

**BELL BLOCK SCHOOL NEWSLETTER #23**  
**Friday 8 August 2025**



**Focus Value:**  
 Responsibility - Takohanga

**School Goal:**  
 Own your actions and choices

A key part of this week has been focused around our Structured Literacy development with our facilitator back here with us as we continue to develop our spelling programmes and also take the next step into reading development. Thank you again to our fantastic staff who continue to work hard developing their programmes and well done to our tamariki who have been making good progress as shown in the mid-year data. It was also really good to be able to share information about Structured Literacy with our parents this week. Thank you to all those who were able to come along. There is certainly a lot of learning behind this system and it looks very different from what many of us have experienced during our schooling or with students who have already been through primary school.

Sadly, this week we mourned the passing of Mr Eric Shaw – a highly respected teacher, principal and leading figure in education in our region and beyond. Several of our staff have worked closely with Eric over the years and have been inspired, challenged and guided by him which has certainly had a positive impact on our school. Our heartfelt thoughts are with Eric’s family and friends as they grieve the loss of a remarkable man.

The week ended with our Celebration Assemblies highlighting another group of students who work hard and do amazing things in their learning and school life. Well done to all the students who received awards this week. Keep up the great work!

*Ihaia Walker, Aurora-chaii Wiseman, Adaline Bramley, Rawiri Singh, Indy Buick, Leila Turner, Save Sauliga, Nadia Green, Allex Lockley Marsh, Caleb Williams, Savannah Blair, Eve Goldfinch, Max Geraghty, Miila Laurence , Rocco Adamson, Olivia Davis, Archer Pringle, Émile Bisson Vasseur, Klyde Guinoo, Athena Barlow, Osmanbek Nabizada, Theo Froude, Ahmad Haroon, Will Simpson, Orin Jacobs, Jaxon Norman, Liza Makarenko, Ezra Stewart-Jacks, Zoe Trim, Ada Aspden, Cohen Mullin, Emily Cooper, Cameron Mann, Nancy Coleman*

Next week our Year 8 students have their high school enrolment interviews here at school and the students who have opted to do the always-challenging ICAS exams will sit the English test on Tuesday.

Cross country is also on the horizon, taking place on Monday 25 August and Tuesday 26 August. We’re looking forward to seeing our students out there and giving their very best – *kaha i ngā wā katoa*.

**Looking Ahead**

	Monday 11 August	Tuesday 12 August	Wednesday 13 August	Thursday 14 August	Friday 15 August
<b>Week 5</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8:00 Breakfast Club</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ICAS English Exam</li> <li>Enrolment Interviews NPBHS &amp; NPGHS</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>8:00 Breakfast Club</li> <li>9:00 New Entrants’ Transition Visit</li> </ul>
	Monday 18 August	Tuesday 19 August	Wednesday 20 August	Thursday 21 August	Friday 22 August
<b>Week 6</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8:00 Breakfast Club</li> <li>Mid-term Cohort Starts</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Year 7-8 Trip to Careers Expo</li> <li>ICAS Spelling Bee</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8:00 Breakfast Club</li> <li>ICAS Science Exam</li> <li>1:40 Kapa Haka Group Practice</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Year 7-8 Interschool Tournament – Hawera</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8:00 Breakfast Club</li> <li>Taranaki Schools Chess Competition</li> <li>9:30 Year 4-8 Celebration Assembly</li> <li>10:00 Year 0-3 Celebration Assembly</li> </ul>

### Cross Country – Monday 25 August & Tuesday 26 August

The Year 0-3 Team cross country event will be held on Monday 25 August at 1.30pm on the school field. The Year 4-8 Team cross country event will be held on Tuesday 26 August at Mangati Walkway. Please check the schedule below for the date and time of your child's race.

Postponement dates are Thursday 28 August for Years 4-8 and Monday 1 September for Years 0-3.

The events for Years 4-8 are held around the Mangati Walkway, starting at the top bridge (near the entry to the walkway from Antonio Place). A map of the track can be found on the school website under 'Events'. The Junior Team (Years 0-3) run on the school field.



We would love for parents/caregivers to come along and support the students!

Monday 25 August Years 0-3 – School field	
<b>First race starts 1.30pm</b>	
*8 year old boys (in Year 3)	4 laps
*8 year old girls (in Year 3)	4 laps
7 year old boys	3 laps
7 year old girls	3 laps
6 year old boys	3 laps
6 year old girls	3 laps
5 year old boys	2 laps
5 year old girls	2 laps

Tuesday 26 August Years 4-8 – Mangati Walkway	
<b>First race starts 9:15am</b>	
*8 year old boys (in Year 4)	2 laps (2.4km)
*8 year old girls (in Year 4)	2 laps (2.4km)
9 year old boys	2 laps (2.4km)
9 year old girls	2 laps (2.4km)
10 year old boys	3 laps (3.6km)
10 year old girls	3 laps (3.6km)
<b>First race starts 1pm</b>	
11 year old boys	3 laps (3.6km)
11 year old girls	3 laps (3.6km)
12 year old boys	3 laps (3.6km)
12 year old girls	3 laps (3.6km)
13 year old boys	3 laps (3.6km)
13 year old girls	3 laps (3.6km)

### Term 4 Sports

Registrations are open for Term 4 school sports teams via the [myKindo](#) app.



Touch	Years 1-8
Cricket	Years 1-8
Hockey	Years 3-6
Netball	Years 1-2

**\*Registrations close on FRIDAY 29 AUGUST at 11.59pm.\***

Payment must be made at the time of registration. If you are having difficulty making payment, please contact the office before the deadline to discuss alternative arrangements.

Full information including season dates is available on the school website [www.bellblock.school.nz](http://www.bellblock.school.nz)

If you have any queries, please email [sport@bellblock.school.nz](mailto:sport@bellblock.school.nz) or telephone the office on 755 0838.



### Elections Update

## 2025 School Board Triennial Elections

Nominations for the Board have now closed. Further details will be shared in due course. If you have any questions, please contact the Returning Officer, Andrea Crowe. Email [returning.officer@bellblock.school.nz](mailto:returning.officer@bellblock.school.nz)

**Conrad Hailes**  
Principal

COMMUNITY NOTICES

**PLAN A:**  
**BONFIRE NIGHT**



**FRI 8<sup>TH</sup> AUG**  
**"HOW CAN PRIDE & HATRED  
AFFECT US?"**

**PLAN B:**  
**OBSTACLE COURSE**



All Yr 7-9's Welcome  
6pm-8pm  
@ Northpoint  
Baptist Church

**THE PERFORMING ARTS COLLECTIVE  
PRESENTS**

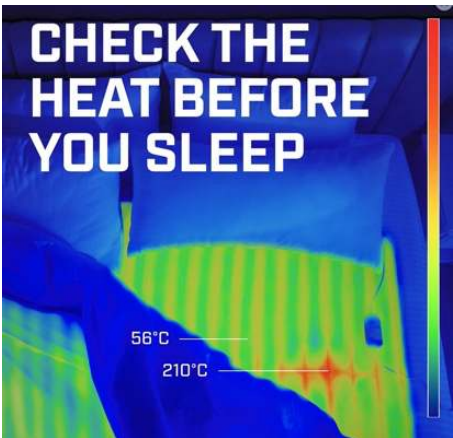
**LIMELIGHT**

**A Multicultural Variety Show**  
Singers · Dancers · Musicians · Models

**Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> September**  
6:30 - 9 pm, doors open at 6  
Plymouth International Hotel  
Ngāmotu New Plymouth

**Tickets: \$10/adult, \$5/child**  
Scan the QR code to enquire:







James Francis Kiley (1883-1965) whose land purchases enabled the Kiley Family Memorial Trust to be established.

Call for Scholarship Applications  
for Year 8 students commencing  
secondary education in 2026

The Kiley Family Memorial Trust was established in 2000 by brothers John and the late Peter Kiley. Revenue from the Kiley Family Memorial Trust owned farm in Taranaki funds the Kiley Family Memorial Trust Scholarships to help young people who are facing financial challenges meeting their education costs.

Eligible to Year 8 students who plan to attend:

- > Taranaki / Whanganui based Secondary Schools in 2026 or
- > Wellington based Catholic Secondary Schools in 2026.

Day School and Boarding Scholarships are available.

Preference is given to students from less well-off backgrounds who would otherwise have difficulty paying their school fees and meeting other school costs.

Applications for any field of study will be considered but further preference will be given to those students planning a career in agriculture related fields.

For more information and to apply online, visit: [publictrust.co.nz/grants](https://publictrust.co.nz/grants)

**Applications close**  
**5pm, Friday 26 September 2025**

0800 371 471 | [funding@publictrust.co.nz](mailto:funding@publictrust.co.nz)

**Kiley Family**  
MEMORIAL TRUST SCHOLARSHIP

