



Weekly Newsletter

11 March 2015

He waka eke noa

= We are all in this together (cooperation)

Term 1 - Issue 6

Important Dates

Friday 13 February - Friday 27 March	Weekly swimming lessons
Thursday 12 March - tomorrow	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	FUNdarisers - Coffee and cake evening. Come and join us in the Whare Ihi
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

18 March	Rooms 13 & 5
1 April	Rooms 12 & 1



Welcome

Haere mai ki te kura o Bellevue

We would like to welcome Kaden Cooke to Room 1 and Kanwar Singh to Room 6. A special welcome to our school learning community to you and to your whanau/families.

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

This year Bellevue School is reviewing our local school curriculum to refine our delivery of the national curriculum in ways that best address the particular needs, interests and context of our students and our learning community. Our intent is to build on existing good practices while maximizing the use of local resources and opportunities.

Our focus is growing active, connected, life-long learners and improving student achievement. Recent education research supports the development of students' ability to talk about their learning as this makes a significant difference to their progress and achievement. Your child/ren are already doing this in class with their teachers and classmates. We are changing the format of our reporting meeting with parents to encourage this same active involvement in reporting on their progress and next steps in these learning conversations at Three Way Conferences. Instead of a one-way transfer of information at a 'Parent-Teacher Interview' the change to Three Way Conferences means that all three parties (ie: student, parents/whanau and teacher) sit together to talk about the student's learning with the child taking an equal role.

This change in the reporting process reflects the intent of the New Zealand Curriculum. Many schools in New Zealand are using some form of student-lead or three-way conferences that reflect the elements of effective assessment and involve students in the reporting process. Please take note of the extra letter accompanying the newsletter today, which provides further details about this important meeting with your child and their teacher during the final week of this term.

Have a great week

Ka kite
Karen



Character Education

Thank you for continuing to support your child/ren to practice and demonstrate their understanding of the value of honesty (pono-nga) and truthfulness (whakaata-pono).

Without honesty or truthfulness it is difficult to tell if someone is being genuine and to trust them. With a truthful person, we know where we stand, it is easy to rely on them and make friends. Without honesty it is difficult to demonstrate many other values, make friends or build positive working relationships with others.

By learning to be honest and truthful, children understand the value of integrity. They also develop trust in relationships with other children and adults. With honesty children also develop the courage to look at themselves and their situations objectively/fairly which enables them to truthfully address their roles/responsibilities and any mistakes or muddle-ups that they make. Please share some examples of honesty with your child as a way of helping them to further develop their understanding of this important value, and realise that it is part of helping us to be the best that we can.

Kupu Hou (new word for the week)

Ako (na) = to learn,

Pronunciation = a-kor (nah)

Akoranga = learning/lesson

Akonga = pupil



Mathletics Awards

At our school assembly Mathletics awards are given out for both individual and classroom achievements. Awards are determined by points achieved through completing learning activities on the Mathletics site rather than the Live Mathletics. These awards will be given out monthly this year.

It is fantastic to see so many students using their time after school to work on Mathletics. However, it is paramount that this is not the only activity that students do after school. They should only be spending the maximum of 10 minutes on Mathletics at home, each day. We encourage the students to be reading, or doing some physical activity, helping out with cooking or just having a rest!

Congratulations to the following students who have won the 'Super Mathlete' award at last Wednesday's assembly.

Te Hau Rawhiti (Junior Block): Bhavik Krishna – R5

Te Hau Tonga (Middle Block): Larina Daweth – R11

Te Hau a Uru (Senior Block): Andrew Cho – R15

Well done to the following classes who have won the 'Class of the Week' award for scoring the most activity points as a class.

Te Hau Rawhiti (Junior Block): R6

Te Hau Tonga (Middle Block): R11

Te Hau a Uru (Senior Block): R15

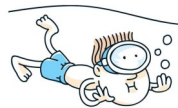


Covers for School Books

Have you taken 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.



Swimming



Swimming lessons are on Fridays until Friday 27 March ie: - three more lessons. If your child attends swimming, please help them to bring their togs and towel each Friday until the end of this term.

Please note:-

If you have any suggestions/issues regarding swimming we respectfully ask that you talk with your child's teacher or if you are at the swimming pool please talk with the senior teacher in charge at the time. Please do not go directly to swimming coaches or pool personnel. Our teachers are the ones that are co-ordinating lessons and organisation with staff at the pool.

A reminder that in the final newsletter of the term there will be a feedback sheet for parents and caregivers to let us know their thoughts and suggestions regarding swimming to assist our planning/organisation for 2016. We will also be seeking feedback from our students, teachers and the pool supervisor/instructors to assist with future planning and organisation of swimming.



Teacher Only Day - School Closed

On **Monday 16 March our school is closed for instruction** so that all teachers can take part in a Teacher Only Day to extend their professional learning about 'Teaching for Intelligent Mindsets'. This is a wonderful opportunity for our teachers to be learning from Internationally renowned educationalists Carol Dweck and Guy Claxton. We know that all our students will benefit by having teachers that are up to date with current thinking in education and even more prepared to encourage your children to be active, connected life-long learners.

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 for their learning. A written summary of the goals will come home early in Term 2.

Details of these conferences and booking information is enclosed with this newsletter. *Please note that we expect all parents and caregivers/whānau to book and attend these important meetings with your child. It is important that they are present at this meeting.*

Should you be unable to make a time on either Monday 30 or Tuesday 31 March please contact your teacher directly to organise another mutually suitable date and time.





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 Healthieries Supplements, Teas or Kidscare snacks from Countdown supermarkets during March and swipe your Onecard.

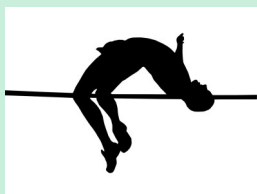
Athletics

Join us for
the fun

Bellevue Athletics is on Thursday 26 March. The Years 1 and 2 event takes place from 11:30 am - 12:30pm and Years 3 to 6 from 9:15am to 3:00pm.

For our Years 3 to 6 students the field events start at 9:15am and go through to 12:30pm with a break for morning tea. The sprints begin at 12:30pm on Newlands Park field.

It would be lovely if you can join us to support your child and our other competitors for some or all of the events as our students run, jump and throw.



FUNdraisers



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

Please bring a friend (or two) who also have children at our school or come along on your own to make some friends as you share a coffee/cake, along with your ideas for some fun community events that we may organise this year. We look forward to seeing you there.



Values Heroes

The following students were nominated for Values Awards at assembly last Wednesday.

We acknowledge the following students for the value of Honesty at school:

Katherine Ruyters (Room 1)
Leo Sargeant (Room 2)
Quinn Murdoch (Room 3)
Isaiah Nelio & Niqui De Leon (Room 5)
Pakawa Molden & Amelia Mercer (Room 6)
Elijah Sinclair & Eva Maora (Room 8)
Jasper Salmon & Georgina Lafoa'i (Room 9)
Jared Rudd (Room 10)
Lily Welling-Noble & Ruby Head (Room 11)
Allan Li (Room 12)
Owen Merdler (Room 13)
Shea Ewart, Ryan Chy-Long & Phoenix Welling-Noble (Room 15)



School Photos

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

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.

Family/Sibling photos that include family members from outside the school will be taken from 8:30am—9:00am in the school hall.

Family photos of siblings from Bellevue School will be taken during the school day. Older siblings will collect younger siblings from their class when it is their turn to have their photo taken.

Payment for Family/Sibling photos was due in before photo day. If you still have your order envelope to bring in please bring it to the school office before 9:00am on photo day rather than the classroom so that we can get it over to the photographer as soon as possible. All other payments are to go to the classroom as usual.

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, (Jo Johnston - contact details below) you may miss out on some important information.

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

Pre-season: 11 March 3:15pm – 4:30pm

Trials: Wednesday 18 & 25 March 3:15pm - 4:30pm

Teams named: Wednesday 1 April 3:15pm

One further coach may still be required depending on the number of children playing. 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.

For more information contact:
Jo Johnston on: 027 223 2020
or jo.johnston@outlook.com



Nits are Back

Please be aware that these little beasts appear to be back, and check your child's hair regularly for these. Some hints to help:

- Treat anyone who is effected and be prepared to continue treatment for about 3 weeks depending on method chosen
- Advise school if you find head lice
- Brush hair 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.

Whanau Meeting

Our first Whanau meeting for 2015 is next Wednesday 18 March in Room 7. You and your child/ren are very welcome to come along and join us for this get-together. Invites have gone home to all whanau with Maori heritage and whanau whose children attend Te Puawai Amua. This is a great opportunity to meet others, hear the children sing and find out about tikanga/te reo programmes and kapa haka. We will also share what went well last year and ideas for te reo and tikanga programmes in 2015.



ASB Donation Voucher

If any of our school families/friends of our school take out a new home loan of \$150,000.00 or more please nominate our school as ASB will donate \$500.00 to the school. This nomination can come from anywhere in New Zealand... and 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:

Registrations for the 2015/16 winter season are now being taken. Fun for all ages, no previous playing experience necessary. We have mixed grades of U6, U7 and U8 Ripa 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, 6.00pm – 8.00pm 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.

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.

School Holiday Computer Classes:

For ages 5 - 16. Minecraft, Create 3D Video Games, Learn to Program, Web Design, Animations, Video Editing and Build a PC. Free transport from Petone/Upper Hutt. For further information call Ed Brown on 499 2211 or www.grandtraining.co.nz.

Guitar, Ukulele & Bass Tuition:

Newlands tutor Kieran Gallagher DiplLCM, \$25 for ½ hour.

Phone (04) 280-8254 or 029 9029959 or email: kieran@stringlore.co.nz

Piano/Keyboard Lessons:

Leah Fuimaono is an experienced piano teacher who specializes in teaching beginners and children aged 5+. Lessons are guaranteed to be fun, interactive and rewarding. Lesson slots avail Tuesdays afternoons. Get in quick! Lessons are held in Grenada Village.

Email leahlovespiano@gmail.com or Text **021 0499828** for more information.

Life Flight Open Day:

When: Sunday 22 March, 10.00am - 2.00pm

Where: Life Flight Air Rescue Centre, 17 George Bolt Street (near The Warehouse, Lyall Bay)

Entry: Children free, Adults \$5 donation

Come along and enjoy the fun. There will be demonstrations, food stalls, face painters, dress up competition, helicopter, airplane, fire engine, ambulance and sniffer dogs. For more information visit: www.lifeflight.org.nz/opensday