



Weekly Newsletter

18 March 2015

Whāia te ara hou
= navigating new pathways

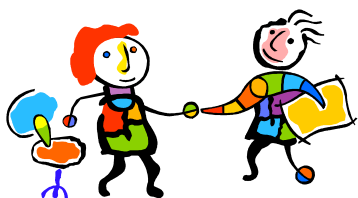
Term 1 - Issue 7

Important Dates

Friday 13 February - Friday 27 March	Weekly swimming lessons
Wednesday 18 March (today)	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 Iti
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
Wednesday 1 April	Pizza Fundraiser
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 (today)	Rooms 13 & 5
1 April	Rooms 12 & 1



Welcome

Haere mai ki te kura o Bellevue

We would like to welcome Yoan Ji Choi who is visiting our school and spending time in Room 8. 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, Giday, 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

On Monday our teachers spent the day learning about learning. Guy Claxton used an analogy of our minds/brains being like a muscle which can be stretched and built up (rather than a bucket with a fixed capacity). He encourages us to build learning power in our students. Carol Dweck's intensive research (along with a number of other current neuroscientists and educationalists) supports the view that every one of us can grow and change our intelligence. She emphasizes that every time we work hard on something the chemical messages communicated between cells in our brains, grows brain muscle. Our aim as parents, whanau and teachers is to focus on how we can make things challenging and encourage our students to struggle to improve... we need to value the efforts our students put in and affirm the process of learning. If a child or adult is achieving without working hard or making an effort, we are wasting their time. When affirming our children, we need to convey the importance of persevering in the face of challenge to achieve, acknowledge the effort put in and the growth of strategies to enable learners to problem solve in order to make progress. Every one of us can become smarter by making such efforts and doing difficult work – that is when the neurons in our brains are making new connections and making us smarter!

One good question to consistently ask ourselves and our children is **"What did you learn from that?"** In two weeks our Three Way Conferences provide a great opportunity to talk with your child and their teacher about this learning. Please make sure that you book a time on line or by ringing the office. If you have not managed to do so by 4:00pm next Monday, we will send you a time for your meeting so that you take part in these important learning conversations. Please note that your child needs to be at these conferences as they are integral in sharing their learning. As the Three Way Conference has a different format than a Parent Teacher Meeting in the past, an overview of the 15 minute conference will come to you with next week's newsletter so that you have an idea of what it will be like.

Have a great week encouraging your child to persevere and take on more challenging activities so that they are growing their learning muscles.

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Karen



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Character Education

How are the conversations about **HONESTY** and **TRUTHFULNESS** going in your family/whānau? Can your child/ren tell you about some of the ways that they have been practising or demonstrating **PONO-NGA** and **WHAKAATA-PONO** at home, in class, in the playground or in their learning?

Being reflective and honest about what we can currently do, how we can improve our skills and what works best for us to grow our capabilities are all important parts of the process of learning. When your child makes a mistake, encourage them to know that it is OK (even if it is something you or they feel embarrassed about). The important thing is to learn from this ... ie: to help your child to find and build up the strategies that help them to face the situation and to make choices in the future that provide improved outcomes.

Kupu Hou (new word for the week)

Makariri = cold

Pronunciation = mah-kah-ree-ree

He tino **makariri** te moana.
The sea is very cold.



Whanau Meeting - tonight

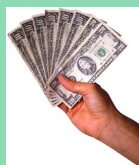
Our first Whanau meeting for 2015 is tonight in Room 7. You and your child/ren are very welcome to come along to join us for this get-together. Invites have gone home to all whānau with Maori heritage and whānau whose children attend Te Puawai Amua.

This is a great opportunity to meet others, hear the children sing and find out about tikanga, te reo and Kapa haka programmes. We will also share what went well last year and ideas for te reo/tikanga programmes 2015 - including a Matariki celebration next term.



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.



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 2015



Swimming lessons continue for the next two Fridays, so two more lessons to go. Please help your child to bring their togs and towel for these.

Please note:-

If you have any suggestions/issues regarding swimming we respectfully ask you to talk with your child's teacher or if you are at the swimming pool please talk with the senior Bellevue 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 with next week's newsletter there will be a feedback sheet for parents/caregivers to share your thoughts and suggestions regarding swimming to assist our planning/organisation for 2016. We will also be seeking feedback from students, teachers and the pool supervisor/instructors to assist with future planning and organisation of swimming.



Three Way Conferences

This year your child is an important part of the learning conversation in their 'Three Way Conference' at the end of term. At this conference they will help share their current learning successes and then help to set goals/discuss their next steps in their learning. A written summary of the goals will come home early in Term 2, or a written report if your child in Year 1 - 3 and is due their progress or anniversary report.

All parents and caregivers/whānau are expected to book and attend these important meetings **with your child**.

Please make a booking for a time using the on-line booking service or ring the office to assist you.

The website is www.schoolinterviews.co.nz

Event access code: 36497

or telephone 478 7037 and Michele will assist you with your booking.

If you are 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 for this important learning conversation with your child and their teacher. If a booking is not received from you by 4:00pm on Monday 23 March, we will make a time for your conference.

Please remember that you are very welcome to come into the staffroom to wait should you have a break between conference times for your children. Also we need to know if you would like to take up the offer of supervision in the library for siblings while you attend your conference with another of your children.





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

Hooray ...

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

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.

You are warmly welcomed to join us to support your child and our other competitors for some or all of the events as our students run, jump and throw next Thursday.



FUNdraisers



A very special invitation to all to come 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) **TOMORROW** (Thursday 19 March) from 7:00pm- 8:00pm.

Please bring a friend (or two) who also have children at our school, or just 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.



Bell Challenge

Water Day Fundraising – for families in Vanuatu

The people in Vanuatu got hit by Cyclone Pam and have very little clean water.

We are fundraising to get them some clean water kits so they can have clean water to drink during rebuilding their islands.

Each clean water kit contains buckets, collapsible water containers, soap and water purification tablets.

Our aim is to purchase 20 Clean Water Kits through Unicef for \$426.00.

On Friday 20 March we are having a **BLUE** day at school to raise funds to purchase Clear Water Kits for the children and families in Vanuatu. Please bring a gold coin donation.

Thank you for your support, Jesica and Bianca Clark



Netball

Bellevue Y4, Y5 and Y6 Netball:

All Year 4, 5 and 6 players (boys and girls) need to register their interest in playing netball this year. If you do not register your interest by email to me (Jo Johnston—contact details below) you may miss out some important information.

Important dates are as follows:

Trials: Wednesday 18 (today) and 25 March 3:15pm - 4:30pm

Teams named:
Wednesday 1 April 3:15pm

First playing Saturday:
Saturday 2 May



One further coach may still be required depending on the number of children playing. Coaches, managers and umpires are required as the teams cannot play without them. So please offer your services. Any questions about coaching, managing or umpiring please contact me. There is support provided.

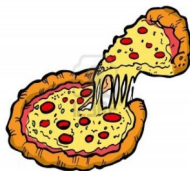
Registration forms will be handed out on Wednesday. Please return these as soon as possible so I can have a more accurate number of those wanting to play. If you can not make trials please contact me and I'll email a form to you.

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

Pizza Fundraiser

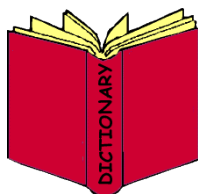
We will be having a Pizza Fundraiser on Wednesday 1 April to raise money for library furniture. We are very close to having enough to purchase some lovely new furniture for our library.

Look out for the order forms which will be sent home with the newsletter next week.



Thank you to...

The Johnsonville Rotary Club for the kind donation of three Usborne Illustrated Dictionaries. As always we appreciate these extra resources for our children.



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Community Notices

Neighbours' Day 2015:

The Newlands Community Centre & Ngā Hau e Whā o Paparāangi (NHEWOP) are organising a free neighbourly event for the community on Saturday 28 March from 1:00pm— 4:00pm at the Maraē. There will be activities and entertainment for all including Scottish Country dancing, kapa haka, face painting, bouncy castles, sports activities, hangi and much more. Come along and meet your neighbours and have fun. Tickets are being pre sold for the Neighbours' Day Hangi at \$10 each. Get in quick as there are only 200 Hangi tickets. You can buy them from the Community Centre office or ring Leighsah on 022 6109821 or Carol on 021 2436883.

Evolve Tennis Coaching is running Holiday Camps at the Khandallah Tennis & Squash Club. Suitable for children 5 to 13 years old. The programme includes tennis, table tennis & Olympics. The programme runs from 8:30/9:00am -3:30pm with a later pick up option of 6:00pm. We are also offering Tennis Hot Shots camps for all ages and abilities. The camps run for 2 hours each day and are the perfect opportunity to rapidly improve your child's tennis. For further information or to enrol please contact Evolve tennis coaching on 479 1386 or email: evolutetenniscoaching@gmail.com

Skylight Counselling & Support Services: Sharing the Journey

This group supports children aged 6 - 12 years old, who have a **parent with mental health issues and/or addiction**. The main aims of the group are to help normalise the experience of living day to day with a parent with a mental health issue and/or addiction, and to help the children to externalise and process their feelings related to their experience in a safe way. The group includes an initial parent / caregiver pre group interview (1/2 hour each TBA), followed by the 3 day children's group.
Date: Wed 8, Thurs 9 & Fri 10 April
Time: 9.30am- 12.30pm
Venue: Newtown Office, 2a Green St.
Cost: Free programme

Family Change Group

This group is for children aged 6- 12 years and is for children who have experienced a family break-up. The aim of the three days are to help normalize the experience of being through a family break-up for the child, help them discuss strong feelings and identify coping strategies and build resilience and self-esteem. The group involves a mixture of art making, watching DVD clips, talking and group activities. A parent/caregiver pre- group interview is held prior to the group running to assess the suitability of the programme for the child/ren. This will be held at the Skyline Newtown office before the children participate in the group.
Date: Mon 13, Tues 14 & Wed 15 April
Venue: Newtown Office, 2a Green St.
Time: 9:30am- 12:00pm
Cost: \$125 per child
Contact Sarah on 920 9967/ 0800 299100

Newlands Junior Rugby Club:

Registration Days:

Monday 23 March, 5.30pm – 7.15pm, Newlands Community Centre

Wednesday 1 April, 6.00pm – 8.00pm, J'ville Rugby Clubrooms, Helston Park

Online registrations:

www.sportsground.co.nz/newlands

For more information go to our website or phone Cherie Collins – Club Convenor on 938 5377.

Craft House - Craft Classes and Birthday Parties

Our crafty classes schedule for the April school holidays is out now. Projects include all the fun favourites such as canvas art, mosaics, scrapbooking, pendants, face painting, plaster hand models, card making and many more. Prices start at just \$22.50 for a 2hr class and before/after class care is also offered for a small surcharge. Open to all children 7 years and above. Join us for a two hour session, a whole day, a week ... it's up to you! See all the details at www.CraftHouse.co.nz For more information or to book, call us on 499 4499 or email info@CraftHouse.co.nz

Rock Academy School Holiday Programme:

If you are a young singer or musician, this is a great way to gain confidence and up skill with other enthusiastic and creative musicians and singers.

Activities include:

Daily Busking Trips, Group Jam Sessions Acoustic, Band Jam Sessions Amplified, Song Writing, Industry Work Shops, Song Writing Sessions & **NEW** Group Recording Project.

Location: Lyall Bay Studio, 9:00am - 3:00pm.

Dates:

Tuesday 7 - Friday 10 April. Cost - \$265
Wednesday 15 - Friday 17 April. Cost - \$205
There are only 8 places available each week so please contact us if you would like more information or for booking. Contact Geoff Day, Director - Teaching Coordinator on 021 565 750 or go to www.therockacademy.co.nz

Life Flight Open Day:

When: Sunday 22 March, 10.00am - 2.00pm

Where: Life Flight Air Rescue Centre, 17 George Bolt Street, Lyall Bay

Entry: Children free, Adults \$5 donation
There will be demonstrations, food stalls, face painters, dress up competition, helicopter, airplane, fire engine, ambulance and sniffer dogs. Go to www.lifeflight.org.nz/openday

Red Puppy Appeal Volunteers Needed:

When: March 27 & 28

What for: To collect for the Blind Foundation Annual Fundraising Drive

Collection Sites: Newlands New World & Johnsonville Warehouse

When: Any time between 8am - 4pm (either day)

Contact: Bronwen Miles on 022 1748061 or email bronniemiles@hotmail.com

Rewa Rewa School

Padnell Crescent

22nd March
10am-12.30



\$10 a site
\$40 Food sellers

Text Chris for info
021 932 592