

BELL BLOCK SCHOOL NEWSLETTER #9

Thursday 2 April 2026

Focus Value:
Respect - Whakaute



School Goal:
I take care of our
classroom and
playground

Term 1 has flown by and it has been pleasing to see so many students making such positive progress with their learning and making the most of the opportunities on offer. We started our week with the Celebration Assembly acknowledging the efforts of another group of fantastic students who have been showing our school vision and values. Well done to all the students who received awards this week.

Evie Old, Eloise Duguid, Evie Priest, Bentley Murray, Riley Verveer, Mahendra Reddipalli, Karter Bailey, Paige Washer, Maci Phillips, Tess Sanderson, Roman Payne, Michaela Wright, Dylan Coombs, Likith Vadapalli, Eve Goldfinch, Katie Walters, Omar Ali, Harlow Sanders, Eliza Froude, Ihaia Russell, Varshith Gunnam, Georgia Pignéguay, Harata Mehana-Albert, Diya Wilsonmanas, Peyton Ferries, Alissa Schultz, Rykah Northcott, Lily Sweetingham, Mikella Hardgrave, Martine Henry-Smith, Sandamini Karunarathna, Vijay Mwaengeni, Chloe Gu, Sophie Trundle

Being the last week of term, we had our Celebration Days acknowledging the students who meet our behaviour expectations and who really give school their best efforts every day. It was also impressive to see so many students receiving their certificates based on how many points they earned from their daily positive behaviour. It was also great to see so many receiving the 150+ certificates showing hard work and dedication across the entire term.

Our Year 7-8 students had an amazing camp in Wellington last week. It was fantastic to see the students giving all the activities a go, even the ones that were outside their comfort zones like rafting and the Adrenalin Forest high ropes course. The support and encouragement they showed each other and the way our students got along with all of their class and team mates on the camp showed some of the reasons that this is a great school with great students. We appreciate the cost of the camp is significant for our families but thank you to all those who made donations allowing us to once again offer this opportunity. Thank you very much also to all the parents who came to camp to help out. Your efforts are very much appreciated.

Next term we welcome back Mrs Pearce who will be teaching in Room 18. During my sabbatical, Mrs Courtney Goldsworthy will take on the role of Acting Principal, and Mrs Danielle Doyle will step in as Acting Deputy Principal before her parental leave begins.

It has been a busy term and we wish all our families a safe and relaxing break and we look forward to the start of Term 2 on Tuesday 21 April.

Looking Ahead

	Monday 20 April	Tuesday 21 April	Wednesday 22 April	Thursday 23 April	Friday 24 April
Week 1	TEACHER ONLY DAY SCHOOL CLOSED	<ul style="list-style-type: none">New cohort starts	<ul style="list-style-type: none">8:00 Breakfast ClubKid's Lit Quiz		<ul style="list-style-type: none">8:00 Breakfast Club9:00 Mihi Whakatau9:45 ANZAC Assembly

School Cellphone Number

Please note that the school cellphone number has recently changed. If you need to contact us via cellphone, please ensure you are using the updated number **027 755 0838**.

Mangati Police Visit

Our Mangati (Year 0-3) Team has been learning about people who help keep us safe in our community, with a focus on the local Police. On Wednesday, Constable Jarrad Almstalden, our Bell Block Police Officer, visited the Year 0-3 classes to share how he keeps people safe and explain his role in the community. He showed us his uniform and the important equipment he uses, including handcuffs, a baton, radio, cellphone, and a first aid kit. We also had the opportunity to look inside the police car, although we were not allowed to touch anything! The sirens were very loud! Thank you, Officer Jarrad, for visiting us and for the important work you do to keep our community safe.



ANZAC Assembly – Friday 24 April at 9:45am

Please join us on Friday 24 April at 9:45am in the hall for our annual ANZAC assembly where we honour the service and sacrifice of those who have served our country. All welcome.

Conrad Hailes
Principal



COMMUNITY NOTICES

APRIL SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMME
Come join us for games, crafts and gymnastics!
Tuesday 7th - Thursday 9th April
Tuesday 14th - Thursday 16th April
8.30am - 3.30pm
\$45 per child per day
Register at www.gymnastica.co.nz

PEKAREN PIZZA
21 Bell Court
06 755 0990

BBK School deal
Buy 4 and only pay for 3!!
Dine in or takeaway
Order in store, or call ahead 06 755 0990

Taranaki Badminton

Term 1 School Holidays Junior Badminton 2026
New players are welcome and bring a friend!

Venue: Star Gym, Westown
Date: 7th, 10th, 14th and 17th April 2026
Time: 5pm till 7pm – 7th and 14th April (Tuesday)
: 3pm till 5pm – 10th and 17th April (Friday)
\$ 8 per player, with rackets, shuttles and equipment provided.
More for details contact Duncan at 022 69 33533 or email, sdo@taranakibadminton.org.nz

FIRE EMERGENCY

SMOKE ALARM MAINTENANCE

EVERY MONTH
Press the button to sound the alarm

EVERY 6 MONTHS
Dust or vacuum your smoke alarm to help avoid false alarms

FIRE EMERGENCY

CHECK YOUR SMOKE ALARMS THIS DAYLIGHT SAVING

Victoria's Sewing Alterations & Repairs

2 days course: Make Your Own Apron!
Join me for a creative sewing course where you'll learn the basics and design your very special Apron!

Ages: 6-12
Time: 9.30am - 11am
Dates: 13th and 14th of April
Location: Bell Block, confirmed upon booking
Cost = \$45 for a lesson
***ALL MATERIALS PROVIDED**

Contact **Victoria** on **022 121 8075** to confirm your child's space ASAP