



Weekly Newsletter

4 March 2015

Ko koe ki tēnā, ko ahau ki tēnei kīwai o te kete
= You at that and I at this handle of the basket (cooperation)

Term 1 - Issue 5

Important Dates

Friday 13 February - Friday 27 March	Weekly swimming lessons
Thursday 12 March	School Photos
Monday 16 March	Teacher Only Day - School closed
Wednesday 18 March	Whanau Meeting for Term 1 . Room 7 at 6:00- 7:00pm
Thursday 19 March - 7:00pm (Whare Iti)	FUNdaisers - Coffee and cake evening. Come and join us
Thursday 26 March	BOT meeting - 7.00pm in Staffroom
Thursday 26 March	Bellevue School Athletics
Monday 30 March	Goal Setting Meetings
Tuesday 31 March	Goals Setting Meetings
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

4 March (tomorrow)	Rooms 10 & 15
18 March	Rooms 13 & 5
1 April	Rooms 12 & 1



Welcome

Haere mai ki te kura o Bellevue

We would like to welcome Bree Finau to Room 1. A special welcome to our school learning community to you and to your whanau/family.

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

Schools are all about learning - for our tamariki and also our adults; and learning is a life-long activity for us all. At Bellevue we encourage everyone in our learning community to talk about and take part in conversations about what they are learning, how they learn, what is tricky about learning new things, what to do when you 'get stuck' when trying new things....

You will find the school's Strategic Plan for the next few years attached to the Board of Trustees newsletter today. Please take a moment to read this as it gives you an indication of what our community values and the development planned for our wonderful place of learning.

At Bellevue School our vision is to actively involve and connect our tamariki in their learning. This includes them thinking about/recognising their successes, talking about their progress and their next learning steps. Learning occurs throughout the day, so these regular conversations will take place at school and outside school hours too.

On Monday 16 March the school is closed for instruction so that all our teachers can take part in a Teacher Only Day to attend a Professional Development Seminar entitled 'Teaching for Intelligent Mindsets'. This is another opportunity for our teachers to be learning from some Internationally renowned educationalists—in this instance it is with Carol Dweck and Guy Claxton. It is exciting that a number of other local schools are also attending this wonderful learning opportunity. We know that all our students will benefit by having teachers that are up to date with current thinking in Education too.

Have a great week.

Ka kite
Karen



Character Education

How are the learning conversations about **honesty** and **truthfulness** going with your child/ren? As Term 1 progresses an increased understanding about **honesty** (pono-nga) is developing, along with further ideas about how we might demonstrate **truthfulness** (Whakaata-pono). We encourage honesty in words and actions; also in our choice of actions. We encourage truthful, honest and fair actions, rather than stealing, cheating, lying or being unfair. The reason for promoting honesty and truthfulness is that these attributes help build positive relationships with others and also a positive self-image or self-worth. As always we encourage children to work to make amends when they slip up... which we all do at times. This is part of learning and growing to be the best people we can be.

Ways of practicing honesty and truthfulness include:-

- ✎ Returning items we have borrowed
- ✎ Making amends if we hurt others (words or actions)
- ✎ Returning money we have found
- ✎ Keeping agreements and promises we have made

Kupu Hou (new word for the week)

Mahi (verb) (-a,-ngia) = to work, do, perform, make, accomplish, practise, raise (money)

Pronunciation = ma-he



Northern Zone Cricket Tournament

Congratulations to all the Year 5 and 6 students who participated in the Northern Zone Cricket Tournament on Tuesday. You displayed great team work and sportsmanship. A big thank you to all the parents who helped and supported us on the day.

Some photos of our cricketers for you to enjoy:-



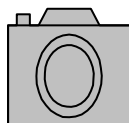
Swimming 2015

Swimming lessons are on Fridays until Friday 27 March.

If your child attends swimming, please help them to 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.



Please note - at swimming last week the Pool Supervisor asked our teachers to tell parents and caregivers that they **need to check in with the supervisor if they would like to take photos at the pool.** The supervisor will then make sure you can do this for your child/ren without compromising the privacy of other pool users.



Therefore if you are keen to take photos of your child swimming please speak with the pool supervisor before doing this.

At the end of swimming lessons we will be seeking feedback from our students, teachers and parents/caregivers to assist planning and organisation for 2016.

Collectors Cards

Thank you for your support in asking children to leave their precious collectors cards at home. Due to traded, lost or 'acquired' cards impacting on a number of children's relationships with others at school (also their learning time/focus) we ask that these much loved cards are kept at home. If parents and families/whānau are happy for their children to trade cards and are there to supervise the 'transactions', there may be less of an impact on children's relationships when trading.



Please remind your child/ren that collectors cards need to stay at home.

Three Way Conferences

This year Parent/Teacher Interviews include your child as an important part of the learning conversation in their 'Three Way Conference'. At this conference they will help share their current learning successes and their next steps, then help to set goals with you (their parents/caregivers/whānau) and their teacher for their learning. A written summary of the goals will come home early in Term 2.

Details of these Conferences and booking information will come home to you with next week's newsletter. Please note Monday 30 and Tuesday 31 March are the dates for these meetings with Monday evening the late night for conferences.





Help us to be in with a chance to win \$10,000 in sports gear for Bellevue School, delivered by Dan Carter, plus have a chance to win a \$1,000 prize pack for yourself.

Just buy any two Healtheries Supplements, Teas or Kidscare snacks from Countdown supermarkets during March and swipe your Onecard.

Athletics

For your information Years 1 and 2 Bellevue Athletics will take place from 11:30 am – 12:30pm on Thursday 26 March and Years 3 to 6 all day on Thursday.

More details about the Athletics Day will follow in next week's newsletter.

School Photos



School photos are being taken next **Thursday 12 March** by Friis Photography

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 proof envelopes/orders 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.



Please help us....

Safety Message

Please do not park in or over any driveways when you are delivering or collecting your child/ren... even if you are waiting in the car.

This forces students and adults to walk on the road rather than the footpath. It could cause an accident.

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.

FUNdraisers



A very special welcome to a get together in the Whare Iti (ie: the old Dental Clinic/small building on the left as you enter the school) on Thursday 19 March from 7-8:00pm.

Please bring a friend and come along to share a coffee and cake, along with your ideas for some fun community events that we may organise this year. We look forward to seeing you there.



Covers for your Child's School Books



Please take a look at the EZ cover web site on **EZCover.co.nz**. 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 clean and tidy.

NETBALL

Bellevue Y4, Y5 and Y6 Netball:

Could all Year 4, 5 and 6 players (boys and girls) register their interest in playing netball this year. If you don't register your interest by email to me you may miss out on some important information.

The pre-season training and trial dates are as follows:

Pre-season: Wednesday 4 (today) and 11 March from 3.15pm – 4.30pm

Trials: Wednesday 18 and 25 March from 3.15pm - 4.30pm

Teams Named: Wednesday 1 April - 3.15pm

So far I have coaches for the Year 4 and Year 6 teams. Coaches, managers and umpires are required and the teams cannot play without them. So please step forward and offer your services. Any questions about coaching, managing or umpiring please contact me. There is support provided.

Help for the pre-season training on Wednesday 11 March is required, so I would appreciate someone contacting me before then or the training may not go ahead as planned.

Year 3 Netball Fun Ferns:

There is an opportunity for Year 3 boys and girls to give netball a go. It is a modified game using two thirds of the netball court and only 4 aside.

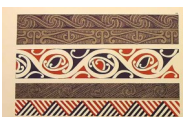
It is likely that this will be held at Newlands Intermediate School after the end of the Northern Suburbs Netball competition finishes on a Saturday. Participants enter as individuals and Fun Ferns has been developed to encourage parent participation as well. The NSN will be providing more information about this in due course.

For more information contact:
Jo Johnston on:
027 223 2020



Whanau Meeting

Our first Whanau meeting for 2015 is on Wednesday 18 March in Room 7. You and your child/ren are very welcome to come along and join us for this get together. Please bring some finger food to share. There will be an opportunity to meet other parents, hear your children sing and hear about tikanga and te reo programmes/kapa haka. This is also the opportunity to share what went well last year and ideas for te reo and tikanga programmes in 2015.



ASB Donation Voucher

Supporting Success in your School:

If any of our school families or friends 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 ends on 30 June 2015. Donation vouchers are available at the school office.



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Community Notices

Newlands Junior Rugby club are now taking registrations for the 2015/16 winter season. Fun for all ages, no previous playing experience necessary. We have mixed grades of U6, U7 and U8 Rippa Rugby and our gender tackle grades range from U9 – U11. Registration days will be held on Monday 23 March, 5.30pm – 7.15pm at the Newlands Community Centre and Wednesday 1 April, 6pm – 8pm at the Johnsonville Rugby Clubrooms, Helston Park. Online registrations at: www.sportsground.co.nz/newlands. For more information go to our website or phone Cherie Collins – Club Convenor on 938 5377.

DANCE CLASSES IN NEWLANDS:

Angela Goodall Dance Academy offers classes in Jazz, Tap, Ballet, Contemporary, Hip Hop and Pre School Dance.

Fun, friendly learning environment.

Classes are held at Studio-Unit 1/64 Kenmore Street, Newlands.

If you are interested contact Angela:

Email: angelagoodalldance@xtra.co.nz

Text: 021 1743500

Facebook: Angela Goodall Dance Academy
Feel free to pop into the studio to have a look.

Drama Holiday Programme:

Drama Remedy holiday programmes are a great opportunity to expose your child to the art of drama & speech with our exciting and enjoyable workshops. The April holiday programme will be 3 days of activities based on Drama Games, Mime and Improvisation. To enrol or for more details contact (04) 478 5962 or 022 027 3316 dramaremedy@gmail.com or visit our website www.dramaremedy.co.nz

DancePointe Academy is a Classical Ballet school with classes in Johnsonville for children from pre-schoolers through to Adults. A trial class is offered for children to see if they would enjoy learning ballet. For information about levels/fees/uniform/enrolment/trial class contact Sharon at dancepointenz@gmail.com or www.dancepointe.co.nz or 021 2151222.

Big Dig Treasure Hunt:

When: Sunday 8 March 11.00am—12.30pm

Rain Day: Sunday 15 March

Where: Freyberg Beach

Entry Fee: \$5

Come along and join in the fun. Hundreds of awesome prizes for all the family as well as raffles, BBQ, ice-cream, candy floss, face painting and more.

Cashmere Avenue School, Khandallah Fair & Jumble - Sunday 22nd March from 11.00am to 3.00pm, rain or shine. Fun and games for the whole family, quality jumble, kids clothes, toys, an incredible auction and lots of delicious food!

Little Sprouts Easter Country Fair, 22 March 2015 at Battle Hill Farm Park, 10am - 2pm.

Come along and enjoy the classic cars, beautiful quality food, art/craft/vintage/plant stalls, entertainment and baking demos. Children of all ages will love the Easter Scavenger hunt, free kids performances, animals (including llamas!), pony rides, tractor and cart rides, mini cars, air castles, emergency vehicles and displays, face painting, super heroes, drive a digger, kids Easter craft tent, country games & more.