

**BELL BLOCK SCHOOL NEWSLETTER #8**  
**Friday 27 March 2026**

**Focus Value:**  
 Respect - Whakaute



**School Goal:**  
 I take care of our  
 classroom and  
 playground

It's hard to believe we are already at the end of Week 8, with just one week to go before our first holiday break of the year. It has been a fantastic term of learning and engagement across the school.

I am incredibly proud of our tamariki and all they have achieved throughout Term 1. While we celebrate their academic success with great pride, we also recognise and value the many other forms of achievement we are privileged to witness — acts of kindness, resilience, creativity, leadership, and personal growth. Ka pai tō mahi, tamariki ma!

This week has taken our Mangati team on a trip to Puke Ariki where they have explored the Rescue Exhibition. Many of the students have reported that they loved the helicopter, the video games and of course the bus ride to the museum! We love being able to provide these opportunities for real life learning, outside the classroom; they are truly invaluable for our tamariki. Thank you to the parent helpers that volunteered their time to support us on these trips. Your help is much appreciated!

Congratulations to the students from Bell Block School who participated in the WeetBix TRYathlon held on Wednesday – beautiful weather for a fun day of swimming, biking and running.

## 2026 Triathlon Results



YEAR 4 TEAMS	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>
	Thea Parkinson Tess Sanderson MeiLa Christiansen	Ryan McKenna Lucas Stewart Will Simpson	Rory Gardiner Carter Walsh Harrison Honeyfield
YEAR 5 TEAMS	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>
	Fynn Chaloner Cian Marsh Tame White	Tyler Gu Nikau Russell Lachlan Poole	Arlo Rook Roman Payne William Stretton
YEAR 6 TEAMS	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>
	Brodie McKenna Leo Charlton Daya Sidhu	Jake Sanderson Finn Gardiner Kayson Gordon	Fatih Muhammad Faris Samuel Han Armaan Sodhi
YEAR 7 TEAMS	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>
	Maeson Ruwhiu Kenneth Moratuwage Zaiden Bishop	Nya Piripi Keeley Rowe Mary Stephens	Jackson Payne Mason Page-Bowers Ziggy Harris

YEAR 8 TEAMS	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>
	Emma Davis Nya McLeod Sophie Stretton	Olivia Davis Pippa Welton On You Han	Beau Henderson Jamie Turama Jaxon Bartle
YEAR 4	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>
Boys	Tony Chen	William Simpson	Max Smith
Girls	Tess Sanderson	Thea Parkinson	Meila Christiansen
YEAR 5	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>
Boys	William Stretton	Arlo Rook	Nikau Russell
Girls	Salote Mauga	Mikella Hardgrave	Rosabella Green
YEAR 6	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>
Boys	Jake Sanderson	Preston Adlam	Brodie McKenna
Girls	Jessa Pollock	Martine Henry	Nadia Green

### Waitaha Camp – El Rancho

Our Year 7/8 students arrived safely in Wellington on Monday afternoon and are having an absolute blast! They are making the most of the many opportunities being offered and creating some fantastic memories along the way. We look forward to welcoming them back on Friday afternoon and hearing all about their adventures.

A huge thank you to our Waitaha Teaching team, Mrs Doyle, Miss McMurray, Mrs Julian and Mrs Hickin, for all of your organisation and preparation to make this a reality.

*Please note that on arrival, the coaches will park in the coned areas nearest the Basketball Court. We appreciate your patience while luggage is unloaded.*

### Looking Ahead

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

### Pizza Day – Thursday 2 April

Pizza orders close this **Sunday 29 March 2026**. Order via the [myKindo](#) app.



### 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.

**Conrad Hailes**  
Principal

## COMMUNITY NOTICES

### Bell Block Spatial Plan Bell Block Community Survey

This online survey gives the community of Bell Block an opportunity to help shape the future of the area. Feedback gathered here will directly help us create the draft Bell Block Spatial Plan, the Puketapu-Bell Block Community Board Plan, and the Bell Block Stormwater Catchment Management Plan.

By completing this survey and submitting your details, you'll go into the draw to win vouchers at Bell Block businesses. You'll also help Council understand what matters most to you as residents and make sure that Council's future planning reflects the needs and aspirations of the Bell Block community.

Estimated time to complete the survey is approximately 10-15 mins.

Survey closes 7th April 2026.

<https://haveyoursay.npdc.govt.nz/bell-block-spatial-plan>



Have a go at CANOE POLO!



Sunday 29th March  
1:30 - 3 pm  
Methanex Aquatic Centre  
Bell Block

TCP invites you to our Introduction Demo Day to see and have a go at this awesome sport which runs in Term 2 and 3 in BBK. We provide the gear and basic training (wet exit). Just bring your togs and towel plus a rashie/sports top to have a go. Registrations will be opening soon for high school students and adults.  
If we get enough intermediate interest, we can cater to younger students too.

GYMNASTICA

# APRIL SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

Come join us for games, crafts and gymnastics!

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> - Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> April  
Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> - Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> April

8.30am - 3.30pm  
\$45 per child per day

Register at [www.gymnastica.co.nz](http://www.gymnastica.co.nz)