help us earn FREE sports gear for the school. We will collect stickers through until the end of Term 3.

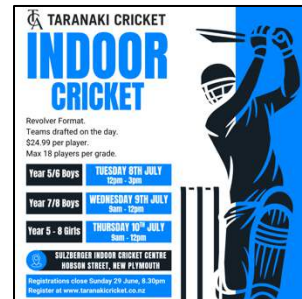
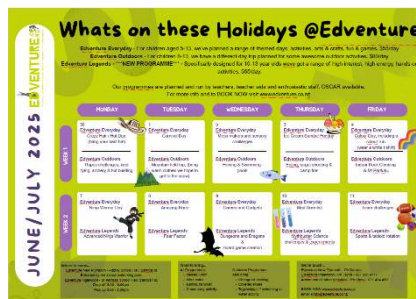


### Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club is available in the Technology Room (in the corridor near Room 13) every Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 8:00am – 8:30am. All students are welcome to come in out of the cold and enjoy some free Weetbix and great conversation.

**Courtney Goldsworthy**  
**Acting Principal**

### COMMUNITY NOTICES

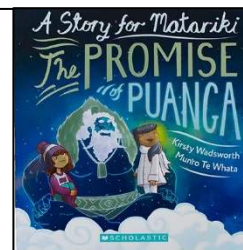


### Bell Block Library and Service Centre

Join author Kirsty Wadsworth as she reads her book *The Promise of Puanga: A Story for Matariki* to celebrate the Māori New Year. There will also be interactive games and colouring activities suitable for tamariki aged 4 - 7.

Admission: **Free**

Date: **Saturday 14 June 2025 11:00am - 11:30am**



PLAY  
MAKERS

Are you looking for a holiday program for these upcoming school holidays? Look no further that the **Playmakers ActiveKids** holiday programs at The Lab – Indoor Sports Facility.

Open for all kids aged 5 - 12, we have plenty of engaging activities to keep your child active for the entire day! Below is a list of the daily activities your child will have the opportunity to be involved in:

- ☒ Physical literacy activity (Movement, balance and coordination through fun games)
- ☒ Daily sport activity
- ☒ Swim at Streamline
- ☒ Free choice time with plenty of creative & active activity stations
- ☒ Outdoor activities weather dependent

With all of our sport activities we have partnered up with local sporting associations & clubs for delivery. These partnerships will be announced shortly.

If you would like to register your child, please do so at this link:

<https://forms.office.com/r/vgtrU1EQCT>

For any and all questions please email 'Activekids@playmakers.nz'

### PLAYMAKERS ACTIVE KIDS SCHEDULE

WEEK 1

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
BASKETBALL	GOLF	FUTSAL	TOUCH	MARTIAL ARTS

WEEK 2

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
BASKETBALL	GOLF	FUTSAL	TOUCH	MARTIAL ARTS

### PLAYMAKERS ACTIVE KIDS Holiday Program



Half day	\$50	9:00am - 4:00pm	Ages 5 - 12
Full day	\$65	7:45am - 5:15pm	Ages 5 - 12