

BELL BLOCK SCHOOL NEWSLETTER #27
Friday 5 September 2025

Focus Value:
Responsibility - Takohanga



School Goal:
Use time wisely
and stay on task

This week we enjoyed another opportunity for our families to get a good understanding of what their children have been learning at school with the Term 3 Open Afternoon. It was wonderful to see whānau share a lunchtime with us before seeing what their children have been learning in class this term. Thank you to everyone who was able to come along and share in the learning journey. Our students certainly love showing their loved ones what they have been doing at school.

Both Poppy Gibson from Room 4, and Peyton Metcalfe from Room 19, who won the Principal for a Day raffle at the Gala earlier this year, did an excellent job today making some important decisions, visiting classes and sharing some ideas on how to improve our school moving forward.



Our two 'Principal for a Day' winners also took the helm at our Celebration Assemblies and presented the Triple A awards.

Finn Simpson, Blayze McCulloch, Maddie Korff, Sophia Fisher, Jordan Vile, Aarohi Ranjan, Juke Smith, Vanessa Cheav, Jackson Thurman, Novak Kendall, Keeley Rowe, Jaxon Bartle, Nico Newland, Hema Lopinti, Wresiel Tamayo, On You Han, Ayla Bliss, Bruno Mascull, Evlyn Gamlath, Connor Bailey, Casey Burkitt, Bryson Tamaiparea, Maddison Jupp, Cory Franklin, Nadhir Ali, Ava Mischkeski, Jacob Burkitt, Rayne Pullen, Caleb Jesalva, Diljot Sidhu, Emmie Walsh, Elsa Ryan

Well done to all the students who received awards this week.

The Let's Go Cycle Skills programme facilitators were at school this week with our Year 4-6 students developing their bike skills and confidence while having fun and being active.

Next week we have the Curriculum Insights team onsite. This group undertakes assessments and reports on student progress in learning and will be working with some of our Year 3 and 6 students as part of a nationwide sample focused on achievement in the Technology and The Arts curriculums. Reading, Writing and Maths tests will also be completed by the selected students next term.

Our top 9-11 year old cross country runners will be heading to the New Plymouth Cross Country event on Monday and some of our Year 7-8 runners are heading to the Full Primary Cross Country event at Omata on Thursday. We wish them all the best of luck.

Looking Ahead

	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 (9-11yrs) 	<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 Taranaki Volleyball Champs Yr 7-8
	Monday 15 September	Tuesday 16 September	Wednesday 17 September	Thursday 18 September	Friday 1 September
Week 10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:00 Breakfast Club 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lost Property on Display Let's Go Cycle Skills Rm 9 Yr 0-3 Team Celebration 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:00 Breakfast Club Pizza Day Taranaki Primary Schools Cross Country Champs Taranaki Schools' Choir Festival Rehearsal 9:00 New Entrant Transition Visit 1:40 Kapa Haka Group Practice 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Let's Go Cycle Skills Rm 14 Year 8 HPV Immunisations 6:30 Taranaki Schools' Choir Festival 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:00 Breakfast Club 9:30 Celebration Assembly Yr 4-8 10:00 Celebration Assembly Yr 0-3 LAST DAY OF TERM 3

Lost Property



Our growing pile of lost property will be on display on **Tuesday 16 September** so please have a look outside Room 1 to see if you can reclaim any missing items. Classes will be taken to view it and parents are welcome to have a look as well. Any items left at the end of term will be donated to charity.

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 the [myKindo](#) app by **Sunday 14 September 2025**.



Term 4 Sports

Term 4 sports teams are now being finalised. Keep an eye on the school app for notification of team details. Full season 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.

Yummy stickers



Thank you to everyone who has been saving their Yummy apple stickers to help us earn FREE sports gear for school. All sticker sheets should be returned to the office before the end of term please.

Daffodil Day – Friday 29 August

We are pleased to announce that our school community raised over \$600 to donate to the Cancer Society. Thank you to everyone for your contribution.



Reminder: 2026 School Camps – Donations Now Open

A reminder that camp donations for students in Years 5-8 can be made gradually over time from now onwards. Please feel free to make part or full payment through your [Kindo](#) account at any time. Your support is greatly appreciated and helps us to continue offering memorable and meaningful experiences for our students.

Outdoor Movie Night – Save the Date

Save the date - another fantastic Outdoor Movie Night is being planned for **Thursday 9 October** on the Bell Block School field. Come and support our students as we fundraise for our 2026 Year 7-8 Camp. More details to come soon.



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

Teacher Only Day – Monday 10 November

The Board has approved our last Ministry of Education directed Teacher Only Day for the year to be held on **Monday 10 November**. The school will be closed for the day as staff undertake professional development around the new maths curriculum. We apologise for the disruption this will cause and appreciate your understanding.

PTA News – Calendar Art Fundraiser

Calendar Art is back once again. Beyond calendars - diaries, notebooks, cards, mugs and drink bottles are all available for purchase. These products, featuring your child's artwork, make excellent gifts that your child will be proud to give. Students' artwork will be on display in their classroom windows for you to view before purchasing, if you wish. Orders open on [Kindo](#) from next week.



Conrad Hailes
Principal

COMMUNITY NOTICES:

Heidi's

HOLIDAY CLUB

1st, 2nd & 3rd OCTOBER 2025

10am - 4pm : Bellringer Pavilion, New Plymouth

Booking is Essential for one, two or all three days

COOKING

ART

FUN

GAMES

Everything Supplied
Small Groups

Ages 6 -12 yrs
\$55 p child p day

goverstgallery@gmail.com

Alegria Pop Up Course!

Bell Block

Latin Dance - Salsa & Bachata

No dance partner or experience required!

6.30-7.30pm

Tuesdays

9, 16, 23, 30 September

Fred Tucker Memorial Hall, Parklands Ave, Bell Block

\$90 per person

OR

\$160 for a couple (lead & follow)

Free babysitter at the venue!

Please register via our website by Friday 5 Sept.

www.alegrialatindance.co.nz | info@alegrialatindance.co.nz

Taranaki Down Syndrome Association

Invites you to our:

MENTAL HEALTH EVENING & AGM

After the 60 minute talk, a brief AGM will follow for those who wish to stay and join us for a cuppa & sweet treat.

Paul Rangiwhia

welliam.co.nz

Topic: A real look at the challenges caregivers face and simple ways to protect your wellbeing, find balance, and keep joy in the journey.

Gold Coin Donation

116 Mangati Road, Bell Block
Northpoint Baptist church

18th September
7pm

RSVP BY SEPT 11th; taranakidownsyndrome@gmail.com