

BELL BLOCK SCHOOL NEWSLETTER #31
Friday 17 October 2025

Focus Value:
 Tu Maia – Standing Brave



School Goal:
 Be a courageous learner

Our week drew to a close today with our Celebration Assemblies. The students have made a great start to the term and it is nice to be able to acknowledge them with Triple A and Values Awards. Well done to all the students who received awards this week.

Manaia Walker, Annabelle Russell, Esme Coster, Osmanbek Nabizada, Ayra Faris, Ardie Wood, Lola Shaw, Liam Harris, Lexi Morgan, Evaan Bal, Maiev Gamonez, Finn Gardiner, Liam Mischieski, Heidi Marx, Cale Nikolajenko, Lohith Vadapalli, Bianca Bartle, Willow Cross, Hendrik Jordaan, Ruby Early, Bella Zhou, Xandrei Tamayo, Thea Parkinson, Aria Dwyer, Summer Trundle, Fynn Chaloner, Julia Jones, Byron Sole, Joseph Johns-King, Martine Henry-Smith, Valentino Te Pau Konui-Jacobs, Payton Rook

Congratulations also to the following students who achieved their Honours Badge at assembly today which recognises them as Honours students for their dedication, effort and citizenship at Bell Block School.

Willa Clark, Lily Hooper, Alice Stephens, Harleen Sodhi, Indie Rook, Cameron Johnston, Chloe Bishop, Peyton Metcalfe

In conversations with many of our families, it has been fantastic to hear about students coming home excited and inquisitive about this term's schoolwide inquiry unit. I have been hearing lots of interesting ideas from the students about what they are planning on doing and they certainly have some grand plans ahead.

Other than the disruption of the strike action, next week should be another settled week for our students as we draw closer to Grandparents' Day and the Book Fair coming up in Week 4.

Looking Ahead

	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 9:00 New Entrants' Transition Visit	STRIKE ACTION SCHOOL CLOSED 5:00 Board Meeting	8:00 Breakfast Club
	Monday 27 October	Tuesday 28 October	Wednesday 29 October	Thursday 30 October	Friday 31 October
Week 4	LABOUR DAY SCHOOL CLOSED		8:00 Breakfast Club 9:00 New Entrants' Transition Visit - Kapa Haka Group Practice	- Book Fair 1:30 Puanga Festival - Year 6 Taster Year 7-8	8:00 Breakfast Club - Book Fair - Grandparents' Day

Strike Action – Thursday 23 October

You may be aware of the proposed nationwide strike planned for Thursday 23 October 2025. This action includes teachers, principals, support staff and Ministry of Education specialists, as well as many others in the health and public sectors. We know this causes a huge inconvenience for you, our school community, and we really appreciate your understanding and support. At this stage, we will not have enough staff at school to ensure the health and safety of learners if they come in on that day. As a result, the Board has decided that school will not be open for instruction and **students will not be able to attend school on Thursday 23 October**. We apologise for the impact this has on our families. We will keep you updated if there are any changes in the coming days.



Grandparents' Day – Friday 31 October 2025

Please join us for Grandparents' Day on **Friday 31 October**. We invite all Kuia, Koro, Grandmas, Grandads and extended whānau to come to school and have morning tea with their tamariki, spend time in classes and browse our Book Fair. All whānau are welcome to attend and we would love to see you there!

Grandparents' Day is held in conjunction with our Book Fair. Students are encouraged to dress up as their *FAVOURITE BOOK CHARACTER* on Friday 31 October. Prizes for best dressed will be awarded after the parades.

Our PTA will have tea, coffee, lemonade and baking available for sale, as well as raffle tickets to purchase.

The programme for the day is as follows:

9:45am: Whānau may assemble in the hall ready for the Book Character Parades.

10:00am Year 0-3 Book Character Parade (Rooms 1-8)

10:30am Year 4-8 Book Character Parade (Rooms 9-20)

11:00am Morning Tea: Whānau are welcome to join their child's class to eat morning tea or may accompany their tamariki to the library to browse the Book Fair.

11:30am Return to Class: The bell will ring to signal the end of morning tea and students will return to their class. Whānau are invited to join their tamariki in class. Your child/ren may wish to share some work in their classroom or accompany you to browse the Book Fair in the library. We encourage you to spend some time in classrooms, check out our wonderful class displays and have your tamariki talk you through their learning. It is a great time to touch base with what is going on in our classrooms and we would love to see you in our spaces.

12:15pm: The bell will ring and normal class time will resume. Please note there is an expectation that students remain at school for the remainder of the school day.



Book Fair 2025

When: Thursday 30 October to Monday 3 November
Time: 8.30am - 3.30pm
Where: Bell Block School Library

Throughout Book Fair week, students have the opportunity to browse through a selection of books on sale and take part in exciting activities that are held in the library at break times.

We have had a great response to our Book Fair Design Competition these past few weeks. Students have been hard at work designing some amazing bookmarks. Winners from each year group receive vouchers to spend at the Book Fair and the winning bookmarks are copied and laminated for friends and whānau. Next week our Librarian has another fun competition for all students to enter.



Cycle Skills

Thank you to the amazing team from *Let's Go Cycle Skills* for all their mahi with our students over the past few weeks. The programme has given students the opportunity to build their cycling skills, develop their road safety understanding, and experience success in a range of ways.

Class Placement 2026

Thank you to all the parents who have shared information to support class placements for next year. Our staff are now busy planning the placements for students for their 2026 classes, which is an important part of our preparation for the year ahead. A great deal of care and consideration goes into this process.

Conrad Hailes
Principal

COMMUNITY NOTICES:



ReCharge
Intermediate Youth

GAMES NIGHT

FRIDAY 17 / 10
6-8PM

SCHOOL YEARS 6-9
NORTHPOINT



OPEN DAY

Conductive Education Taranaki
MAXIMISING THE ABILITY IN DISABILITY

Wed Oct 29th
10am - 2pm
Westtown School, Sanders Ave

- View a Conductive Education class
- Video Game Rehabilitation demo
- Visit our inclusive Playgroup
- Lunch time networking
- An educational talk
- Meet the team

Register Now

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East End
Surf Lifesaving Club

Sunday November 2nd 2025 11am-2.00pm

Open Day 2025

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Come on down to the **EAST END SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB** (Nobs Line Fitzroy) to see what Junior Surf (Surf Club) is all about.

Tour the club rooms, check out the IRB's and join in on some beach games. Have a snack while watching some cool ocean displays.

If you wish to register for Surf Club, ask questions, have a look around or grab some more information this is the time to do it! Come on down.

See Facebook for day schedule: <https://www.facebook.com/share/176bgZIMVg/>

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CNR CORONATION AVENUE & SADDLE ROW

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SESSION TIMES

Saturday 18th Oct	Sunday 19th Oct
11 AM - 12:30 PM 1:30 PM - 3 PM	11 AM - 12:30 PM 1:30 PM - 3 PM

THE AMAZING DINOSAUR DISCOVERY is an interactive dinosaur walk through that brings prehistoric times alive. Discover over 30 lifelike Dinosaurs on their journey around New Zealand.

There is something for everyone - young or old, 2 to 20! Including the **Dinomite Playground, Fossil Digging, Learning Laboratory, FacePainting, Dino Rides and much much more!** You don't want to miss your chance to greet the Walking Dinosaur! - Raptor the Raptor or the very cute Dolly the baby Dinosaur! Be amazed and thrilled as the greatest creatures ever to walk the earth return and come alive before your eyes.

GA Admission includes: access to the interactive walk-through, fossil digging, bouncy castles, face painting, dinosaur crafts, walking dinosaurs, and Dino-mite playground.

PRICES	General Admission	MEGA Pass
Adult / Child	\$25	\$35
Senior / Secondary	\$23	\$33

Family Pass
(Includes 12 children or adults + 12 adults)
\$88 (General Admission)

► Children under 2 years are free with paying adult.
► Limited BTPOS, cash recommended for convenience!
► You can also book with credit card via **EVENTIMEDIA**

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MEGA Pass includes: Choose from a variety of additional activities, games and rides which require tokens

Tokens - available to purchase from inside the event for \$2ea



Locals & Lions Day

EVENT UPDATE

We regret to inform you that **Locals & Lions Day 2025** has been **cancelled** due to low interest levels and a lack of substantial registrations.

While this decision was not easy, it was made after careful consideration to ensure our events continue to reflect the community engagement, quality, and impact that the Lions Club Bell Block & Districts strives to deliver.

We extend our sincere gratitude to all sponsors, partners, and participants who showed support, generosity, and enthusiasm throughout the planning process. Your contribution and community spirit have truly been appreciated.

Though this event won't go ahead as planned, the **Lions Club Bell Block & Districts** remains committed to creating future initiatives that bring people together, support local causes, and make a meaningful difference.

Thank you for your understanding and continued support.

For any questions or concerns regarding the event cancellation, please don't hesitate to contact us at localsandlionspihms@gmail.com

Stay connected with us on social media for the latest news and future event updates.