

BELL BLOCK SCHOOL NEWSLETTER #7
Friday 20 March 2026



Focus Value:
 Respect - Whakaute

School Goal:
 I take care of our
 classroom and
 playground

Week 7 started with our Celebration Assembly. A group of Room 14 students shared their written work describing themselves and the connections through their families. They spoke confidently to the full assembly which is no mean feat, and they should certainly be proud of their efforts. We also presented more students with Triple A and Values awards for being great students at Bell Block School.

Liam Lindo, Tylah Channings, Ayesha Haider, Keimi Jayasinghe, Theo Froude, Cooper Birkett, Cade Skedgwell, Cory Franklin, William Simpson, Meila Christiansen, Lachlan Poole, Nikau Russell, Julia Jones, On You Han, Jahrlin Gordon, Miila Laurence, Archer Pringle, Harper Johnston, Axyl Taran-Tino, Blayze McCulloch, Gaurinandha Praveen, Kelsey Kingsnorth, Avery Smith, Jasper Welton, Jali Deuart, Harrison Honeyfield, Jesse Franklin, Rory Meijer, Apikale Ligavatu, Layla Voyle, Archer Jensen-Wade, Lucy Upton-Fleming, Lexie Old and Arleen Kumar.

Well done to all the students who received awards this week.

The Triathlon on Wednesday saw the weather turn on a near perfect day for the hundreds of students who took the opportunity to take on this challenge either as part of a team or individually in front of a big crowd of parents and supporters. Well done to everyone who got involved and gave it their best. It was great to see students encouraging each other and really pushing themselves to be successful. Thanks again to Mrs Piercy and the team for their organisation of this event. See end of Newsletter for Swimming Sports results.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Michelle Pignéguy and Hannah Mace from our PTA, who have stepped down from their roles at the AGM this week. We have appreciated their work in leading the PTA over the last 4 years, supporting the school and students. Congratulations and well done to the newly elected members who will be taking on these roles moving forward.

Charlotte Piwari – Chairperson
 Janette Adamson – Treasurer
 Brenda Green and Sarah Forbes Knott – Secretaries

Next term, I have been fortunate to be awarded a sabbatical to investigate what the new structured approach to Mathematics looks like in terms of classroom delivery. During my time away Mrs Goldsworthy will ably take on the role of Acting Principal and lead the school.

Looking Ahead

	Monday 23 March	Tuesday 24 March	Wednesday 25 March	Thursday 26 March	Friday 27 March
Week 8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:00 Breakfast Club Year 7-8 Camp to El Rancho 9:30 Mangati (Rm 2/6) Trip to Puke Ariki 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 7-8 Camp to El Rancho 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:00 Breakfast Club 9:00 New Entrants' Transition Visit Year 7-8 Camp to El Rancho 9:30 Mangati (Rm 3/7) Trip to Puke Ariki 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 7-8 Camp to El Rancho 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:00 Breakfast Club Year 7-8 Camp to El Rancho 9:30 Mangati (Rm 4/5/8) Trip to Puke Ariki Last day of swimming (Yr 1-6)

	Monday 30 March	Tuesday 31 March	Wednesday 1 April	Thursday 2 April	Friday 3 April
Week 9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:00 Breakfast Club 2:15 Celebration Assembly 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parent Teacher Interviews 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:00 Breakfast Club 9:00 New Entrants' Transition Visit Interschool Swimming Sports Parent Teacher Interviews 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pizza Day Last day of Term 1 	GOOD FRIDAY SCHOOL CLOSED

Pizza Day – Thursday 2 April

Pizza Day will be held on Thursday 2 April to raise funds for the Student Council Legacy Project. The cost is \$3.00 per slice, \$3.50 per slice for gluten free. Order via the [myKindo](#) app. Orders close next **Sunday 29 March 2026**.



Parent/Teacher Interviews – 31 March and 1 April



Interviews will be held on **Tuesday 31 March** from 3:00 to 7:30pm and **Wednesday 1 April** from 3:00 to 4:30pm. The online booking system is now open. Please book your Parent/Teacher Interview by tapping on the 'Interview' button on the *@school* parent app. If you have any issues booking your interviews, please call the office team who will be only too happy to help out.

End of Term 1 – Thursday 2 April

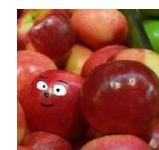
Just a reminder that the last day of school for this term is **Thursday 2 April** with Friday 13 April being Good Friday.

Sports Assembly

A Sports Assembly will be held during Term 2 to award place-getters of the Year 4-8 Swimming Sports and Triathlon. Further details will follow and whānau are welcome to attend.

Yummy Apple Stickers – FREE sports gear for school

During Terms 2 and 3, we will, once again, collect stickers from individual Yummy apples or cut-out labels from bags of Yummy apples to earn FREE sports gear for the school.



Ryan Hailes Memorial Scholarship 2026



The Ryan Hailes Memorial Scholarship recognises emerging young sports people who demonstrate excellence in their chosen sport. The purpose of the scholarship is to offer financial contribution in recognition of the costs involved in competing at a regional and/or national representative level. If you know a deserving recipient, please apply in writing by email to sport@bellblock.school.nz. Applications for Term 1 must be received no later than *Friday 20 March*.

PTA News – Pepper & Me Fundraiser

Last call for Pepper & Me orders: A friendly reminder that we have a fundraiser currently running with Pepper & Me. 20% of sale using our custom code: **FUNDBBS3/26** will directly support the school. Their products are delicious and will take your meals to the next level.

Get your orders in by 25 March. Click [our custom link](#) to make your order.

We appreciate all of your support.

Conrad Hailes
Principal

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Fundraising Programme
Simply use the code **FUNDBBS3/26** *This is your code*
and 20% of all sales using the code will be donated to support
Bell Block School
At checkout please use the code above. Valid from 01/03/26 to 25/03/26. Excludes Pepper Post.
Fundraising made delicious! pepperandme.co.nz

2026 Swimming Sports Results

YEAR 4 GIRLS	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
25m Freestyle	Thea Parkinson	Franky Logie	Soyou Han
25m Backstroke	Thea Parkinson	Maci Phillips	Leila van Wyk

YEAR 4 BOYS	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
25m Freestyle	Ryan McKenna	Max Smith	William Simpson
25m Backstroke	Ryan McKenna	Rory Gardiner	Keane Bramley

YEAR 5 GIRLS	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
25m Freestyle	Emily Collins	Lily Sweetingham	Salote Mauga
25m Backstroke	Mikella Hardgrave	Alex Lockley-Marsh	Michaela Wright
25m Breaststroke	Mikella Hardgrave	Lily Sweetingham	Freya Rook
75m Medley	Mikella Hardgrave	Lily Sweetingham	Rosabella Green

YEAR 5 BOYS	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
25m Freestyle	William Stretton	Arlo Rook	James Proffitt
25m Backstroke	Arlo Rook	James Proffitt	William Stretton
25m Breaststroke	William Stretton	Nikau Russell	= Konrad Turama = Joe Hargreaves
75m Medley	William Stretton	Arlo Rook	Fynn Chaloner

YEAR 6 GIRLS	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
25m Freestyle	Emme Pringle	Ella Walsh	Paige Washer
25m Backstroke	Emme Pringle	Taylor Reardon	Jessa Pollock
25m Breaststroke	Emme Pringle	Taylor Reardon	Nadia Green
75m Medley	Emme Pringle	= Jessa Pollock = Taylor Reardon	

YEAR 6 BOYS	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
25m Freestyle	Brodie McKenna	Jake Sanderson	Olly Smith
25m Backstroke	= Jake Sanderson = Brodie McKenna	Fatih Faris	
25m Breaststroke	Fatih Faris	Brodie McKenna	Deegan Sole
75m Medley	Brodie McKenna	Jake Sanderson	Leo Charlton



YEAR 7 GIRLS	1st	2nd	3rd
25m Freestyle	Lucy Upton-Fleming	Nya Soffe	Eve Goldfinch
25m Backstroke	Nikolina Meafua	Eve Goldfinch	Lucy Upton-Fleming
25m Breaststroke	Lucy Upton-Fleming	Eve Goldfinch	Dolly Genji
50m Freestyle	Lucy Upton-Fleming	Nya Soffe	Eve Goldfinch
75m Medley	Lucy Upton-Fleming	Eve Goldfinch	Nya Soffe

YEAR 7 BOYS	1st	2nd	3rd
25m Freestyle	Charlie Parkinson	Maeson Ruwhiu	Taniora Cassidy
25m Backstroke	Charlie Parkinson	Maeson Ruwhiu	Taniora Cassidy
25m Breaststroke	Charlie Parkinson	Taniora Cassidy	Maeson Ruwhiu
50m Freestyle	Charlie Parkinson	Jamie Turama	Maeson Ruwhiu
75m Medley	Charlie Parkinson	Taniora Cassidy	Jamie Turama

YEAR 8 GIRLS	1st	2nd	3rd
25m Freestyle	= Olivia Davis = Emma Davis	On You Han	
25m Backstroke	Emma Davis	Olivia Davis	Pippa Welton
25m Breaststroke	Emma Davis	Olivia Davis	On You Han
50m Freestyle	Olivia Davis	Emma Davis	Sophie Stretton
75m Medley	Olivia Davis	Pippa Welton	Emma Davis

YEAR 8 BOYS	1st	2nd	3rd
25m Freestyle	Jack Goldfinch	Archer Pringle	Aston Gesterkamp
25m Backstroke	Jack Goldfinch	Jaxon Hardgrave	Archer Pringle
25m Breaststroke	Jack Goldfinch	Archer Pringle	Jaxon Hardgrave
50m Freestyle	Jack Goldfinch	Archer Pringle	Jaxon Hardgrave
75m Medley	Jack Goldfinch	Archer Pringle	Jaxon Hardgrave

RELAYS	1st	2nd	3rd
Waihowaka	Room 10	Room 13	Room 16
Waitaha	Room 20	Room 18	Room 17
Whānau	Kererū	Takahē	Kōtuku
Staff v Students	Students	Staff	

