

BELL BLOCK SCHOOL NEWSLETTER #37
Friday 28 November 2025

Focus Value:
Tū Māia – Standing Brave



School Goal:
Believe in yourself

With another week completed, our end-of-year processes are well underway. On Wednesday we thanked all our school helpers from the community. We have been fortunate to have coaches and managers, readers, road patrollers and trip parents as well as our PTA and Board who all help support our school. As one of our Year 7 students said in their leadership application speech, "we cannot succeed without the support of those around us". This is very true and we are very grateful for the time and effort of our community that provides opportunities and support for our students. Thank you all so much.

We would like to congratulate our Assistant Principal, Mrs Emily Doelman, who has been successful in her application for a Deputy Principal role at Frankley School next year. We wish Emily all the best for her step up into this exciting new role and thank her for her work with our students and input into growing our school. Emily has had many roles and areas of leadership during her time at Bell Block School, where she started her teaching career.

At the end of the year, we will also be farewelling Miss Jorja McCarthy from Room 19 who will be returning to Wellington, and Miss Grace Jackson from Room 16 who is taking up a position at Devon Intermediate in 2026. I would like to thank both Jorja and Grace for all their efforts while at Bell Block School and wish them all the best for the next step in their careers.

Adding to our teaching staff for 2026, we will be welcoming back Miss Monique van Beers who is returning full time after her travels, and we have appointed Mrs Christine Julian, currently the Deputy Principal at Rahotu School, and Miss Jade McMurray, who is currently in our science role. Mrs Alex Thompson will also be returning to take over the science role in Term 1. We look forward to working with these new and returning staff in 2026 and beyond.

Swimming has started and, with the hotter weather, class trips to the pool are certainly a welcome return. Swimming lessons focus on water safety and water survival skills at this time of the year. Please help your child to be organised with their swimming gear so they don't miss out.

Our Road Patrollers had a day at the Todd Energy Aquatic Centre to thank them for their service this year. Road patrol can be a tough role in the rain and wind of winter and we thank the Year 6 students who give up their own time to look after our pedestrians.

Athletics Results

During the Sports Assembly this week, we awarded certificates to the placegetters from the Year 4-8 athletics events. It is wonderful to see so many students receiving awards for their efforts. We have some amazing athletes and so many students who just give these school events their best efforts even when it's not their favourite activity. It is great to see our students showing their best always – *kaha i ngā wā katoa*. Results of our Year 4-8 placegetters for Athletics Day are published at the end of this newsletter.

Arcade Game Day – Wednesday 3 December

Next week, on Wednesday 3 December, our highlight will be the Arcade Game Day where students from the Year 4-6 and Year 7-8 teams will be presenting their forces-based arcade games that they have created from scratch. Our families are invited to come along to the hall and see what the students have created and hear about the learning that has occurred. Our students have been working hard and they have had some wonderfully creative ideas.

School hall

11:30am – 12:30pm	Year 4-6 Display (Rooms 9-14)
1:40pm - 2:30pm	Year 7-8 Display (Rooms 16-20)

End-of-Year Reports

Reports will be published on the school app and emailed to caregivers this Friday 5 December summing up the learning from this year and containing class placements for 2026. Students will meet their 2026 teacher and classmates for a short introductory visit on Wednesday 10 December.

Looking Ahead					
	Monday 1 December	Tuesday 2 December	Wednesday 3 December	Thursday 4 December	Friday 5 December
Week 9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:00 Breakfast Club 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:00 Breakfast Club Kapa Haka Group Practice Arcade Game Day 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 7-8 Outdoor Academy – Paddleboarding & Kayaking 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:00 Breakfast Club 9:30 Year 4-8 Celebration Assembly 10:00 Year 0-3 Celebration Assembly Reports published on school app
	Monday 8 December	Tuesday 9 December	Wednesday 10 December	Thursday 11 December	Friday 12 December
Week 10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:00 Breakfast Club 10:30 Kapa Haka & Year 7-8 Prizegiving Practice Trip to NPBHS 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lost Property on display 5:45 Year 8 Graduation Dinner 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:00 Breakfast Club Pizza Day 9:30 Meet the 2026 Teacher 6:00 Final Prizegiving & 2026 Student Leader announcements 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Last day of swimming for Term 4 	<p>Last day of the school year</p> <p>SCHOOL CLOSSES AT 12 NOON</p>

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. Orders via the [myKindo](#) app. Orders close this **Sunday 7 December 2025**.



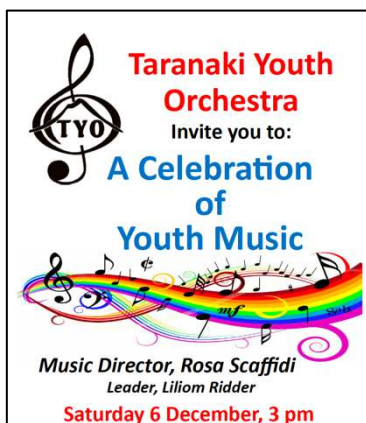
Lost Property



Our growing pile of lost property will be on display on **Tuesday 9 December**. Please have a look outside Room 1 to see if you can reclaim any missing items. Classes will be taken to view it and parents are welcome to have a look as well. Any items left at the end of term will be donated to charity.

Conrad Hailes
Principal

COMMUNITY NOTICES:





2025 Athletics Results

YEAR 4 GIRLS	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
High Jump	Salote Mauga	Apikale Ligavatu	Emily Collins
Long Jump	Salote Mauga	Emily Collins	Apikale Ligavatu
Shot Put	Diya Wilson Manas	Allex Lockley Marsh	Salote Mauga
Discus	Michaela Wright	Salote Mauga	Allex Lockley Marsh
100m Sprint	Salote Mauga	Apikale Ligavatu	Emily Collins
200m Sprint	Salote Mauga	Apikale Ligavatu	Mikella Hardgrave

YEAR 4 BOYS	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
High Jump	Arlo Rook	= Roman Payne = Fynn Chaloner	
Long Jump	Fynn Chaloner	Roman Payne	Arlo Rook
Shot Put	Arlo Rook	James Proffitt	Roman Payne
Discus	Roman Payne	Arlo Rook	= James Proffitt = Ishmeet Singh
100m Sprint	Roman Payne	Fynn Chaloner	Lachlan Poole
200m Sprint	Roman Payne	William Stretton	Fynn Chaloner



YEAR 5 GIRLS	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
High Jump	Emme Pringle	= Ella Walsh = Isabella Pignéguy	
Long Jump	Ella Walsh	Isabella Pignéguy	Emme Pringle
Shot Put	Paige Washer	Paula Meafua	= Matilda Lee = Amelia Williams
Discus	Emme Pringle	Paula Meafua	Amelia Williams
100m Sprint	Ella Walsh	Paula Meafua	Martine Henry-Smith
200m Sprint	Ella Walsh	Nadia Green	Paula Meafua



YEAR 5 BOYS	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
High Jump	Thomas Suter	Brodie McKenna	= Nicholas Hessel = Leo Charlton
Long Jump	Thomas Suter	Nicholas Hessel	Kayson Gordon
Shot Put	Thomas Suter	Jake Sanderson	Nicholas Hessel
Discus	Thomas Suter	Jake Sanderson	Finn Gardiner
100m Sprint	Thomas Suter	Byron Sole	Kayson Gordon
200m Sprint	Thomas Suter	Byron Sole	Kayson Gordon

YEAR 6 GIRLS	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
High Jump	Lucy Upton-Fleming	Danica Geraghty	Nya Piripi
Long Jump	Nya Piripi	Danica Geraghty	Mary Stephens
Shot Put	Danica Geraghty	Zoe Trim	Edi Coster
Discus	Nya Piripi	Danica Geraghty	Edi Coster
100m Sprint	Hania Mustafa	Nya Piripi	Danica Geraghty
200m Sprint	Hania Mustafa	Eve Goldfinch	Lucy Upton-Fleming

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YEAR 6 BOYS	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
High Jump	Jackson Payne	Zaiden Bishop	Kenneth Moratuwage
Long Jump	Jackson Payne	= Jamie Turama = Zaiden Bishop	
Shot Put	Maeson Ruwhiu	Taniora Cassidy	Hassan Mustafa
Discus	Zaiden Bishop	Maeson Ruwhiu	Taniora Cassidy
100m Sprint	Zaiden Bishop	Kenneth Moratuwage	Jackson Payne
200m Sprint	Zaiden Bishop	Taniora Cassidy	Jackson Payne

YEAR 7 GIRLS	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
High Jump	Asenaca Sauliga	Miila Laurence	Nya McLeod
Long Jump	Nya McLeod	Miila Laurence	Asenaca Sauliga
Shot Put	Kelly Henry	Samantha Ainsworth	Elsa Ryan
Discus	Sophie Trundle	Nya McLeod	Samantha Ainsworth
100m Sprint	Nya McLeod	Emmie Walsh	Asenaca Sauliga
200m Sprint	Nya McLeod	Olivia Davis	Pippa Welton

YEAR 7 BOYS	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
High Jump	Archer Pringle	Felix Evans	Jack Goldfinch
Long Jump	Jack Goldfinch	Archer Pringle	Jaxon Hardgrave
Shot Put	Archer Pringle	Jasnoor Singh	Vijay Mwaengeni
Discus	Archer Pringle	Andr� Paris	Heath Logie
100m Sprint	Jack Goldfinch	Archer Pringle	Felix Evans
200m Sprint	Jack Goldfinch	Archer Pringle	Likith Vadapalli

YEAR 8 GIRLS	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
High Jump	Indie Mattock	Charlotte Russell	Chloe Bishop
Long Jump	Indie Mattock	Charlotte Russell	Lily Hooper
Shot Put	Aurora Fieldes	Evelyn Haw	Ngaia Roach
Discus	Willa Clark	Skye Ramsay	Ngaia Roach
100m Sprint	Chloe Bishop	Charlotte Russell	Evelyn Haw
200m Sprint	Charlotte Russell	Chloe Bishop	Indie Mattock

YEAR 8 BOYS	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
High Jump	Maatai Taogaga	Vereti Ligavatu	Varma Vadapalli
Long Jump	Maatai Taogaga	Billy Marx	Varma Vadapalli
Shot Put	Maatai Taogaga	Amritraj Singh	Varma Vadapalli
Discus	Maatai Taogaga	Alex Ewing	Vereti Ligavatu
100m Sprint	Maatai Taogaga	Vereti Ligavatu	Billy Marx
200m Sprint	Maatai Taogaga	Varma Vadapalli	Vereti Ligavatu

RELAYS	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
Year 4-6	Room 13	Room 12	Room 14
Year 7-8	Room 18	Room 16	Room 19
Wh�nau	Kerer�	Takah�	K�tuku