

BELL BLOCK SCHOOL NEWSLETTER #26
Friday 29 August 2025

Focus Value:
Responsibility - Takohanga



School Goal:
Use time wisely
and stay on task

Our students have made us proud with their effort, determination and school spirit they showed at this year's cross country events. Beautiful weather greeted our Year 0-3 runners, as did a huge crowd of enthusiastic supporters cheering them on. Conditions were a little greyer for the rest of the school on Thursday, though even some light drizzle could not dampen the enthusiasm of the students running, or their supporters! The students gave it their best, just like our motto: *Kaha i ngā wā katoā – Our Best Always*. Our cross country is not easy and requires some perseverance but the students rise to the challenge every year. Well done to all those who pushed hard to give their best efforts. Results for the placegetters are at the end of this newsletter.



It was also wonderful to see the outcomes of our Year 7-8 students' work during the second Technology rotation for the year at the Technology Showcase last night. The creativity and quality of work the students produce is always amazing and watching our students perform in a band after just a few short weeks of learning is impressive. Ka rawe to all our students and a big thank you to the staff who work so hard to allow our students to shine. We are also grateful to all the families who were able to attend – our students really do enjoy having an audience to share their learning and progress with. Congratulations to the Technology Award recipients:

	YEAR 7		YEAR 8	
	<i>DILIGENCE</i>	<i>EXCELLENCE</i>	<i>DILIGENCE</i>	<i>EXCELLENCE</i>
Manufacturing	Archer Pringle	Hema Lopinti	Aurora Fieldes	Ngaia Roach
Textiles	Elsa Ryan	Emma Davis	Chloe Yang	Aurora Fieldes
Music	Sophie Trundle	Kelly Henry	Cohen Mullin	Cale Nikolajenko
Hospitality	Connie Upton-Fleming	Willa Clark/Chloe Bishop	Liam Johns-King	Emily Cooper
Visual Arts	Samantha Ainsworth	Sara Talab	Peyton Metcalfe	Indie Rook
Design	Vijay Mwaengeni	On You Han	Ada Ryan	Maleeya Jacobs

In the next couple of weeks, our students will complete some end of term assessments to help focus teaching and learning programmes for the final term of the year. We also have our Open Afternoon on Tuesday (details below). This is a special chance to step into your child's school day, spend some time in the classroom and enjoy being part of the learning that our students are so proud to share with you. We'd love to see you there.

The winners of our Principal for the Day raffle at the Gala will be taking up their role on Friday so keep an eye out for Poppy from Room 4 and Peyton from Room 19 who will be our guest principals for the day.



Looking Ahead

	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 Principal for the Day 9:30 Celebration Assembly Yr 4-8 10:00 Celebration Assembly Yr 0-3
	Monday 8 September	Tuesday 9 September	Wednesday 10 September	Thursday 11 September	Friday 12 September
Week 9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:00 Breakfast Club New Plymouth Cross Country 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Let's Go Cycle Skills Rm 13 	<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 12 Year 7-8 Full Primary Cross Country at Omata 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:00 Breakfast Club

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 classroom 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.***

- 1:00pm Visitors welcome to arrive for lunch time
- 1:40pm Students return to class to share their learning and tour their visitors
- 2:45pm All students return to their classes for end of day routines

Daffodil Day – Friday 29 August



Today we dressed up in yellow in support of the Cancer Society and Daffodil Day. The students and staff were awash with yellow clothes and accessories in support of this worthy charity that helps so many of our families and community.



Pizza Day – Wednesday 17 September



Pizza Day is on Wednesday 17 September to raise funds for the Student Council Legacy Project. Please place your orders via [myKindo](#) app by **Sunday 14 September 2025**.

Term 4 Sports

Registrations for Term 4 school sports teams close today. Please register and make payment via the [myKindo](#) app if your child wishes to join a team.



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.

Out of Zone Enrolments for 2026

The Board invites applications from parents who wish to enrol their children at Bell Block School for next year. Enrolment at the school is governed by an enrolment scheme, details of which are available from the school office.

To apply for a place for your child please download an enrolment form from the Enrolments page of our [website](#) and provide your child's birth certificate and immunisation record to the school office. Enrolment packs are also available from the school office.

Applications for out of zone enrolments for 2026 **must be received by 3:30pm on Friday 10 October 2025** (please see the timeline below for further information). Parents of students who live within the home zone should also apply by this date to assist the school to plan appropriately for next year. *Please note that children with siblings currently enrolled who live outside of the school zone must apply as an out of zone student.*

The exact number of places available will depend on the number of applications received from students who live within the school's home zone.

If the number of out of zone applications exceeds the number of places available, students will be selected by ballot. If a ballot is required it will be held on Wednesday 15 October 2025. Parents will be informed of the outcome of the ballot within three school days of the ballot being held.

Should you have any questions regarding enrolments or should you like to make an appointment for a school tour, please contact Kim Thomas in the office on 06 755 0838 or email office@bellblock.school.nz.

Out of Zone Enrolment Timeline for 2026:

Friday 29 August 2025	Advertise OoZ places – Newsletter, ECE, Facebook, Website
Friday 10 October 2025	Deadline for OoZ places closes at 3.30pm
Wednesday 15 October 2025	Ballot for OoZ places (if necessary)
Friday 17 October 2025	Notify parents of decision
Friday 31 October 2025	Parents must confirm whether the offer of a place is accepted or declined

PTA News

A heartfelt thank you to the Bell Block and Districts Lions Club for their generous donation of ice blocks for our Cross Country this year. After all that running, it was a perfect way for the students to cool down and celebrate their efforts. We appreciate the continuous support from our local Lions Club.

Conrad Hailes
Principal





2025 Cross Country Results

5 YEAR OLD BOYS	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
Race 1	Ryka White	Jordan Smith	Percy Raikes
Race 2	Anthony Hobbs	Manaia Walker	Ihaia Walker

5 YEAR OLD GIRLS	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
Race 1	Rosa Turama	Athena Barlow	Xanthe Turama
Race 2	Ayla Bliss	Maddie Korff	Ruby Early

6 YEAR OLD BOYS	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
Race 1	= Fabien Henry-Smith & Ardie Wood		Zach Rowland
Race 2	Jahraz Adamson	SivaTau Mauga	Billy Stosic

6 YEAR OLD GIRLS	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
Race 1	Avery Smith	Ivy Stewart-Jacks	Sophia Fisher
Race 2	Bella Zhou	Charlotte Bryan	Brylee Solis

7 YEAR OLD BOYS	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
Race 1	Save Sauliga	William Simpson	Dylan Washer
Race 2	Carter Walsh	Felix Rook	Connor Bailey

7 YEAR OLD GIRLS	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
Race 1	Ava Page-Bowers	Sophie Chapman	Indi Deuart
Race 2	Maali Soffe	Leila Turner	Lola Shaw

8 YEAR OLDS (Yr 3)	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
Boys	Tony Chen	Harrison Honeyfield	Keane Bramley
Girls	Meila Christiansen	Thea Parkinson	Franky Logie

8 YEAR OLDS (Yr 4)	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
Boys	Tyler Gu	= Cian Marsh & Nico Newland	
Girls	Karam Kaur	Sienna Trundle	Gurseerat Sidhu

9 YEAR OLDS	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
Boys	William Stretton	Fynn Chaloner	Corey Franklin
Girls	Ella Walsh	Nadia Green	Salote Mauga

10 YEAR OLDS	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
Boys	Ziggy Harris	Byron Sole	Tanson Zhou
Girls	Edi Coster	Eve Goldfinch	Charlotte Green

11 YEAR OLDS	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
Boys	Jack Goldfinch	Jaxon Hardgrave	Felix Evans
Girls	Sophie Stretton	Lucy Upton-Fleming	Pippa Welton

12 YEAR OLDS	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
Boys	Archer Pringle	Billy Marx	Harpa Young
Girls	Nya McLeod	Natalie Watchorn	On You Han

13 YEAR OLDS	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
Boys	Maatai Taogaga	Kingsley Yang	Varma Vadapalli
Girls	Connie Upton-Fleming	Chloe Bishop	Maleeya Jacobs