

BELL BLOCK SCHOOL NEWSLETTER #30
Friday 10 October 2025



Focus Value:
Tū Māia – Standing Brave

School Goal:
Be a courageous learner

Welcome back for Term 4 at Bell Block School.

Term 4 is always a busy and enjoyable term and we have had a great first week. The students have settled back in well and are focusing on their continued improvement leading in to the end of year assessments. Our Term 4 unit is a Science unit based on forces and motion with lots of creativity and learning ahead. It has been great to see the buzz around the school as the students engage in the immersion activities and start their learning. Our staff undertook a professional development day during the holidays and have spent a lot of time preparing this engaging unit for the students. Thank you also to all the families who have been able to loan us equipment to support the students' learning. It is much appreciated.

This term we have athletics as a key part of the PE programme, final Celebration Days for the year, Year 8 student farewells as well as the Book Fair and Grandparents' Day which will welcome our families to join us at school again as we move towards the end of year activities and the Final Prizegiving.

2026 Class Placement

This is the time of year when we begin the placement of students for 2026. We will again have some classes with singular year groups and some composite classes as we align to the new curriculum expectations.

As the system we use for student placement will be changing, we invite parents to share information around their child's placement for next year. We make no promises but do take parent shared information into account when placing students. This is not an opportunity to directly request a teacher as staff placements for 2026 have not yet been confirmed, or a particular student for your child to be placed with, but rather an opportunity to share the things that will help your child make the most of their learning opportunities, for example – strengths in maths, P.E. or writing. In the past, parents have shared information about students they would like their child to be separated from e.g. cousins etc. As these requests can change over time and were stored on the previous system, please ensure you update us if you would like these to continue to apply.

We appreciate that many families are busy during the day so you can email any information you wish to share to principal@bellblock.school.nz. If you would like to have input into this process, please ensure your emails are received no later than **Wednesday 15 October**.

Looking Ahead

	Monday 13 October	Tuesday 14 October	Wednesday 15 October	Thursday 16 October	Friday 17 October
Week 2	8:00 Breakfast Club		8:00 Breakfast Club - Kapa Haka Group Practice	Cycle Skills Rm 14	8:00 Breakfast Club 9:30 Celebration Assembly Yr 4-8 10:00 Celebration Assembly Yr 0-3
	Monday 20 October	Tuesday 21 October	Wednesday 22 October	Thursday 23 October	Friday 24 October
Week 3	8:00 Breakfast Club		8:00 Breakfast Club - Kapa Haka Group Practice	- Strike Day 5:00 Board Meeting	8:00 Breakfast Club

Enrolments for 2026

A reminder that applications for out of zone enrolments for 2026 **must be received by 3:30pm today, Friday 10 October 2025**. 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.*



Parent & Staff Elections Declaration of Results

Parent representative:

At the close of nominations, as the number of valid nominations was fewer than the number of vacancies required to be filled, I hereby declare the following duly elected:

- Kelsey Waitere
- Kevin Stretton
- Scott Kendall
- Matthew Lee

Staff representative:

I hereby declare Courtney Goldsworthy duly elected.

Andrea Crowe
Returning Officer

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.

Sun Hats

With the weather improving (hopefully), wearing the school hat when outside is now compulsory. Hats are available for purchase on [myKindo](#) for \$16.50 and will be delivered to the student's classroom. Thanks to our PTA group there is also sunscreen available for students to use so please encourage your child, as we do, to make use of this resource. Students not wearing a hat will be encouraged to play in the shade.



Book Fair 2025

This term we welcome back the Scholastic Book Fair to Bell Block School! There will be a fantastic selection of books, toys, STEM kits, stationery and more in the library available for purchase. It is a perfect time to find some amazing bargains that Scholastic have and you will always find the best birthday or Christmas presents. There will be fun competitions and events in the library for all students over the next few weeks.

Grandparents' Day coincides with our Book Fair and our much-anticipated book character dress up parade - we encourage all students to participate. Wearing a favourite book character costume is LOTS of fun!

The Book Fair will be open in our library from **Thursday 30 October to Monday 3 November 8.30am - 3.30pm**. All welcome.



NZEI Strike Action – Thursday 23 October

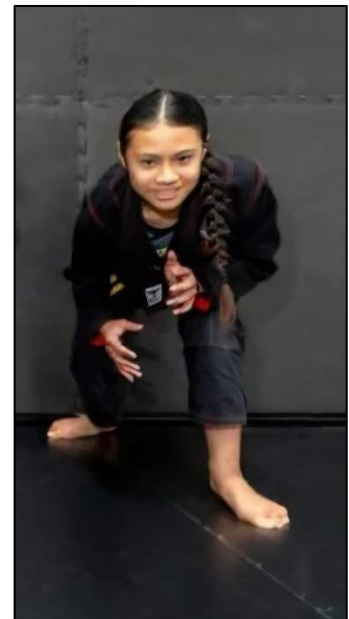
We have received informal notification from NZEI that there is proposed strike action to be held on Thursday 23 October. The Board will confirm plans for the school next week but please be prepared that school may be closed for instruction on that date.

Ryan Hailes Memorial Scholarship

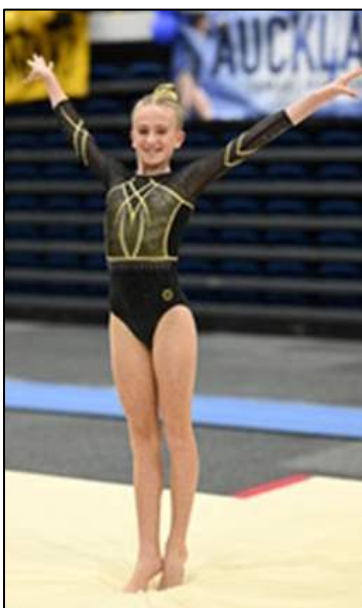
This term, we are proud to recognise two outstanding student athletes whose dedication and achievements exemplify the spirit of the Ryan Hailes Memorial Scholarship – Congratulations to **Charlotte Russell** in Room 17 and **Camaro Swan** in Room 16.



Camaro Swan has shown exceptional commitment and success in Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu (BJJ), representing her club Tsunami Southern Tribes as a registered New Zealand athlete at the BJJ World Championships in Japan, where she earned an impressive silver medal. Camaro has also achieved multiple gold medals at open league events in NZ. While balancing training, schoolwork and travel, Camaro's quiet determination continues to take her to new heights. We are thrilled to support Camaro as she continues to represent her club and country with pride.



Charlotte Russell has demonstrated excellence in gymnastics, representing Taranaki at the National Championships in Auckland, where she placed second overall in New Zealand for her grade. Charlotte puts massive effort into her training and approaches every session with enthusiasm, focus and discipline. One of her proudest achievements is being named Midlands Champion, for the Taranaki, Waikato, and Bay of Plenty regions. We are delighted to recognise Charlotte's commitment and success as she continues to excel and inspire others.



PTA News – Calendar Art Fundraiser

Orders have now closed for Calendar Art. Thank you to everyone for the orders placed. Orders are now being printed and delivery is expected mid-November. We can't wait to see them! Thanks again for your support.

Conrad Hailes
Principal

COMMUNITY NOTICES:

BOOST
Hockey

2026+ SUMMER SCHEDULE

**BOOST ACADEMY**

SKILLS & GAME IQ DEVELOPMENT

NEW PLYMOUTH
HOCKEY TURF

PRIMARY & INTERMEDIATES
SMALL GROUPS x ABILITY/EXP.
3 x SESSION TIMES [6 + 7 + 8PM]
MONDAYS | 60MIN

UNLIMITED REGISTRATIONS

COMMENCES
MON. 16/2

COST \$70PP
[SEVEN WEEKS]

REGO x
GOOGLE
FORM on





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 eftpos and loads of bargains for everyone. Come along and support our work in the community. Phone 027 491 0012 for details.





AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

BELL BLOCK LIBRARY

6 weeks from 16 Oct to 20 Nov

Thursdays 3.30pm to 4.30pm

A mix of craft, STEM and digital activities suitable for 8 – 12 year olds

See a staff member to enrol or

Phone us on 06-7550939

Puke Ariki  NPDC

You can make a difference in one child's life

We have children and young people who need a safe, stable and nurturing home away from home.

If you're interested in welcoming a child into your family, either on a short or long term basis, give us a call to find out more about Shared Care or Foster Care with CCS Disability Action.



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Tuesday's 6.30-7.30pm
Vogeltown Bowling club
Ages 7-12

Term 4 starts 7th Oct
taranakichildrenchoir@gmail.com





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 PIHMS, WITH THE PRICE OF \$30/PER ADULT | \$15/PER CHILD

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BE PART OF THE LOCALS & LIONS DAY



