

BELL BLOCK SCHOOL NEWSLETTER #32
Friday 24 October 2025

Focus Value:
 Tu Maia – Standing Brave



School Goal:
 Encourage bravery in others

I would like to thank our community for their support around the NZEI strike and apologise for the disruption and impact this has on our families. After a disrupted week, we look forward to the long weekend ahead.

Next week our Kapa Haka group will perform at the Puanga Festival in Waitara. They always do such a great job representing our school and community and we know this year's group will be striving to give it their best as well. We will end next week with the Book Fair and Grandparents' Day. I know many of our students have been planning their costumes for weeks and the school will be alive with characters from all kinds of books on Friday. Our families are welcome to come along and be part of the fun, see the parade, visit the Book Fair and there will be tea, coffee and a selection of baked treats on sale thanks to our PTA group. See below for further information and the schedule for Grandparents' Day.

Community Consultation Questionnaire

Today we have opened our Community Consultation Questionnaire which has been emailed to all school whānau. This is an important opportunity for our families to share feedback on what is going well at our school, what they would like to see change and to provide insight into our teaching and learning programmes from a parent's perspective. This questionnaire also includes a review of our health programme and asks which areas you believe we should focus on moving forward. We understand that our whānau are very busy, but we would greatly appreciate your time in helping our school continue to grow and improve. Please take a few minutes to provide us with your feedback if you are able. Please submit your response by Wednesday 12 November.

Looking Ahead

	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
	Monday 3 November	Tuesday 4 November	Wednesday 5 November	Thursday 6 November	Friday 7 November
Week 5	8:00 Breakfast Club - Book Fair - Class Councillor Connections Trip		8:00 Breakfast Club 9:00 New Entrants' Transition Visit - Kapa Haka Group Practice	Year 6 Taster Year 7-8	8:00 Breakfast Club 9:30 Year 4-8 Celebration Assembly 10:00 Year 0-3 Celebration Assembly

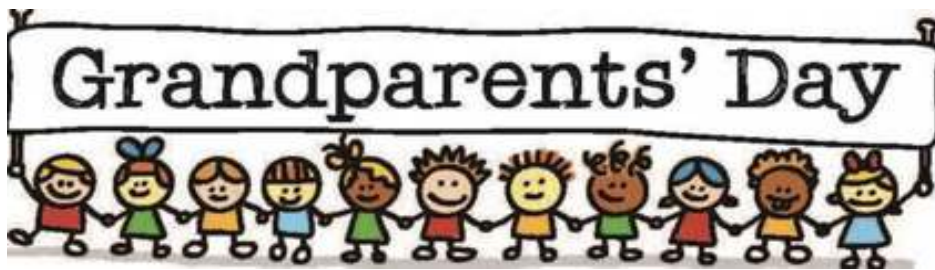
Teacher Only Day – Monday 10 November

A reminder that Monday 10 November is Teacher Only Day. School will be closed to students.

Athletics Days – 19 and 20 November

In Week 7 of this term, we will hold our schoolwide Athletics Days. Please add the date to your calendars, we welcome whānau to join us if you're able to cheer on your child/ren. Year 0-3 students will compete on Wednesday 19 November and Year 4-8 students will compete on Thursday 20 November. Further details and schedule for the day will follow shortly.





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 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

Our Book Fair is next week! We can't wait to see you in the library browsing at some amazing items from Scholastic. Over three fabulous days we have books, stationery, STEM kits, toys and much more for sale.

When: Thursday 30 October to Monday 3 November

Time: 8.30am - 3.30pm **Where:** Bell Block School Library

**BOOK FAIR
GARDEN**
Catch the reading bug!

Students have had fun guessing the number of insects and animals in our little library garden and we have had an outstanding number of entries to our bookmark competition. All winners will be announced next week.



PTA News

The PTA is pleased to have two popular fundraisers return to the Book Fair this year.



Our refreshments stall will be run from the old tuck shop (behind the library) during Grandparents' Day. Tea, coffee, homemade lemonade and home baking will be available for sale - \$2 an item (cash only).

We will also be running two fabulous raffles at the Book Fair. There are two hampers to choose from, each filled with books, bookmarks, stationery, colouring and activity books and much more! Tickets are available from Thursday 30 October and are \$2 each (cash only). Pop in and see our fabulous PTA members, we look forward to seeing you!



Conrad Hailes
Principal

COMMUNITY NOTICES:

