

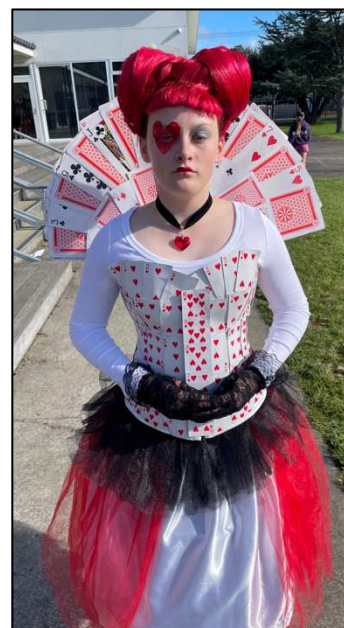
BELL BLOCK SCHOOL NEWSLETTER #33
Friday 31 October 2025

Focus Value:
Tu Maia – Standing Brave



School Goal:
Encourage bravery in others

Week 4 has drawn to a close with our traditional Grandparents' Day and Book Fair character dress up. The students looked amazing and the time and effort put into the designs and building of some of the outfits was impressive. With the help of our visiting author, Helen Griffiths, the winners of each category were selected, which is always such a hard job with so many amazing costumes and designs being worn. Thank you to all the grandparents and families who were able to attend. It is always great to have our community involved in school life and the students certainly love having their special visitors come to school.



Well done also to our Kapa Haka rōpu for their performance at the Puanga Festival on Thursday. As always, they represented our school with pride and have worked hard practising to put on a performance of that calibre. Well done to all the students, parents and staff involved and of course thank you to Whaea Raewyn Ashby for her work with our rōpu.

As you may be aware, there has been a lot of change in our curriculums which guide what we teach. This will take us some time to unpack and put into practice but our staff work hard to make sure we are providing the best possible learning opportunities for our students.



Next week we have our Celebration Assemblies on Friday so please feel welcome to come and join us if you are able and celebrate the students who do such a great job with their learning every day.

Teacher Only Day – Monday 10 November

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

Community Consultation Questionnaire

Just a reminder about our Community Consultation Questionnaire which was emailed to all whānau last week. 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. The questionnaire also includes a review of our health programme and asks which areas you believe we should focus on moving forward. We appreciate 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					
Week 5	Monday 3 November	Tuesday 4 November	Wednesday 5 November	Thursday 6 November	Friday 7 November
	8:00 Breakfast Club - Book Fair - Class Councillor Connections Trip		8:00 Breakfast Club 9:00 New Entrants' Transition Visit - Kapa Haka Group Practice		8:00 Breakfast Club 9:00 New Entrants' Transition Visit 2026 Cohort 9:30 Year 4-8 Celebration Assembly 10:00 Year 0-3 Celebration Assembly
Week 6	Monday 10 November	Tuesday 11 November	Wednesday 12 November	Thursday 13 November	Friday 14 November
	TEACHER ONLY DAY SCHOOL CLOSED		8:00 Breakfast Club - Kapa Haka Group Practice	Staff v Students Volleyball	8:00 Breakfast Club 9:00 New Entrants' Transition Visit - Toastmasters Speech Competition - HIS Orientation Day

Pack the Bus – Tuesday 18 November

On Tuesday 18 November, we are supporting the *Pack the Bus* fundraising venture to help Taranaki families in need. Students are encouraged to bring a donation for one of the four charities that help make the holiday season special for people and animals in need:

- non-perishable food item for *On The House*
- new unwrapped children's gifts for *Roderique Hope Trust*
- cat/kitten food for *Taranaki Animal Protection Trust*
- dog/puppy food for *We Love Dogs Charitable Trust*



Athletics Days – 19 and 20 November

Our schoolwide Athletics Days are coming up with the Year 0-3 students having their day on Wednesday 19 November and the Year 4-8 students taking part on Thursday 20 November. Please add the date to your calendars, so you can once again come and see your child/ren in action.



Swimming

Class swimming lessons begin on **Monday 24 November**. Please see the swimming timetable below and make a note of which days your child requires their togs and towel. Parent volunteers to take small groups of students are always welcome. If you are interested in volunteering to help your child's class, please make contact with the classroom teacher.



Bell Block School Swimming Timetable - Term 4 2025						
	Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Inside Pool	12:15 - 1:00		Room 17 (2 lanes only)	Room 17 (2 lanes only)		
	1:40 - 2:20	Rooms 9/10	Rooms 19/20	Rooms 19/20	Rooms 11/12	Rooms 9/10
	2:20 - 3:00	Rooms 11/12	Rooms 13/14	Rooms 16/18	Rooms 16/18	Rooms 13/14
Outside Pool (Juniors)	12:15 - 1:00	Rooms 5/6	Rooms 7/8		Rooms 5/6	Rooms 7/8
	1:40 - 2:45	Rooms 1/4	Rooms 1/4		Rooms 2/3	Rooms 2/3

Bell Block School Board – Vacancy for Parent Representative

A vacancy exists on the school Board for a fifth parent/community representative. If you are interested in the position, please send an email to the Board Secretary

kim.hill@bellblock.school.nz by 21 November 2025. Please include an

outline of your connection to the school and community, and relevant skills/experience to assist the Board in voting for a new representative. Here is a useful webinar outlining the role of a parent representative: <https://vimeo.com/807796713>. The Board will select the new representative in its November meeting on 27 November.

Thank You to Methanex

A huge thank you to Methanex for their generous donation towards new STEM resources for our school. Your support helps us create even more exciting opportunities for our students to explore and extend their learning in Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths (STEM). We're so grateful for your contribution to our learners' future.

Conrad Hailes
Principal

COMMUNITY NOTICES:

Whats on these Holidays @Adventure

Adventure Everyday - For children aged 5-13, we've planned a range of themed days, activities, arts & crafts, fun & games. \$55/day
 Adventure Outdoors - For children 8-13, we have a different day trip planned for some awesome outdoor activities. \$80/day
 Adventure Legends - ***NEW PROGRAMME*** - Specifically designed for 10-13 year olds we've got a range of high interest, high energy, hands on activities. \$65/day

Our programmes are planned and run by teachers, teacher aids and enthusiastic staff. OSCAR available.
 For more info and to BOOK NOW visit www.adventure.co.nz

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
WEEK 1	15 Adventure Everyday Santa's Workshop Christmas Crafts #88 FITZROY NOT OPEN TODAY!!	16 Adventure Everyday Christmas Scavenger Hunt Adventure Outdoors Surfing & Outdoors All - Surfing PM - Archery & Eating	17 Adventure Everyday Ginger Bread Man Baking Day Adventure Outdoors Surfing & Outdoors All - Surfing PM - North Egmont	18 Adventure Everyday Naughty or Nice Adventure Outdoors Surfing & Outdoors All - Surfing PM - Target Shooting	19 Adventure Everyday Edventures Got Talent Adventure Outdoors Surfing & Outdoors All - Surfing PM - Indoor Rock Climbing
WEEK 2	22 Adventure Everyday Disney Day Adventure Outdoors 2-day Fishing Module	23 Adventure Everyday Christmas Carnival & Fun day Adventure Outdoors 2-day Fishing Module	24 Adventure Everyday Candy Cane Day Xmas Crafts Card Making Special visit from the big man in red	25 Adventure Everyday Santa's Workshop Adventure Outdoors Surfing & Outdoors All - Surfing PM - Target Shooting	
Christmas and New Year Break					
WEEK 3	12 Adventure Everyday Ice Cream Sundae Funday + Science Experiments Adventure Outdoors Ropes challenges, knot tying, archery & hut building	13 Adventure Everyday Fest Factor & Trivia Adventure Outdoors Mountain field trip	14 Adventure Everyday Nature & Wheels Day Adventure Outdoors Fishing & Swimming pools	15 Adventure Everyday Makers & Builders Day Adventure Outdoors Eating, target shooting & camp fire	16 Adventure Everyday Pizza, Pops & Pom-pom Party Adventure Outdoors Indoor Rock Climbing & Mt Parkful
WEEK 4	19 Adventure Everyday Master Chef Monday Adventure Legends Foreshore, rockpools, & Ninja course	20 Adventure Everyday Mad Hatters Tea Party Adventure Legends Art, Games and D&D	21 Adventure Everyday Waterfun Wednesday Adventure Legends Laser Tag & Pukeluna Park	22 Adventure Everyday Glow in the Dark & Wheels Day Adventure Legends Sports Leadership	23 Adventure Everyday Colour Carnival Adventure Legends Wheels Day - Skate Park
WEEK 5	26 Adventure Everyday Minute to Win it! & Mini Olympics Adventure Legends Foreshore, rockpools, & Ninja course	27 Adventure Everyday Tie-dye Tuesday Adventure Legends Art, Games and D&D	28 Adventure Everyday Waterfun Wednesday Adventure Legends Laser Tag & Pukeluna Park	29 Adventure Everyday Team Challenges & Sports Adventure Legends Sports Leadership	30 Adventure Everyday Wheels Day Adventure Legends Wheels Day - Skate Park

FREE Present this voucher to receive one free day when you book into any other holiday programme day.

Where to come...
 Education New Plymouth - Parnell School Hall, Burnside St.
 Entrance by the school swimming pool.
 Adventure Inglewood - 20 Parnell School Hall, Stendish St.
 Drop off 8.30 - 8.55am
 Pick up 3.00 - 3.30pm

What to bring...
 All Programmes
 - packed lunch
 - drink bottle
 - sunhat, raincoat
 - Check daily activity

Outdoors Programme
 Also bring
 - Change of clothing
 - Covered shoes
 - Topswear if swimming or water activity

Get in touch...
 Education New Plymouth - Ph Mark - 021 0234 1578
 Adventure Inglewood - Ph Jayne - 027 258 9177
 Admin and all other enquiries - Ph Kelly - 021 404 430
 BOOK NOW www.adventure.co.nz
 email enquiry@adventure.co.nz

A COMMUNITY EVENT
FOR THE WHOLE WHĀNAU

SPRING CARNIVAL

FRIDAY 31ST OCTOBER 2025
 5.30 PM - 7.30 PM
 AT NORTHPOINT CHURCH

FOOD, GAMES + FUN

KOHA ENTRY
(INCLUDES FOOD)