



# Weekly Newsletter

25 March 2015

He iwi kotahi tātou = unity, we are now one people

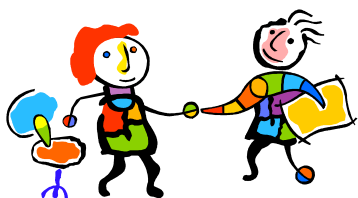
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## Important Dates

Thursday 26 March	Bellevue School Athletics Juniors = 11:30am - 12:30pm Year 3 - 6 = 9:15am - 3:00pm
Thursday 26 March	BOT meeting - 7:00pm in Staffroom
Friday 27 March	Final swimming lesson for 2015
Friday 27 March (this Friday)	Pizza orders due in by 3.00pm
Monday 30 March	Goal Setting Meetings 3:15 - 8:30pm
Tuesday 31 March	Goals Setting Meetings 3:15—6:30pm
Wednesday 1 April	Pizza Day
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

1 April	Rooms 12 & 1
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## Welcome

### Haere mai ki te kura o Bellevue

We would like to welcome India Coates to Room 8, Noah Coates to Room 6 and welcome back Chanel Tahana who is in Room 12. A special welcome to our school learning community to you and to your whānau/families.

## 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)

It is hard to believe that there is only another six days of school until the first term break for the year. However we are very proud of the work that our students and their teachers have undertaken and the achievements they have made this term. We are looking forward to Three Way Conferences next week where your child and their teacher will be sharing some of these with you.

Recently our staff spent time thinking about how we can grow great learners and what skills they need to develop as they become confident, connected, active life long learners. Recent research indicates that in addition to the three R's (reading, writing and mathematics) the new skills the world is looking for are:-

- 😊 leadership
- 😊 digital literacy
- 😊 communication
- 😊 emotional intelligence
- 😊 entrepreneurship
- 😊 global citizenship
- 😊 problem solving
- 😊 team working

As teachers we consider carefully how we can best help students become actively involved, take greater control to manage their learning and assess their achievements to develop the skills they require to prepare them for a life of learning and a successful future. We continue to look to improve how we work in partnership with you to enable your child/ren to learn and grow.

Have a great week.

Ka kite  
Karen



## Character Education

Last week there was a wonderful example of **HONESTY** and **TRUTHFULNESS** ie: **PONO-NGA** and **WHAKAATA-PONO** at school. There had been an issue raised with the school about some behaviour from a group of students on the way home from school. I asked at our assembly for the people involved to come to see me so that we could sort it out for the person who rang in. I was so proud of the students who came forward, explained what had happened, discussed the impact that this may have had on others, and worked to resolve this.

We know that at times we all 'mess up' and make mistakes. Facing these situations honestly and working to resolve any impact on others is important learning. We continue to encourage everyone to think of any muddles, mistakes or challenges as another opportunity to learn. Each time we discuss these things honestly it helps our children to build up a set of strategies that help them to face situations, sort them out and to make good choices in the future.

## Kupu Hou (new word for the week)

**Taihoa** = wait! hang on!

**Pronunciation** = tie-hor-ah

**Taihoa**, ka tīmata ai tātou.  
**Wait** and we'll begin.



## Healtheries

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. This offer finishes this Sunday and the draw is on 1 April.

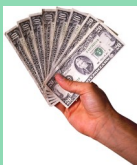
## Choir T – Shirts (High Notes)

If your child is in the High Notes Choir they have received an order form for the opportunity to purchase a limited edition High Notes Choir T-Shirt. Any queries please contact the office. These T-Shirts are only available to the choir for purchase.

However the good news is that next term students are designing a special Bellevue School T-Shirt which will be on sale to all our students. More details about this great T-Shirt offer will come to you 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.



## Final Day of Swimming 2015



Friday is the final swimming lesson for the year so please help your child to bring their togs and towel to this.

Please find enclosed with this weeks newsletter a feedback sheet for parents/caregivers/whānau to share your thoughts and suggestions regarding swimming. Please fill this in and return it to school by the last day of term, or email, phone or talk face to face with any of our teachers or /office staff. We value your ideas/suggestions to assist us with our planning and organisation of swimming for 2016. We are also seeking feedback from students, teachers and the pool supervisor/instructors to assist us with this.



## Three Way Conferences

Please note that these important meetings are on next Monday and Tuesday (30 and 31 March). If you have not booked a time, then a note is coming home today indicating the time that has been allocated for you to talk with your child and their teacher. This comes home with your newsletter and a notice about the format of the Three Way Conference. As the conference involves a three way conversation it will look slightly different this year. The note from your child's teacher gives you an overview of what will happen at the meeting

**All parents and caregivers/whānau are expected to attend these important meetings with your child. We look forward to seeing you next week.**

Please note that a written summary of the goals discussed at these conferences comes home early in Term 2, or a written report if your child is in Year 1 - 3 and is due their progress or anniversary report.

If you are unable to make the time booked for next week please contact your teacher directly to organise another mutually suitable date/time for this important learning conversation with your child and their teacher.

Remember that you are very welcome to come into the staffroom to wait should you have a break between conference times for your children. Room 12 students are meeting with Deeann and their parents in the teacher room by the staffroom, Room 13 are meeting in Room 7 (beside the library) and Room 15 Three Way Conferences are in Room 4.

There is a teacher aide in the library with some activities for siblings while you attend your conference with another of your children. Please let us know if you would like to take up this offer of supervision in the library.



## Athletics Sports

Join us  
tomorrow

You are warmly welcomed to join us at the Athletics sports tomorrow (if fine) ie:- Thursday 26 March. Years 1 and 2 event takes place from 11:30 am to 12:30pm. Years 3 to 6 from 9:15am to 3:00pm. The field events start at 9:15am for Years 3 to 6 then go through to 12:30pm with a break for morning tea. The sprints begin at 12:30pm on Newlands Park field.

You are very welcome to join us to support your child and our other competitors for some or all of the events. Should the weather cause this event to be postponed, it will be held next term.



## FUNdraisers



Thank you to the wonderful people who came along to the meeting last week to help plan some fun and some \$\$ raisers for our school. We appreciate the sharing of ideas for some more fun community events. Please take a look at the things we are planning so far...

- Pizza lunches at the end of each term - 1 April, 3 July, 25 Sept and 11 December
- The Entertainment Book (see below)
- Sausage sizzles each Friday next term - except 3 July
- Cash or Kete (Money or the Bag) - Friday 20 November
- Twilight Food Fair - 26 February 2016

## The Entertainment Book

Bellevue School is selling Entertainment Books this year to help fundraise to upgrade the playground. \$12 of every book sold comes directly to the school. We are selling the traditional book and the new digital version. Order online by using the link below, and feel free to post this link to your facebook page to spread the word (you can get the link from the newsletter online).

<http://www.entbook.co.nz/1g04109> .

Also If you would like a poster for your workplace, see the school office or contact Heather Lange on phone 478 3692 or email at [heatherandmattlange@gmail.com](mailto:heatherandmattlange@gmail.com)

Bellevue Kindergarten is also selling Entertainment Books. If you usually buy off the kindy please continue to purchase through them, as we do not want to take sales off the kindy. Contact Heather or the kindy directly for details. Order forms will come home next week for those who don't wish to order online.

## Enviroschools - We have joined

This year Bellevue School has joined a network of schools and early childhood education centres in New Zealand who work with students and their communities to involve everyone in creating healthy, peaceful, sustainable schools/communities.

Enviroschools is a national programme guided by The Enviroschools Foundation. Currently there are around 950 (ie: 30%) of New Zealand schools and early childhood centres that take part in this initiative. The focus is on children learning from real-life projects to transform their environments eg: recycling, composting, gardening, hydroponics, murals, solar panels, learning about traditional Māori customs and more. It is an action-based approach to education where children plan, design and implement sustainable projects becoming catalysts for change in their families, schools and the wider community.

Some benefits of the Enviroschools programme include; action-based learning, deepening knowledge about ecological sustainability and community resilience, creating genuine leadership opportunities for students and cost-savings through more efficient school-wide practices. For more information please take a look at the Enviroschools website: [www.enviroschools.org.nz](http://www.enviroschools.org.nz)

Next term every class will be involved in a student inquiry that is focused on our school environment to improve our learning spaces. We are excited that our students are going to explore Bellevue School's environment around the big theme of "Oh the places we'll learn". They will explore, then plan and take action to improve their learning environment. Further details of these inquiries will be shared with you as the term progresses ... so watch this space as we encourage you to share this journey with us.



## Netball

**Bellevue Y4, Y5 and Y6 Netball:**

**Important dates are as follows:-**

**Trials:** Wednesday 25 March 3:15pm - 4:30pm

**Teams named:** Wednesday 1 April 3:15pm

**First playing Saturday:** 2 May

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 Jo Johnston (contact details below). There is support provided.

Registration forms were handed out last Wednesday. Please return these as soon as possible so I can have a more accurate number of those wanting to play. If you can't 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](mailto:jo.johnston@outlook.com)





## Pizza Day at School

### Pizza Day

Fundraiser is only a week away. You can order a pizza to raise money for our new library furniture, while enjoying a different lunch next Wednesday 1 April.



The order form is coming home with your newsletter today. Please make sure all orders are in **before 3:00pm on Friday 27 March** so that orders can be processed ready for delivery to you on Wednesday for lunch.

Dairy free and gluten free pizzas are available. Please request this on your order form if required.

## Honesty Heroes

The following people have been nominated for values awards at last week's assembly. We would like to acknowledge the following students for demonstrating the value of honesty at school:

Ava Edwards (Room 1)  
Aanya Gupta (Room 2)  
Leon Daweth (Room 3)  
Riley Dreaver (Room 5)  
Carter Sutherland, Sahana Praveen & Benjamin Tibby (Room 6)  
Tino Savaii (Room 8)  
Ashton Ells-Wilson & Riya Lal (Room 9)  
Hilary Lintott & Isabel Johnston (Room 10)  
Daniel Phillips (Room 11)  
Kareem Omar (Room 12)  
Grayson Cook (Room 13)  
Jasmine Devery & Andrew Cheng (Room 15)

## Library

Next week is the last week of term and all books are due back by Thursday 2 April. Students who have returned everything issued may then borrow books for the holidays in negotiation with their teacher.



## Bell Challenge

### BELL Home Learning Challenge

It is fantastic to see a number of Year Three to Six students already carrying out activities that have contributed to completing their BELL Home Learning Challenges. Last Friday Bianca and Jessica Clark organised a Blue Day to raise funds for the people in Vanuatu. They made approximately \$257 for this great cause. This is part of the 'Giving' section in the challenge.

One of the expectations of the BELL Challenge is for students to take responsibility and make decisions for the learning they are doing. Part of this is talking with their teachers about the actions they wish to take. If students have designed their own challenge or are not sure if an activity they're doing would meet the criteria for the BELL Challenge they need to talk with their teacher. If it is an activity that may impact the school their teachers will refer the student/s to Margaret Hesketh who will make sure the activity is possible.

## Kapai Kidz

Kapai Kidz holiday programme will be operating in the school hall from Tuesday 7 April - Friday 17 April. Enrol online at [www.kapaikidz.co.nz](http://www.kapaikidz.co.nz) or contact Linda Robinson on 973 5099 or 021 409641.



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## Community Notices

### Craft House - April School Holiday Programme:

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](http://www.CraftHouse.co.nz)  
For more information or to book, call us on 499 4499 or email [info@CraftHouse.co.nz](mailto:info@CraftHouse.co.nz)

### 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](mailto:bronniemiles@hotmail.com)

### Neighbours' Day 2015:

The Newlands Community Centre & Ngā Hau e Wha o Paparāangi (NHEWOP) are organising a free neighbourly event for the community on Saturday 28 March from 1:00pm— 4:00pm at the Marae. 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.

### Free Back Pack Checks:

Improper backpack use has been linked to back pain in children. It is important to have a back pack with two shoulder straps that are padded and about 4cm wide. Children should always use both shoulder straps and pull them tight to keep the backpack firmly against their back. Ideally backpacks would have a waist strap and have good padding to stop things sticking into their back. The weight of the school bag should be no more than 10% of their body weight and should never be so heavy that it forces the child to lean forward for balance. Ensure your child always knows to tell a parent if they have back pain or discomfort.

Johnsonville Chiropractor is offering free back pack checks for Bellevue School children. They are also offering a free postural and scoliosis check at the same time. Call Dr Dave Kelly within the next week on 478 6194 to book in for a free backpack check for your child.

### KidzStuff Theatre:

Jack & the Beanstalk is on these school holidays from 4 - 18 April, Mon to Friday at 11:00am and 2:00pm and Saturday at 11:00am only. For bookings go to [www.kidzstufftheatre.co.nz](http://www.kidzstufftheatre.co.nz) or phone 385 0292.

### Elite Dance Academy:

Do you love to dance? Do you love cheerleading? If so check out our open class on **Friday 27 March at the Newlands Community Centre (gold coin donation)**. Want to know more? Contact Christina on 021 2401299 or 212 6991 or go to [www.elitedance.co.nz](http://www.elitedance.co.nz)