

BELL BLOCK SCHOOL NEWSLETTER #29

Friday 19 September 2025

Focus Value:

Responsibility - Takohanga



School Goal:

Contribute to a positive school culture

What a week it has been here at Bell Block School. Congratulations to our Year 7-8 basketball team, Bell Block Nets, for a great game on Monday taking out the final in their grade. Our Year 7-8 netball teams, Bell Block Steel and Bell Block Tactix, finished the season last Saturday with a Closing Day Tournament where both teams secured the top spot in their section after persevering through torrential rain and wind.

Our Year 7-8 interschool netball team also played their semi-final game against Stratford. While we didn't come away with the win this time, we are proud of the grit and determination shown on court. Well done to all the players and coaches for an awesome effort and a great season. A huge thank you to our parents for their ongoing support of all our sports teams – your encouragement makes a real difference.

At our final Celebration Assemblies for the term today, we presented our Triple A and Values awards. Well done to all the students who received awards this week.

Atticus Doelman, Cruz Northcott, Rosa Turama, Poppy Gibson, Zach Rowland, Carlisle Adam, Charles Ascan, Keane Bramley, Jackson Payne, Freya Rook, William Stretton, Nicholas Hessel, Charlie Parkinson, Roy Lin, Maleeya Jacobs, Chloe Gu, Samantha Ainsworth, Jessica Grundling, Ayla Hinz, Fahri Muhammad Faris, Amraj Singh, Xanthe Turama, Alaska Ingram, Avery Smith, Jesse Franklin, Samuel Dolz, Alissa Schultz, Ziggy Harris, Ayon Saha, Ishmeet Singh, Brodie McKenna, Armani Wipiiti-Boylan, Karam Kaur, Kingsley Yang, Jasnoor Singh, Lily Hooper, Peyton Metcalfe, Zack Green

Special acknowledgement also goes to Year 8 students **Natalie Watchorn (Rm 16)** and **Kora Lowe-Hunt (Rm 17)** who were awarded their Honours Badge today which recognises them as Honours students for their dedication, effort and citizenship at Bell Block School.

As we close out Term 3, our school has been buzzing with energy. The week has been filled with explicit teaching and learning, opportunities to review and retrieve prior knowledge, and special Celebration Days to acknowledge students who live our school motto 'Kaha i ngā wā katoa – Our Best Always'.



Moving into a well-deserved holiday break, we trust you are able to take some time to relax, recharge, and enjoy being present with your children. A heartfelt thank you to our incredible team here at Bell Block School, who work tirelessly to provide effective instruction, keep things organised, and ensure the smooth running of our school each and every day. Your constant effort and dedication are deeply appreciated. Here's to a fantastic end to Term 3, and we look forward to an exciting Term 4 ahead.

Looking Ahead					
	Monday 6 October	Tuesday 7 October	Wednesday 8 October	Thursday 9 October	Friday 10 October
Week 1	8:00 Breakfast Club 10:15 Mihi Whakatau	Year 6 Water Safety Programme	8:00 Breakfast Club - Year 6 Water Safety Programme	Year 6 Water Safety Programme	8:00 Breakfast Club

Taranaki Primary Schools Music Festival

On Wednesday, a group of our choir students attended a rehearsal for the Taranaki Primary Schools Music Festival, before taking to the stage on Thursday evening. Their performance was outstanding, and the atmosphere throughout the festival was nothing short of magical – an evening filled with music and community spirit.



Bell Block School Board - Casual Vacancy for a Parent Representative

A casual vacancy exists on the school board for an elected parent representative. The board has decided to fill the vacancy by selection. If 10% or more of eligible voters on the school roll ask the board to hold a by-election to fill the vacancy, then a by-election will be held. Request for a by-election should be sent to the Board Secretary, Kim Hill kim.hill@bellblock.school.nz by Friday 17 October.

Movie Night Fundraiser Cancelled

The Outdoor Movie Night scheduled for Term 4 has been cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances. We apologise for any inconvenience.

Term 4 Sports

All Term 4 sports teams have now been finalised and team details have been notified via the school app, @school. Touch, netball and hockey games start in Week 1 of next term and cricket starts in Week 2. All players will receive a sports uniform before the first game. If sizing is incorrect, please feel welcome to exchange sizes at the office.

A big thank you to all our volunteer coaches and managers who make these opportunities possible for our players. If you have any questions about sports teams, please don't hesitate to email the Sports Co-Ordinator sport@bellblock.school.nz.

Taranaki Cross Country Champs Results

On Wednesday, our top runners attended the Taranaki Cross Country Champs at Hawera. Here are the results for our top-20 finishers:

9 Year Girls

Ella Walsh 12th

11 Year Girls

Lucy Upton-Fleming 4th

Sophie Stretton 14th

13 Year Girls

Connie Upton-Fleming 6th

10 Year Girls

Edi Coster 9th

Eve Goldfinch 12th

11 Year Boys

Jack Goldfinch 8th

Sun Hats



School sun hats are compulsory during Term 4 and Term 1. Hats are available for purchase on [myKindo](#) for \$15 and will be delivered to the student's classroom. Sunscreen is also very important and is provided for the students by our PTA. Students not wearing a hat will be encouraged to play in the shade.

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 10 October 2025	Deadline for Out of Zone places closes at 3.30pm
Wednesday 15 October 2025	Ballot for Out of Zone 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 – Calendar Art Fundraiser

Looking for creative gift ideas showcasing your child’s amazing artwork? Place your order for Calendar Art today. All orders are via [myKindo](#) and **close on Monday 6 October 2025 at 9am.** The students have put a lot of effort and creativity into their artwork and they are going to look beautiful on calendars, diaries, mugs, drink bottles, notebooks and cards. This year’s creations are displayed on the classroom windows. Should you prefer, there is also the option to upload a photo of your own to use instead. Get sorted for Christmas early whilst helping to raise money for the school - it’s a win, win! Thank you for your support.



Courtney Goldsworthy
Acting Principal

COMMUNITY NOTICES:



INLINE HOCKEY

SUMMER LEAGUE

TERM FOUR

Future Stars Programme

10 - 12 U League

14-16U League

Thursdays
Starting Oct 16
5.45 - 8:30pm
Final Week
Dec 4th



Join your mates
come skate with them
scan the QR for more info
and sign up



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KEYBOARD LESSONS

Bell Block

- *Individual & Group lessons
- *Practical & Theory
- *Performance opportunities
- *First Lesson FREE
- *Enquiries Welcome

For more info.....

Phone Jo: 027 489 5709





LOCALS & LIONS DAY

NOVEMBER 1ST 2025 - SATURDAY @ 09:00AM
AT BELL BLOCK SCHOOL GROUNDS
EXPERIENCE WELLNESS, FAMILY FUN, COMMUNITY SPIRIT, AND ENTERTAINMENT - ALL IN ONE PLACE

ACTIVITIES

- GAMES & ACTIVITIES FOR KIDS
- FAMILY ENTERTAINMENT
- COMMUNITY STALLS
- RAFFLE DRAW AT LUNCH

FOOD

- COMPLIMENTARY MORNING TEA
- FAMILY STYLE LUNCH BUFFET
- EXPERIENCE AT RINK, WITH THE PRICE OF \$30/PER ADULT | \$15/PER CHILD

WASH UP, DASH UP, FOLLOW US ON SOCIAL MEDIA

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BE PART OF THE LOCALS & LIONS DAY



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BOOK FAIR

The Salvation Army New Plymouth
9, 10, 11 October 2025



EAST END SKATE RINK

Doors open **9am-6pm** Thursday
9am-7pm Friday
9am-2pm Saturday

We will have **effpos** and loads of **bargains** for everyone. Come along and support our work in the community. Phone **027 491 0012** for details.

