

BELL BLOCK SCHOOL NEWSLETTER #25
Friday 22 August 2025



Focus Value:
 Responsibility - Takohanga

School Goal:
 Look after our spaces
 and resources

I would like to start this week's newsletter by acknowledging our wonderful parent helpers and coaches. We appreciate all that you do and your generosity giving up your time to make it possible for our students to enjoy trips, events and opportunities that enrich their learning. Thank you also to all the staff involved in planning and organising these sports teams and events as it takes a lot of time and effort behind the scenes to ensure everything runs smoothly.

This week was a great example of the opportunities our students enjoy. Our Year 7-8 Team travelled to the Careers Expo, where they explored a range of interactive exhibits looking at possible career pathways. They also headed to Hāwera for their sports exchange and had a fantastic day in fine but chilly conditions. Well done to all the students involved and thanks again to the coaches and staff for making it happen.

At the Celebration Assemblies today we presented our Triple A and Values Awards to another group of outstanding Bell Block School students who have continued to work hard on their learning, and grow into great students. Well done to all the students who received awards this week.

Eden Roiall, Ryka White, Felix Rook, James Epping, Grayson Whelan, Balu Yarabala, Mela McGovern, Elizabeth Fidow, Emme Pringle, Harley Proffitt, Greyson Goldsworthy, Kingsley Yang, Sara Talab, Octavia Bennett, Liam Johns-King, Ayesha Haider, Shekinah Raj, Georgia Pignéguay, Matthew McKelvin, Rincy Lin, Danica Geraghty, Slayde McCulloch, Taylor Reardon, Paige Bennett, Bentley Vile, Amelia Williams, Harper Taylor, Brooklyn Avery, Harleen Sodhi, Vijay Mwaengeni

Next week, weather permitting, we will dive into our cross country events, finish off the ICAS exams with the Mathematics test on Tuesday, and support the Cancer Society with Daffodil Day on Friday.

Looking Ahead

	Monday 25 August	Tuesday 26 August	Wednesday 27 August	Thursday 28 August	Friday 29 August
Week 7	<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
	Monday 1 September	Tuesday 2 September	Wednesday 3 September	Thursday 4 September	Friday 5 September
Week 8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:00 Breakfast Club 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Let's Go Cycle Skills Rm 11 1:00 Open Afternoon 	<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"> Let's Go Cycle Skills Rm 10 5:00 Board Meeting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:00 Breakfast Club 9:30 Celebration Assembly Yr 4-8 10:00 Celebration Assembly Yr 0-3

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.

Cross Country – Monday 25 August & Thursday 28 August

Please check the schedule for the date and time of your child's race.

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

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

Years 0-3 – Monday 25 August

The Year 0-3 Team cross country event will be held on Monday 25 August at 1.30pm on the school field. Students may run in either bare feet or shoes. Spectators are welcome on the blue turf.

Years 4-8 – Thursday 28 August

The Year 4-8 Team cross country event will be held on Thursday 28 August at 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.

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)



Community Open Afternoon – Tuesday 2 September

We would like to invite our community to our Open Afternoon on **Tuesday 2 September from 1.00pm – 2.45pm**. This is an opportunity for whānau to come in to school, enjoy lunch with your child/ren from 1.00pm and see what your child has been learning. Whānau are welcome to meet at their child's class and find a spot to enjoy lunch together. After lunch, students will showcase their learning and lead whānau on a tour to share some of the places at school that are significant to them. Whānau are encouraged to explore all areas of our students' life at Bell Block School. ***Please note there is an expectation that students remain at school until 3pm.***

A decorative illustration of two yellow daffodils with green stems and leaves, set against a light yellow background with a faint floral pattern.

A group of eleven children are posing in a schoolyard. They are wearing various costumes: a superhero in a green and yellow suit with a mask, a princess in a yellow dress and crown, a wizard in a yellow robe and hood, a knight in a yellow tunic and surcoat, and others in various colorful outfits. They are standing on a paved area with a building and trees in the background.



Our enrolment process for out-of-zone students who wish 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.

Final call for registrations for Term 4 school sports teams. Please register via the [myKindo](#) app.

Registrations close on FRIDAY 29 AUGUST at 11.59pm.



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

Full information is available on the school website www.bellblock.school.nz.

If you have any queries, please email sport@bellblock.school.nz or telephone the office on 755 0838.

Conrad Hailes
Principal

COMMUNITY NOTICES



PROUDLY PRESENTS:

**\$50
PER PLAYER**

JUNIOR VOLLEYBALL HOLIDAY SKILLS CLINIC #11

WEDNESDAY 1 OCTOBER 2025
9:15AM - 2:30PM
TSS 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 ON
MONDAY 29TH SEPTEMBER**

ENTER USING THE LINK ON THE FACEBOOK PAGE
<https://facebook.com/250pocessandvolleyballCLUB>



**SPRING INTO SUMMER
FUN STICKS**

SAT 11 OCT - 29 NOV 2025 (7 WEEKS)
8.30 AM - 9.30 AM

NEW PLYMOUTH TURF **\$ 40 PER CHILD**

Register via www.taranakihockey.org.nz

Full Blocks is a programme that will introduce your child to hockey through fun, fundamental skills and fun hockey games. This program is developed for children in year 1 & 2 (aged 6-8).