

BELL BLOCK SCHOOL NEWSLETTER #34
Friday 7 November 2025

Focus Value:
Tū Māia – Standing Brave



School Goal:
Be brave enough to
give things a go

After a busy week last week, this week has been more settled and we have appreciated the change in weather that we have had this week. Our Book Fair closed on Monday and thank you to all those families who were able to support us. A big thank you also to our Librarian, Cindy Manukonga, and the PTA helpers for their mahi running this event.

Today we held our Celebration Assemblies and with only two more before the Final Prizegiving it was great to acknowledge another group of students who are continuing to give their very best. Well done to everyone who received an award this week.

Lilah Wise, Cooper Birkett, Gaurinandha Praveen, Evlyn Gamlath, Ivy Stewart-Jacks, Carter Walsh, Soyou Han, Adam Maulana, Fatih Muhammad Faris, Cian Marsh, Jacob Chapman, Archer Jensen-Wade, Dinuga Wickramathanthri, Leo Charlton, Ngaia Roach, Amrit Singh, Vanessa Wellstood, Ju-an Pretorius, Elsa Ryan, Lukas Gibson, Billy Stosic, Jordan Smith, Percy Raikes, Fletcher Coster, Alliyah Parayno, Oliver Campbell, Te Taumata Singh, Andy Liu, Vinayak Chand, George Clark, Kayson Gordon, Achyuth Vavilala, Isaac Smith, Chloe Yang, Cohen Mullin, Vereti Ligavatu, Sophie Stretton, Lizé Rorke

Over the next two weeks, students will be undertaking their end-of-year assessments. These help us see the progress made since the start of the year and guide our planning for the remainder of 2025, as well as for the beginning of 2026, targeting areas for improvement. As you can imagine, it is a busy time and it can be challenging to catch up on missed assessments if students are away, so we appreciate your support in ensuring regular attendance.

Teacher Only Day – Monday 10 November

A reminder that next week we have our final Ministry of Education Teacher Only Day. School will be closed to students on Monday 10 November while staff are undertaking development around the new maths curriculum.

Community Consultation Questionnaire

Just a reminder that the Community Consultation Questionnaire closes on Wednesday. Please take some time to provide feedback to help our school continue to grow and improve. The link has been emailed to all school whānau.

Looking Ahead

	Monday 10 November	Tuesday 11 November	Wednesday 12 November	Thursday 13 November	Friday 14 November
Week 6	TEACHER ONLY DAY SCHOOL CLOSED		8:00 Breakfast Club - Kapa Haka Group Practice - Community Consultation Survey closes	Staff v Students Volleyball	8:00 Breakfast Club 9:00 New Entrants' Transition Visit 2026 Cohort - Inglewood High School Orientation Day - Taranaki Diocesan New Girls' Day
	Monday 17 November	Tuesday 18 November	Wednesday 19 November	Thursday 20 November	Friday 21 November
Week 7	8:00 Breakfast Club 11:00 Year 8 Visit to NPBHS & NPGHS	Pack the Bus	8:00 Breakfast Club - Kapa Haka Group Practice - Year 0-3 Athletics (Year 4 Long Jump)	Year 4-8 Athletics and Sprint Finals	8:00 Breakfast Club 9:00 New Entrants' Transition Visit 9:30 Year 4-8 Celebration Assembly 10:00 Year 0-3 Celebration Assembly

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 below 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 gift for *Roderique Hope Trust*
- cat/kitten food for *Taranaki Animal Protection Trust*
- dog/puppy food for *We Love Dogs Charitable Trust*

Athletics Days

Our schoolwide Athletics Days are coming up and, once again, we invite our families to come along and see their children in action. Events in both track and field will take place and the students will be giving their best across several events and relays. It is always a great couple of days and we look forward to many of our families being able to support the students and their efforts.

Years 0-3 – Wednesday 19 November (Postponement date 25 November)

The Year 0-3 students have their Athletics Day on Wednesday 19 November where they will participate in long jump, agility/hurdles, shot put and sprints on the school field.

Year 4 – Wednesday 19 November & Thursday 20 November

Our Year 4 students will have their long jump event on Wednesday 19 November from 12:00pm until 1:00pm. On Thursday 20 November, the Year 4 students will participate in high jump, shot put, discus and fun hurdles from 9:15am until 11:10am. Pre-determined finalists will compete in sprints from 1:55pm. Heats will be held during class time next week so that the fastest eight finalists can be determined. Class and whānau relays will be held from 2:20pm.

Years 5-8 – Thursday 20 November (Postponement date 24 November)

All Year 5-8 students will take part on Thursday 20 November in high jump, long jump, shot put and discus. The highly anticipated 100m and 200m sprint finals will be held from 1:55pm. Sprint heats will be held during class time so that the fastest eight finalists for each year group and gender can be determined.

Wednesday 19 November

12:00pm-1:00pm	Year 4 Long Jump
1:30pm-3:00pm	Year 0-3 Team (Rooms 1-8)

Thursday 20 November

9:15am-11:10am	Year 4-6 Team (Rooms 9-14)
11:30am-1:25pm	Year 7-8 Team (Rooms 16-20)
From 1:55pm	Sprint Finals 100m & 200m (Years 4-8 finalists)
Approx. 2:20pm	Class and Whānau Relays (Years 4-8)



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.

Pizza Day – Wednesday 10 December



Our final Pizza Day for the year will be held on Wednesday 10 December to raise funds for the Student Council Legacy Project. Please note that the Meatlovers flavour is no longer available. Pizza flavours on offer are Hawaiian, Pepperoni and Cheese. Orders may be placed via the [myKindo](#) app and will close on **Sunday 7 December 2025**.

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

Scholastic Book Fair 2025

Thank you to everyone who visited our Book Fair last week. Every purchase from the library earned the school rewards dollars to spend with Scholastic – this year we earned over \$3,300 in Scholastic dollars to purchase books and other items for our school! Such wonderful support from our community.

The PTA would also like to thank everyone who bought a ticket for the raffle that was run during Grandparents' Day – both winners have been contacted and they have collected their prize. With all tickets sold, \$400 was raised to go to the library.



Conrad Hailes
Principal

COMMUNITY NOTICES:

SMASH PLAY

FREE! Junior Cricket Years 1 - 4

NORTH TARANAKI HUBS

H NEW PLYMOUTH OLD BOYS CC

U THURSDAYS: 4.00-5.00pm

B 4 WEEKS, 6 NOV - 11 DEC (2 reserve weeks)

1 WESTERN PARK, NEW PLYMOUTH

H WOODLEIGH CRICKET CLUB

U THURSDAYS: 4.00-5.00pm

B 4 WEEKS, 6 NOV - 11 DEC (2 reserve weeks)

2 SUTHERLAND PARK, NEW PLYMOUTH

H NEW PLYMOUTH MARIST UNITED CC

U THURSDAYS: 5.15 - 6.15pm

B 4 WEEKS, 6 NOV - 11 DEC (2 reserve weeks)

3 LYNMOUTH PARK, NEW PLYMOUTH

TARANAKI CRICKET

TO FIND OUT MORE SCAN QR CODE OR VISIT:
<https://www.taranaki-cricket.co.nz/communities/north-taranaki-smash-play-2025-26>

ReCharge

Intermediate Youth

Unfortunately, due to leaders away,
there is no ReCharge this
Friday 7th November.

Thanks for your understanding,
see you back next week.