

BELL BLOCK SCHOOL NEWSLETTER #19
Friday 27 June 2025



Focus Value:
Manaakitanga - Caring

School Goal:
Be a helping hand

Term 2 finished today, and while we had planned to celebrate our Triple A and Values Awards at assemblies, unfortunately, the events were cancelled due to the weather. However, we were still able to present the awards in classrooms, and it is always a privilege to recognise students who consistently demonstrate 'Our Best Always' throughout the term.

Well done to all the students who received awards today.

Elsie Suter, Macie Crossan, Aubree Heal, Leedancy Fidow, Thea Parkinson, Jordan Dixon, Lewis Joseph, Lily Sweetingham, Paula Meafua, Lexie Old, Charlotte Poole, Preston Adlam, Lachlan Lewis, Evelyn Haw, Katie Walters, Viduranga Karunarathna, Lizé Rorke, Hazel Guzuzu, Dembae Walsham, Fabien Henry-Smith, Luca Johnston, Wynter Ngoi Hawaiki Te Amora, Lucy Bisson, Lachie Early, Karter Bailey, Tame White, Hania Mustafa, Kyra Khan, Musahib Haroon, Ngaia Roach, Cohen Mullin, Sachi Quiboloy, Peyton Metcalfe, Lily Ratford

We also announced the new Student Leaders for the second half of the year. These students will be inducted in a special assembly in the first week of next term.

Head Girl	Indie Rook	Head Boy	Zack Green
Kōtuku	Pīwaiwaka	Kererū	Takahē
Connie Upton-Fleming	Chloe Bishop	Lily Hooper	Maleeya Jacobs
Aurora Fieldes	Willa Clark	Indie Mattock	Alice Stephens
ICT Student Leader	Valandiel Motilal	Ex-Officio	Charlotte Russell and Maatai Taogaga

The Year 5-6 students wrapped up their Interschool Sports Exchanges playing Stratford Primary School here on Tuesday. Again, the victories were shared and it was encouraging to see how well our students reacted with wins and losses across the season. Well done to everyone involved and a special thanks to our amazing coaches and the staff who organised these events. We look forward to the Year 7-8 Interschool Sports Competition in Term 3.

Pizza Day and Celebration Days for each team made the last week of term an exciting one. It was pleasing to see the vast majority of our students eligible for the Celebration Day reward for their positive behaviour across the term. Well done students! You contribute so much towards this being a great school.

Over the holidays we expect to see the beginnings of the playground rebuild so keep an eye out if you are passing by these holidays. Also, during the holidays our staff will be undertaking professional development from the Ministry of Education where they will be deepening their understanding of the new mathematics curriculum.

As we come to the end of the term, we would like to acknowledge two staff members who will not be continuing with us next term. Miss Nikita Roberts has made the decision to step down from her Hospitality role in the Year 7-8 Technology Programme. Miss Monique Johnson will not be returning from maternity leave, having chosen to focus more on her family at this time and use her skills in the ECE space. We thank both Nikita and Monique for their contributions to Bell Block School and wish them all the best for their future endeavours.

It has been another successful term with lots of opportunities for our students. Have a wonderful holiday and we look forward to seeing all our families back for Term 3 on Monday 14 July.

Looking Ahead					
Week 1	Monday 14 July	Tuesday 15 July	Wednesday 16 July	Thursday 17 July	Friday 18 July
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8:00 Breakfast Club • 10:15 Mihi Whakatau 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NPBHS and NPGHS Promotional Visit to Year 8's 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8:00 Breakfast Club • Road Patrol Training 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8:00 Breakfast Club • Student Leader Induction Assembly • Reports published on school app '@school'

Notifying Caregivers of Head Injuries



From next term, there will be a change to the way we notify caregivers about student head injuries. Currently, our practice is to contact caregivers by phone for all head injuries. Moving forward, minor head injuries will instead be communicated via a **text message** sent to the child's caregivers. This will help us streamline communication while continuing to keep you informed.

We kindly ask that caregivers reply to the text message to acknowledge receipt. If you require further information about the head knock, please contact the school office directly who will be happy to discuss with you. Any injuries requiring immediate medical attention will continue to be escalated via a phone call to caregivers.

High School Enrolments 2026

The process for enrolling Year 8 students for high school is soon to begin. Caregivers are responsible for organising the enrolment of their children at their preferred high school. We are happy to assist with co-ordinating promotional visits and enrolment interviews for **New Plymouth Girls' High School** and **New Plymouth Boys' High School** here at school, however open days and visits to the high schools are the responsibility of caregivers.

Promotional visits to the Year 8 students will take place as follows:

- New Plymouth Boys' High School Tuesday 15 July
- New Plymouth Girls' High School Tuesday 15 July

Open Evenings are as scheduled:

- New Plymouth Boys' High School Wednesday 23 July 3:30pm & 4:30pm – 6:00pm
- New Plymouth Girls' High School Thursday 24 July 3:30pm - 6:30pm

If your preferred school is not included above, caregivers will be required to make contact with schools directly to arrange tours and enrolment.

Enrolment interviews will take place at Bell Block School:

- New Plymouth Boys' High School Tuesday 12 August 9:00am - 11:30am
- New Plymouth Girls' High School Tuesday 12 August 9:00am - 11:30am

Enrolment interviews for NPBHS and NPGHS are booked by caregivers online – information for booking and a prospectus will be forwarded to caregivers from the high schools by Term 3.

Caregivers are required to attend enrolment interviews with students, and must complete an enrolment application prior to the interview. If you are unable to attend enrolment interviews on the scheduled dates, please contact the high school directly to arrange an interview on an alternate day.

Transition visits for Bell Block School Year 8 students:

- New Plymouth Boys' High School Monday 17 November 11:00am – 12:00pm
- New Plymouth Girls' High School Monday 17 November 11:00am – 12:00pm

School Board Elections

Every three years, schools across New Zealand hold elections to select parent and staff representatives for their school boards. Bell Block School will be holding our election on **10 September**.

In the coming weeks, we'll be sharing more information about how and when to nominate candidates and cast your vote. This is an important opportunity to vote for candidates who will make a positive difference for the education of our tamariki. We're looking for people who are keen to contribute their skills and experience for the benefit of our students. If you're interested in standing as a parent representative, you can learn more about the role at

<https://www.schoolboardelections.org.nz/become-a-board-member/>

Scholastic Book Club

We would like to inform our families that starting from next term, we will no longer accept cash for orders from the Scholastic Book Club. To streamline the ordering process, all orders must now be placed using the [Scholastic LOOP app](#). This will ensure faster processing of items and quicker delivery - this also reduces cash handling within our school as we are now a cashless school. Please note - the *mykindo* app cannot be used for ordering from Scholastic.

Thank you for your cooperation and ongoing support with the Scholastic Book Club as every order earns the school Scholastic Rewards to use in our library.

If you have any questions regarding Book Club or the LOOP app, feel free to contact our Book Club Co-ordinator by email at library@bellblock.school.nz.



Conrad Hailes
Principal

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Beginners Canoe Polo
Year 7 to Adults
Tuesday Evenings Term 3 2025

REGISTRATIONS OPEN NOW
Registration closes 27 June 25
First session 15 July 2025
7pm start
Bell Block Aquatic Centre

Full details & registration link is available on Facebook: Taranaki Canoe Polo, or by request at taranakicanoe polo@gmail.com

GOLF 101
for young people new to golf

Monday 30th June - Westown Golf Club
Monday 7th July - Westown Golf Club
Friday 4th July - New Plymouth Golf Club
Friday 11th July - New Plymouth Golf Club

11am - 12.30pm & 1pm - 2.30pm
\$10 per session - come to one, two or all
8 - 18 year olds
To register please complete the Google form

Equipment available.

futuras **Westown Golf Club** **WCA MOTEL**

Drama for Life
Thursday after-school programme

register at improvtaranaki.com

Juniors (8-12)
Teens (13-17)

improv Taranaki

INTERMEDIATE HOCKEY SHOWCASE
12noon, 28th June
New Plymouth Hockey Turf

BOYS SQUAD

TARANAKI NORTHERN UNITED CLUB DAY

Boost HOCKEY

Vinnie J. (GK)	Inglewood Primary
Yoav D. (GK)	Highlands Int.
Deacon M.	FDMC
Nico V.	Highlands Int.
Jack L.	Highlands Int.
Hamish P.	Highlands Int.
Tylah S.	Highlands Int.
Anna-wee V.	Mangorei Primary
Samuel V.	Highlands Int.
Fletcher P.	Highlands Int.
Jonny S.	FDMC
Charlie M.	FDMC
Willi L.	Highlands Int.
Regan M.	Bell Block Primary
Oli K.	FDMC

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GIRLS SQUAD

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Boost HOCKEY

Zoe S. (GK)	SHGC
Harpah J. (GK)	Highlands Int.
Marley B.	SHGC
Madison S.	SHGC
Isla T.	SHGC
Niamh C.	SHGC
Nesta W.	SHGC
Hazel P.	SHGC
Alexis G.	Puketapu Primary
Olivia L.	Highlands Int.
Sophie S.	Highlands Int.
Elia R.	Highlands Int.
Bella R.	SHGC
Isla S.	SHGC
Lily R.	SHGC

PROUDLY PRESENTS: **\$50 PER PLAYER**

JUNIOR VOLLEYBALL HOLIDAY SKILLS CLINIC #10
FRIDAY 11 JULY 2025
9:15AM - 2:30PM
TSB STADIUM, NEW PLYMOUTH

FOR SCHOOL STUDENTS IN YEARS 6-9
Option 1: Beginners, those wanting to learn
Option 2: Advanced, those keen to improve their skills

BRING SHOES, DRINK BOTTLE, LUNCH/SNACKS
SPACES ARE LIMITED

REGISTRATIONS CLOSE 5PM 9 JULY

ENTER USING THE LINK ON THE FACEBOOK PAGE
<https://facebook.com/SpotswoodVolleyballClub>