

BELL BLOCK SCHOOL NEWSLETTER #28
Friday 12 September 2025

Focus Value:
 Responsibility - Takohanga



School Goal:
 Contribute to a positive
 school culture

As we draw towards the last week of Term 3, the students have had another busy week. We have had students attend the New Plymouth Cross Country event and the Year 7-8 Full Primary Cross Country where our runners ran against students from other schools and represented us well, stepping up to a more challenging event. Well done to all the students involved.

The Taranaki Cross Country Champs are on Wednesday next week and we wish our students all the best for a good performance in what is looking like will be wet conditions.

Students have been undertaking testing in reading, writing and mathematics over the past two weeks, and it is always nice to hear students talking about their improvements and being proud of the effort they have put into their learning to gain them. Our teachers use this information to plan for Term 4 before the end of year assessments that are included in the end-of-year reports.

The Let's Go Cycle Skills programme has continued and is proving to be very popular with the students involved. Thank you to our team of instructors who work with our students to give them this opportunity.



Next week we wrap up the term with our Celebration Days which acknowledge all the students who help make our school a great place to be. We are fortunate to have so many students who live our school motto, *Kaha i ngā wā katoa*, every day. We also have our Pizza Day on Wednesday as an end of term treat and we will be displaying the lost property on Tuesday, so please have a look and try to reunite these lost items with their owners.

The term will finish next Friday with our Year 7-8 students again having Technology and the last Celebration Assemblies of the term. Feel free to come and join us if you are able.

Looking Ahead

	Monday 15 September	Tuesday 16 September	Wednesday 17 September	Thursday 18 September	Friday 19 September
Week 10	8:00 Breakfast Club	- Lost Property on display - Let's Go Cycle Skills Rm 9 - Yr 0-3 Team Celebration 11:45 Interschool Netball Semi-Final Yr 7-8	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	- Let's Go Cycle Skills Rm 14 - Year 8 HPV Immunisations 6:30 Taranaki Schools' Choir Festival	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 next **Tuesday 16 September** outside Room 1. Classes will be taken to view it and parents are welcome to have a look as well to see if you can reclaim any missing items. 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. Orders may be placed via the [myKindo](#) app. Orders close **Sunday 14 September 2025**.



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.



Term 4 Sports

Keep an eye on the school app for notification of your Term 4 sports team details. Touch, netball and hockey games start in Week 1 of next term. Uniforms will be issued to players before the end of term.

Yummy stickers



It is now time to return all your Yummy apple sticker collections to the office please. All completed or incomplete sheets should be returned to the office before the end of term (Friday 19 September) so that we can earn new sports gear for the school.

School Cross Country Certificates – Years 4-8

Certificates for Year 4-8 placegetters in the school cross country event will be awarded at the Year 4-8 Celebration Assembly next Friday 19 September at 9:30am. Whānau are invited to join us to celebrate their success.

New Plymouth Cross Country Results

A group of our 9-11 year old runners attended the New Plymouth Cross Country at Vogeltown Park on Monday. Here are the results for our top-20 finishers:

9 Year Girls

Ella Walsh 13th

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William Stretton 8th

10 Year Girls

Edi Coster 7th

Eve Goldfinch 19th

11 Year Girls

Lucy Upton-Fleming 1st

Sophie Stretton 2nd

Pippa Welton 7th

Olivia Davis 14th



Year 7-8 Full Primary School Cross Country Results

There was also a group of keen Year 7-8 runners who attended the Full Primary School Cross Country in Ōmata yesterday. Congratulations to our top-10 finishers:

11 Year Girls

Sophie Stretton 3rd

Emily Cooper 7th

Olivia Davis 9th

11 Year Boys

Jack Goldfinch 1st

Jaxon Hardgrave 6th

13 Year Girls

Connie Upton-Fleming 2nd

Chloe Bishop 10th

12 Year Boys

Archer Pringle 2nd

Billy Marx 4th

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 may cause and appreciate your understanding.

Year 7-8 Honours Badge

Year 7-8 students working towards their Honours Badge are now able to download the [Honours Points Projects](#) from the school website.

Scholastic Book Fair 2025

We are excited to announce the Scholastic Book Fair is returning to our school library in Term 4. There will be a fantastic selection of books, stationery items, posters, and so much more at very reasonable prices – it is our very own Book Club at school! This is the perfect opportunity to look for some early Christmas presents. There will be some fun competitions for students leading up to the Book Fair and we will see the return of our fabulous book character dress-up parade for Grandparents' Day. We look forward to welcoming everyone at school for what looks to be another amazing Book Fair! Further information and details will follow.



PTA News – Calendar Art Fundraiser

Calendar Art orders are now open on [myKindo](https://mykindo.co.nz/). 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 is on display in their classroom windows for you to view before purchasing. **Orders close on Monday 6 October 2025 at 9am.**



Conrad Hailes
Principal

COMMUNITY NOTICES:



ENTRIES ARE NOW OPEN

Entries to the **2025/26 Sanitarium Weet-Bix Kids TRYathlon™ Series** are **NOW OPEN!**

Join us at our [New Plymouth](https://www.newplymouth.govt.nz/) TRYathlon on **Wednesday 25th March** and celebrate Kiwi kids giving it a TRY with your local community. It's going to be a fun day out for EVERYBODY!

Entry is open to children aged 6 - 15 of all fitness abilities. [Enter now](https://www.newplymouth.govt.nz/) as an individual, or in a team of two, and secure the **OPENING WEEK SPECIAL** price of \$48 - a massive saving of **\$25.80*** off the full price!

Limited entries, **ONLY 100 entries per event** at this price will be available, so make sure you get in

**** Please note that the New Plymouth Weet-Bix TRYathlon is during our Year 7-8 camp week ****

KIDS FOOTBALL HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

One day \$35
Both days \$65
BOTH DAYS WSC MEMBER \$40

Join our Kids Football School Holiday Programme for some football fun, skills, activities, competition and more.

**MON 22nd – TUES 23rd
September, 2025**

[Register Now](#) [CLICK HERE](#)

WAITARA SUMMER SOCCER 5-A-SIDE

5-16 YEARS

7 WEEKS - TERM 4

\$60 PER TEAM

3 AGE GRADES:

- JUNIOR - UNDER 8'S (5-8 YR OLDS)
- MIDDLE - UNDER 11'S (8-11YR OLDS)
- YOUTH - UNDER 16'S (12-16YR OLDS)

WEDNESDAY 4 - 5PM

REGISTER A TEAM ONLINE: [COMPLETE THIS FORM](#) WHERE: **MANUKORIHU PARK, WAITARA**

CREATIVE KIDS ART WORKSHOPS

School Holiday Crafting

Scan to book

The Collaboration
85 Devon Street East
Ngāruahua
New Plymouth

Book here
www.thecollaboration.co.nz/eng/kids

24th & 25th
September
1st & 2nd
October

Victoria's School Holiday Sewing Lessons for Girls

Join Victoria's sewing lessons for school children

What children will learn:

- How to operate a sewing machine
- Basic sewing skills
- A sewing project they can take home
- Confidence, patience and creativity

WEEK ONE

- Ages: 8 - 9 = 23rd Sep or 25th Sep
- Ages: 10 - 12 = 26th Sep

WEEK TWO

- Ages: 8 - 9 = 30th Sep or 2nd Oct
- Ages: 10 - 12 = 3rd Oct

Time: 9.30-10.30am

Location: Bell Block, confirmed upon booking

Cost = \$20 for two lessons (week one & two)

*ALL MATERIALS PROVIDED

Contact **Victoria** on **022 121 8076** to confirm your child's space ASAP

Find Victoria on Facebook

REGISTRATIONS ARE OPEN

2025 EXTENDER SERIES

CITY TOUCH EXTENDER SERIES

10 THINGS THAT REQUIRE ZERO TALENT

1. Being On Time
2. Showing up Effort
3. Being High Energy
4. Having A Positive Attitude
5. Being Punctual
6. Using Good Body Language
7. Being Considerate
8. Being A Team Player
9. Being Respectful
10. Having A Strong Work Ethic

U10S, U12S AND U14S

[CLICK ON THE LINK FOR FULL DETAILS](#)

ReCharge

THIS FRIDAY

FRI 12th SEPT

THE AMAZING RACE

INDOOR EVENT

LAST NIGHT OF TERM!

"GOD'S DELIVERANCE & HOPE"

ESTHER 8:1-17

All Yr 7-9's Welcome

Friday 12th Sept
@ Northpoint Baptist Church
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Food this week: Surprise meal!

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

HOCKEY

Fun Sticks is a progressive program that will introduce your child to hockey through basic fundamental skills and fun hockey games. This program is developed for children in year 1 & 2 at school and 4 - 6 year olds.