

BELL BLOCK SCHOOL NEWSLETTER #24
Friday 15 August 2025



Focus Value:
 Responsibility - Takohanga

School Goal:
 Look after our spaces
 and resources

As Week 5 comes to a close, it signals the half way point of Term 3. Last week, a group of our Year 7-8 students attended the LEAD Conference to develop their leadership skills. It is wonderful to see our students taking opportunities like this and building skills that will serve them well throughout their schooling and into the future.

Unfortunately, we have had to reschedule the Year 4-8 Cross Country Day to Thursday 28 August. This change is due to NZEI union meetings for staff being scheduled for the original date, meaning we will have a number of staff away in the afternoon. We appreciate your understanding and apologise for any inconvenience this late change may cause.

Mrs Renee Pearce has now begun her parental leave and we wish her and her husband Sam all the best for the impending arrival of their first child. This week we also farewell Mrs Alex Thompson from Room 10 who is taking an extended holiday. We look forward to Mrs Emily Doelman and Mrs Aleisha Parkinson teaching in Room 10 for the remainder of the year.

Next week, we welcome a cohort of New Entrant students starting their schooling journey with us, our students continue sitting their ICAS Exams, and our Year 7-8 students turn their eyes to the future with a visit to the Careers Expo. The annual Year 7-8 Interschool Sports Tournament will be held in Hawera on Thursday. Parents are welcome to attend and support our netball, football and rugby teams.

Looking Ahead

	Monday 18 August	Tuesday 19 August	Wednesday 20 August	Thursday 21 August	Friday 22 August
Week 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:00 Breakfast Club Mid-term Cohort Starts ICAS Science Exam 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 7-8 Trip to Careers Expo ICAS Spelling Exam 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:00 Breakfast Club 1:40 Kapa Haka Group Practice 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 7-8 Interschool Tournament – Hawera 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:00 Breakfast Club Taranaki Schools Chess Competition 9:30 Year 4-8 Celebration Assembly 10:00 Year 0-3 Celebration Assembly
Week 7	Monday 25 August	Tuesday 26 August	Wednesday 27 August	Thursday 28 August	Friday 29 August
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:00 Breakfast Club Cross Country Yr 0-3 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ICAS Maths Exam 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:00 Breakfast Club 9:00 New Entrant Transition Visit 1:40 Kapa Haka Group Practice 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cross Country Yr 4-8 6:00 Technology Showcase 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:00 Breakfast Club Daffodil Day Term 4 Sports Registrations Close

Enrolments for 2026

Our enrolment process for out-of-zone students wanting to start in 2026 is now open. If you know anyone interested in joining our school next year, please encourage them to complete an enrolment form as this will ensure they are included in the ballot, if required.

For our in zone whānau, if you have a child starting next year, we also ask that you drop off an enrolment form as soon as possible. This helps us plan more accurately as we prepare for 2026 and ensure we're ready to welcome all our new learners in 2026.

Cross Country – Monday 25 August & Thursday 28 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 has been **rescheduled to Thursday 28 August** at Mangati Walkway. Please check the schedule for the date and time of your child's race.

The postponement date for both events is Monday 1 September.

Students run in age groups, rather than school year groups, and always give a massive effort, while also being great supporters of each other when they are not running their event.

Every student who runs earns points for their whānau and we encourage students to dress up in their whānau colours and get into the spirit of the day.

Please note that students' age is calculated as follows:

5-8 year olds – age as at Monday 25 August 2025

9-13 year olds – age as at Friday 17 September 2025

Years 0-3 – Monday 25 August

The Junior Team (Years 0-3) run on the school field and may run in either bare feet or shoes.

Years 4-8 – Thursday 28 August

The Thursday events for Years 4-8 are held around the Mangati Walkway. Runners start at the red bridge nearest to Antonia Place and run clockwise around the Mangati Walkway. A [map of the track](#) can be found on the school website under 'Events'. Shoes are compulsory for this event.

Spectators are welcome. Entry points are Cassia Place, Antonia Place (steep) or Parklands Ave. Please remain on the paved side of the Mangati Stream to cheer for runners. The finish line is best viewed from the paved walkway near Cassia Place and Antonia Place.

We welcome all parents/caregivers to come along and support the students!



Technology Showcase – Thursday 28 August

Join us on Thursday 28 August from 6pm–7pm in the school hall for our Year 7-8 Technology Showcase. Our students will share the learning and creations from their second Technology rotation with displays from Design, Textiles, Manufacturing and The Arts. Guests will also enjoy performances from our Music students and sample tasty kai prepared by our Hospitality students. We warmly invite all whānau from the school community to come along and celebrate our students' creativity and achievements as part of their Technology programme.

Monday 25 August Years 0-3 – School field

First race starts 1.30pm

*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

Thursday 28 August Years 4-8 – Mangati Walkway

First race starts 9:15am

*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)

First race starts 1pm

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)

Daffodil Day – Friday 29 August



We’re proud to support Daffodil Day again this year on Friday 29 August. Students are encouraged to dress in yellow and there will be opportunities to donate on the day as well as in advance via [this link](#). More details will be shared in our next newsletter.



Conrad Hailes
Principal

COMMUNITY NOTICES



FRI 15TH AUG

ReCharge

“COURAGE IN HARD TIMES”

ESTHER 4:1-17

PLUS MAKING PIZZAS!

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

Friday 15th Aug 6:00 pm- 8:00 pm
Food this week: Pizzas


TARANAKI WOMEN'S REFUGE POP UP SHOP AT NEW PLYMOUTH RACEWAY

Open to the public

20 - 28th September

Follow Taranaki Women's Refuge Pop Up Shop for more info

POP UP





SILLY SAUSAGE KIDS

ARTS & CRAFTS CLUB

Join Aunty Dee and friends encouraging your child's creativity to shine!

Ages 4-11 yrs

\$15/session - (includes craft materials to take home)

Wednesdays 3.30- 4.30 pm
Fred Tucker Hall

- ✓ Creative Expression
- ✓ Skill Development
- ✓ Boost Confidence

To Register :

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