

BELL BLOCK SCHOOL NEWSLETTER #4
Friday 27 February 2026



Focus Value:
 Respect - Whakaute

School Goal:
 I treat my classmates
 and friends the way I
 want to be treated

It was great to welcome parents and caregivers for the Open Morning this week to see our Structured Literacy programmes in action. This way of learning is very different to how many of us would have been taught when we were at school. The parents in attendance heard about the research on learning that underpins Structured Literacy and how that relates to the way students are taught. The parents and caregivers were also very attentive students as they attempted it themselves in a brief lesson. Seeing how these lessons operate with students helps to understand what actually happens in a classroom and what you can do at home to support your child's learning. Thank you to all the families who were able to come in. We appreciate that seeing the lessons in action in the classroom requires the Open Morning to be held during school hours which prevents many of our families from being able to attend and we are looking for ways to make this information available to all our whānau. With our Structured Literacy Facilitator onsite this week, our staff have been working hard to develop their programmes as the focus widens now to include reading that fits within this new style of teaching and learning.

As mentioned above, Structured Literacy is one of our school areas for development this year, with the focus moving from spelling to reading programmes. Our additional school focus areas this year are development and implementation of the new mathematics curriculum, and thirdly, the ongoing work applying the Science of Learning to our Inquiry programmes. The Ministry of Education focus on improving attendance will also continue to be an area we work on improving.

Next week we will have some excited Year 5 and 6 students as they head off on their 3-day camp to Vertical Horizon, and our Mangati Team students (Year 0-3) will have their Swimming Sports on Friday. We will also have our Celebration Assembly on Monday starting at 2:15pm, which our families are warmly welcomed to attend.

Looking Ahead

	Monday 2 March	Tuesday 3 March	Wednesday 4 March	Thursday 5 March	Friday 6 March
Week 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:00 Breakfast Club 2:15 Celebration Assembly 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:00 Breakfast Club Year 5-6 Camp 5:30 Year 7-8 Camp Meeting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 5-6 Camp 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:00 Breakfast Club Year 5-6 Camp 9:00 New Entrants Transition Visit Mangati Swimming Sports (Years 0-3)
Week 6	<p align="center">TARANAKI ANNIVERSARY</p> <p align="center">SCHOOL CLOSED</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cohort 2 starts 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:00 Breakfast Club Year 4-8 Swimming Sports 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mangati Swimming Sports Postponement Day (Years 0-3) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:00 Breakfast Club

Waihowaka Camp (Year 5-6) – 4-6 March

On Wednesday our Year 5-6 students will head off to camp at Vertical Horizon in Inglewood. This fantastic outdoor education experience is always a highlight of the year. If your child is attending camp, please ensure you check the gear list carefully and have all items clearly named. If you have any queries or concerns about camp, please contact your child's classroom teacher who will be happy to assist.

Waitaha Camp (Year 7-8) – 23-27 March

A reminder that digital camp permission forms are due **by today, Friday 27 February**.

Next week, we invite Year 7-8 families to attend our Camp Information Evening on **Wednesday 4 March at 5.30pm**. Please meet in Room 20. Following this, a meeting for confirmed camp parent helpers will be held at 6.30pm in Room 18.

Donations Wanted – Can you help?

We are seeking donations of board games or indoor activities for our *Whakawātea*, a calming space students can access during break times. If you're able to help, donations can be delivered to the school office. Thank you for your support.



Sports Registrations 2026

Rippa rugby teams have now been finalised and all players have been notified via the @school app. Hockey registrations close today.

Term 2

Hockey (Years 3-8)	Registrations close Friday 27 February
Netball (Years 7-8)	Registrations close Friday 13 March
Volleyball (Years 7-8)	Registrations close Friday 13 March

Term 3

Netball (Years 3-6)	Registrations close Friday 13 March
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For further information about each sport, including season dates and game details, please check our school website www.bellblock.school.nz.

Registration Confirmation

Once you have completed the registration via myKindo, please check that you receive an automatic Order Confirmation email. This ensures that the school has received your child's registration.

If you are having any difficulty making payment of sports fees, please contact the office in strict confidence before the deadline to discuss alternative arrangements.

If you have any queries about any sports teams, please get in touch with our Sports Co-Ordinator by email to sport@bellblock.school.nz or phone 755 0838.

Coaches Needed – Basketball



We are currently seeking more coaches for our basketball teams. Without a coach, the teams are not able to go ahead. Please contact the Sports Co-Ordinator as soon as possible if you, or someone you know, is able to assist. Email sport@bellblock.school.nz



PTA News – Pepper & Me Fundraiser

Who loves Man Rub, Mexellent Paste, or Man Grind? We know we sure do, so we are delighted to share that for Term 1 we are running a Pepper & Me fundraiser!

From Sunday, 20% of all sales [using this link](#) or the code FUNDBBS3/26 will be donated to support the school. Valid from 1 March to 25 March.

If you haven't tried any of the products, trust us - they're delicious. From sauces and pastes to salts and grinds; seasonings and sprinkles to crumbs and coatings, take your meals to the next level. There's even cocktail mixes to chuck straight in the jug, blend into a slushy, or rim the glass with. If you want to make the most of your Pepper & Me goodies [click here](#) for some simple, crowd-pleasing recipes showcasing the products. Be sure to take a look at the website, but **please wait until after Sunday** to make your orders through pepperandme.co.nz/FUNDBBS3/26 or code: FUNDBBS3/26. We'd appreciate your support.

Conrad Hailes
Principal

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