



Weekly Newsletter

18 February 2015

Whaia te iti kahurangi ki te tuahu koe me he maunga teitei
= Aim for the highest cloud so that if you miss it you will hit a lofty mountain

Term 1 - Issue 3

Important Dates

Friday 13 February - Friday 27 March	Weekly swimming lessons
Thursday 19 Feb	School Picnic is on today.
Thursday 19 February	BOT meeting - 7:00pm in staffroom
Thursday 12 March	School Photos
Monday 16 March	Teacher Only Day - School closed
Thursday 26 March	BOT meeting - 7:00pm in Staffroom
Thursday 26 March	Bellevue School Athletics
Thursday 2 April	Last day of Term 1
3 - 19 April	Easter and school break
Monday 20 April	9:00am - Term 2 begins
Thursday 30 April	Bellevue Cross Country
Tuesday 19 May	Northern Zone Cross Country
Friday 3 July	Last day for term 2

Assembly Dates

18 Feb - 2:15pm	Rooms 6 & 8
4 March	Rooms 10 & 15
18 March	Rooms 13 & 5
1 April	Rooms 12 & 1



Breaking News

Hooray it is picnic day tomorrow
Please check you have sent back your permission slip by 9:00am tomorrow. Thanks

From The Principal's Desk

Kia ora, Nameste, Talofa, Konnichiwa, Guten Tag, Gidday, Vannakkam, ni Hao, Kia orana, Hola, Salam, Sa wat dee kha, Dia Dhuit, Goeie Dag, Bonjour, Hello, (please let us know the greeting in your language if it is not here)



NZSL

A very big thank you to all the wonderful parents, caregivers, students and whanau who made it along to our 'Meet the Teacher' evening last week. It was lovely to see so many of you here kanohi- ki-te-kanohi (face to face). We hope that you found these meetings helpful and that you gained some further details about how your child's class operates and their learning programmes. Please look in on the school website as this is another great source of information about your child's learning at Bellevue School.

At the end of this term we are holding 'Three Way Conferences' with you and your child. These will look slightly different to the Parent/Teacher Interviews in the past. One of the things that we are working to achieve is for your child to take greater ownership of/ responsibility for their learning - which includes them thinking about their skills/progress and helping to set goals for their next learning steps with you and their teacher. Consequently every child will be preparing to share their learning with you at these 15 minute meetings on Monday 30 and 31 of March and every parent/whanau is expected to attend. These learning conversations help consolidate the focus of learning for your child and build our partnership with you to support their development. Further details about the format of these meetings will be shared in newsletters over the next few weeks. In the meantime, please note the date for these meetings in your diary/phone now as every parent needs to accompany their child to these important individual meetings. If your child is due their anniversary or progress reports, these written reports will come home early in Term 2 and provide a follow up to the discussion from these meetings.

The forecast is looking good for our picnic day tomorrow so please check your child has all the required sun protection, wind protection and the likes for their big day out in Days Bay tomorrow. We hope that you can join us too for all or part of this fun day together.

Ka kite
Karen



Character Education

This term our Character Education focus is **Honesty** (Pono-nga) and **Truthfulness** (Whakaata-pono) – these values are the basis/foundations for trusting others (and ourselves) to do the right thing. Truthfulness is being honest in our words and actions.

If we are practicing these values, we do not tell lies even to protect ourselves from getting into trouble. We do not listen to gossip or prejudice either, but see with our own eyes then make up our own minds about what is true. We do not let others tell us what to think but think things through for ourselves. To develop thinking skills and capacity (one of the key competencies in our national/New Zealand Curriculum) the values of honesty and truthfulness are essential 'building blocks'/foundations to becoming critical thinkers and self aware learners. Please continue to talk with your child/ren about how to grow truthfulness and the worth of cultivating and celebrating honesty. All great learners and thinkers learn to be honest with themselves and others.

Kupu Hou (word of the week)

whakaako(na) = teach

Pronunciation

=far-car-kor (nah)



Ka *whakaako* au i te raranga harakeke ki a koe

= I will *teach* you to weave flax.

Sunhats at School

A reminder that in Term 1 and Term 4 each year students need to wear a sunhat when outdoors. Please check your child has a named sunhat at school each day. They may also wear sunglasses and sunblock.

We encourage everyone to do this to protect themselves from harmful UV rays when outside at school during the summer months.



Swimming 2015

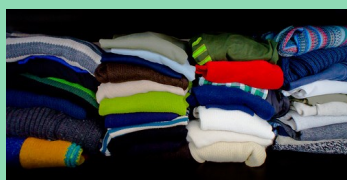
Swimming lessons started last Friday and continue until Friday 27 March.

Please help your child/ren bring their togs and towel each Friday. If your child does not attend swimming lessons they are taking part in an alternative physical education programme at school.



Clothing and Belongings

Please make sure that all your child/ren's clothing items, bag, books and belongings that they bring to school are clearly named. This enables us to return items that may have become separated from their owners, rather than them collecting in a pile that is then taken to a charity shop at the end of each term.



School Trips, Performances and Visits

Please note that this year we request parents/whanau to sign a generic permission slip and pay \$10 per term to cover the cost of school trips, performances and visits. If you have not already done so please can you return the permission slip and money for Term 1 as tomorrow is the school picnic.

We hope that minimising the number of times that the school requests permission slips and money from parents for these experiences makes this more manageable for families. It also enables the school to budget for and prioritise the trips, performers and visits we undertake during each term.

If you have misplaced the permission slip that went home over the past two weeks, please contact the office or look on the school website for this. This permission slip will last for the time that your child is at Bellevue School.

Head Lice - Nits

Be aware these are around ... again.

What you can do to keep head lice in check:

- Check all members of your family regularly for signs of head lice
- Treat anyone who is affected
- Advise the school if you find head lice
- Be prepared to continue treatment for about 3 weeks depending on the method chosen
- Brush hair and check regularly
- Clean all hairbrushes and combs in hot water
- Wash all bed linen and towels

The school has a robi comb that is available for use by families. If you would like to loan the robi comb for use at home please contact the school office.

Important Returns

Permission Slips:-

A big thank you to everyone who has returned their permission slips for trips, visitors and performers in time for the picnic. If you have not done so, please do this in time for departure for the picnic at 9:30am tomorrow.

Trips, visits and Performances:-

Please send along the money for this at \$10 per term – you may pay for the term, the year or arrange with the office to pay this in other intervals. Just call in or ring the office to arrange this.

Emergency Release Adults:-

Please remember to update your emergency contact numbers with the office and check who you have listed as your Emergency Release Adults should there be the need to use these. We all need to be aware that an emergency could occur at any time, so it is important that each child has release adults who are likely to be close by the school that could collect them, rather than be stranded on the other side of the gorge.



Star Writers



Learning is knowing what you're writing. Think what you're going to write and the most important thing is putting inspiration in your writing.

- **Sahana Praveen (Room 6)**

Learning is about having a go and seeing if our ideas work. Learning is fun because the first time we do it the next is easier.

- **Aayush Nataraj (Room 6)**

School Photos

School photos will be taken on **Thursday 12 March**. Enclosed with this newsletter is a notice from Friis Photography with information about photo day.

No orders or payment will be taken for Individual or Class photos prior to Photo day.

Prices for Photo packs are as follows:

Premium Pack (A) \$35

Value Pack (B) \$29.50

Single Pack (C) \$28

Portraits Only Pack (D) \$18

Class Only Pack (E) \$13

All students will have individual and class photos taken and you will receive an order envelope after photo day featuring a proof photo of your child. You are under no obligation to purchase any photos.

Individual and class photos can be paid for online (details for this will be given later) or orders and payment can be brought to school (only once you have received your order envelope after Photo day). **PLEASE DO NOT MAKE ANY PAYMENTS FOR INDIVIDUAL OR CLASS PHOTOS BEFORE YOU GET YOUR PROOF ENVELOPE.** Please give these to your classroom teacher so that they can be written up in the class finance book. The school office does not handle any photo payments or give change. If change is required it will be sent back by Friis Photography with your photo order.

If you would like to order Family/Sibling photos you will need to pick up an order envelope before Photo day from the school office or download a form from www.schoolmemories.co.nz.

Orders and payment for Family/Sibling photos will need to be returned to school (via the classroom) before photo day. Payments for these are to be cash or cheque only and made out to School Memories, not Bellevue School.

From Concerned Parents and Staff

Safety Message



Help

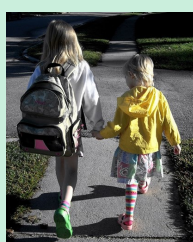
It has been brought to our attention that people are parking on the footpath in the turn around area outside the kindergarten.

This is forcing students and others to walk on the road rather than the footpath. This is dangerous as cars do not always see children, and in wet weather the extra cars arriving, leaving and parking illegally increase the likelihood of an accident.

Please, please ...

If you are parking outside the Kindergarten to pick up your children from that side of the school, please parallel park on the road alongside the footpath, rather than angle parking across it.

We want all our children and adults in our learning community to keep safe. Please help us to do this by following the road safety rules, and looking out for our tamariki.



Netball

Netball season is just around the corner. Coaches, managers and umpires are required for Year 4, 5 and 6 teams.

Pre-season training for all those interested in playing netball will begin in a few weeks. There will be more information in the coming weeks. So watch this space...

For more information contact Jo

Johnston: email jo.johnston@outlook.com



Covers for your Child's School Books



Please take a look at the EZ cover flyer that is accompanying today's newsletter. These covers are a great way to protect your child's school books, and can be used year after year. Each cover sold raises 5 -10 cents for our school, as well as keeping your child's books tidy.

Library

The Library is now open for student borrowing and classes are time-tabled to visit the library each week:

Monday: Rooms 3 & 12

Tuesday: Rooms 10, 11, 8, 9, 2 & 1

Wednesday: Rooms 5 & 6

Thursday: Room 13

Friday: Room 15



These times may change occasionally to accommodate other programmes.

Please help your child to care for their library books by handling them with clean hands, turning pages from the corners and keeping them in a safe place. Also please remember to carry your library books to and from school in a waterproof library bag to protect them from the rain, food, craft materials, etc.

Scholastic Book Club

Just a reminder that Book Club orders are due back to school by tomorrow. Unfortunately late orders cannot be accepted as once the order is processed/sent we are not able to put in further orders. Therefore please get your orders in before 3.00pm on 19 February.

Payment for orders can either be by cash, credit card (details are to be included on your Book Club form) or by cheque. If you are paying by cheque please make it out to Scholastic Book Club. Please give your order directly to your classroom teacher so that it can be recorded by the classroom teacher in their finance book before sending it along to the office for processing.



Te Puawai Amua

Kapa Haka started on Monday and will take place on Monday afternoons this term. This year there is also a junior Kapa Haka group from 1:35 - 1:55pm. For the first two weeks all Rooms 1 - 6 will be going to this so they know what this is about before having the opportunity to choose to take part in Kapa Haka for the remainder of the term. Te Puawai Amua meets in the hall following junior Kapa Haka ie: 2:00 - 3:00pm. Kia ora Shanelle.

ASB Donation Voucher

Supporting Success in your School:

If any Family or Friend of our school takes out a new home loan of \$150,000.00 or more and nominates our school ASB will donate \$500.00 to the school. This is a fantastic way to raise some funds – the nomination can come from anywhere in New Zealand.

This offer is only available through an ASB branch and the offer ends on 30 June 2015. Donation vouchers are available at the school office.



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Community Notices

Sublimity Massage Therapy now offers mid-day specials and meditation classes! Late appointments also available. Check out the website for more information: www.sublimity.co.nz or contact Cendrine on 974 6584 or 021 0727013.

Northern United Junior Hockey Club is now offering "Have a Go" Hockey: Three 1-hour coached hockey sessions for beginners from years 3 - 8 for an all - up cost of \$15. Is your child thinking about hockey but not sure whether to commit to a whole season? Have you been having trouble finding a sport that your child is willing to engage with? Then this could be the breakthrough you are looking for. Held pre-season, it is a stress-free, no-obligation way for your child to tap into their inner Black Stick.

Details as follows:

3 weeks: Wednesday afternoon sessions of 1 hour consisting of coaching followed by a game

Dates: 18 February to 4 March inclusive

Times: Years 3 to 6 - 3.30pm till 4.30pm and Years 7 & 8 - 4.30pm till 5.30pm

Where: Raroa Intermediate turf (Haumia Street, Johnsonville)

Email: nuihockey@gmail.com to book or contact Sandy on 027 6774955 if you have any questions.

Hockey 2015 Registration:

To register your child for this year you can access the online registration form via our club website.

<http://www.nuihc.org.nz/>

Our Website has recently been updated and as well as information for the season you will see the registration link in the left sidebar.

(NB this is a google form) or alternatively come and see us at our "Registration Information" afternoon on Sunday 1 March at McDonalds.

This could be useful if you want to meet some of our committee and hopefully we can answer any questions you might have.

You can also pay registration fees here if paying by cash or cheque.

Venue: McDonalds in Johnsonville

Dates: Sunday 1 March

Times: 3 - 5 pm

Stellar Fitness Lose-Weight for Winter 12 Week Weight Loss Challenge:

Join the Weight Loss Challenge where you can lose weight and win cash. Prizes are paid to the 3 biggest losers based on the % of weight lost. Why not shape up and cash in?

This challenge is designed for women in the community who want to either lose weight, lead a healthier lifestyle, or want to maintain weight loss that has already been achieved. Whether you are just starting out on your weight loss journey, or just want a little extra motivation losing the extra couple of kilos, this challenge can help you get there! It's never too late to start on your New Years Resolutions!! Next Summer's bodies are created NOW!!

Only \$35 for the whole 12 weeks! STARTS:

Monday, 23 February

More information/to register:

www.stellarfitness.co.nz