



Weekly Newsletter

1 April 2015

Ka whangaia, ka tupu, ka puawai = *That which is nurtured will blossom and grow*

Term 1 - Issue 9

Important Dates

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| Thursday 2 April | Last day of Term 1 finishes at |
| 3 - 19 April | Easter and school break |
| Monday 20 April | 9:00am - Term 2 begins |
| Wednesday 22 April | 10:45am - Powhiri to welcome |
| Thursday 30 April | Bellevue Cross Country |
| Tuesday 19 May | Northern Zone Cross Country |
| Friday 3 July | Last day for term 2 |

Assembly Dates

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| 6 May | Rooms 3 & 11 |
| 20 May | Rooms 9 & 2 |
| 3 June | Rooms 6 & 8 |
| 17 June | Te Puawai Amua & Choir |
| 1 July | Singing Assembly |
| 5 August | Rooms 10 & 15 |



Thank you for the support that you have provided for your child/ren's learning this term - also for their teachers, and Bellevue School. It is very much appreciated.

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

A very special thank you to all the parents, caregivers and whānau who joined us at the Athletics Sports last week. We hope that you enjoyed seeing your child/ren running, jumping, throwing and competing. Thanks also to those of you who helped out with timing the sprints for the Years 3 - 6 students in the afternoon. Your assistance was invaluable and much appreciated.

Over the past two days it has been wonderful to see so many mums, dads and whānau coming to Three Way Conferences. These learning conversations are an integral part of supporting your child's learning, so keep up the good work of talking with your child each day about their learning. Remember to talk with them about their learning at school, but also the many other things they are doing and learning at other times of the day too eg: music, sport, baking, gardening. Learning is a life-long process that includes school, along with those varied other opportunities/experiences that family or friends provide outside this time. Please reinforce with your child that learning can be hard work - ie: learning = effort and strategies. Carol Dweck's research clearly shows that if we have a 'growth mind set' where we know our minds can grow and expand, then we will work harder (even when we don't do well) than if we have a 'fixed mind' set where we believe intelligence is what we are born with/fixed. This 'fixed mind set' makes us become 'non learners', whereas the 'growth mind set' helps us to do everything we can to succeed. With a 'growth mind set' we know that hard work pays off, and we do not worry about hiding mistakes or any deficiencies we may have because we know we can overcome these to learn new things ie: to become smarter.

When encouraging your child to think about/talk about their learning you are helping them to become smarter and to think about having a 'growth mind set'. It is helpful to remember that things we can not do are merely things we can not do **YET!** You may find some of these questions helpful when talking to your child about their learning each day:-

- ☺ What was something you found hard to do today? What did you do to work through this?
- ☺ What was a helpful question you asked today? What did you find out?
- ☺ What was a goal that you had for today? How did you go with reaching it? What will you aim to do next?
- ☺ How did you do that ?(eg: piece of work, mathematics problem, reading activity). Did anyone do it a different way? How do you think that way might work for you? What other ways could you do that next time?
- ☺ What was something that you struggled with in your learning today? What did you do to work through this? What might you do differently next time?
- ☺ What is something that you were successful with today? How did you know that you were successful? How did it make you feel?
- ☺ What can you do if you get stuck with your learning/on that? How might you help yourself get 'unstuck'? Who else might you ask for help?

Have a great time with your children over the two week break from school. We look forward to catching up with you all again from 8:30am on Monday 20 April.

Ka kite
Karen



Kupu Hou (new word for the week)

Aranga = Easter

Pronunciation = ah-rang-ah

E aha ana koe ā Te **Aranga**?
What are you doing for **Easter**?



Library

This week is the last week of term and all books are due back by tomorrow ie: Thursday 2 April.

Students who have returned all their books may talk with their teacher about borrowing books for the school holidays.



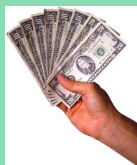
Choir T – Shirts (High Notes)

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 going to design 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.



Swimming Feedback 2015

Enclosed with last weeks newsletter was a feedback sheet for parents/ caregivers/whānau to share your ideas, thoughts and suggestions regarding swimming.

Please fill this in and return it to school by tomorrow (the last day of term) or email, phone or talk face to face (kanohi ki te kanohi) with any of our teachers or office staff. We value your ideas/suggestions to assist with organisation of swimming for 2016. We are also seeking feedback from students, teachers, the pool supervisor and instructors to assist us with this planning.



Three Way Conferences

Thank you to all the wonderful parents, caregivers and families/whānau who made it along with your child/ren over the past two days. It was fantastic to see so many of you taking part in these learning conversations with your child and their teacher.

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



Character Education

This term we have been very proud of the effort that all our students have made to practice a variety of different ways of being honest (pono-nga) and to further build their abilities in this area. The truthfulness they demonstrated when thinking and talking about their learning is a real credit to them. It also helps them to make the most of all learning opportunities available. We now know from neuro - scientists and researchers that intelligence is not fixed - it can be grown ie: we can build our learning 'muscles' (brains) by working hard to learn new skills and become more intelligent. Therefore being honest about what we can and can't do, enables us to set goals that help us build on our skills. Learning from our mistakes and being willing to take on many challenges gives us further opportunities to build the capabilities required to face new or tricky situations, to work through these, learn from them and to make sound choices in the future.

Next term the value we are focusing on is responsibility or kawenga. This will build on the work that you, your child and their teachers have been doing on truthfulness or whakaata-pono this term.

Gardening

Do you like Gardening?

Currently our school has many native trees planted which require some tender loving care and weeding.

As a keen gardener (or you may have a family member who is) you may like to help us keep the weeds down or further enhance our school grounds.

If you are keen or if you know someone who might volunteer to do an hour or so gardening each week (either with or without a couple of students helping) it would be wonderful to hear from you. We hope that there may be some keen gardeners in our community to work with us to improve our grounds. Please contact the school office if you are interested.

FUNdraisers



Please take a look at the things we are planning this year so far...

- The Entertainment Book (see below)
- Sausage sizzles each Friday next term - except 3 July
- Cash or Kete (Money or the Bag) - An adults evening on Friday 20 November
- Twilight Food Fair - 26 February 2016

The Entertainment Book

This year Bellevue School is selling Entertainment Books 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/1q04109> .

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

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 come home today for those who don't wish to order online.

Bellevue School Enviro Focus

Next term every class is going to be involved in a student inquiry that is focused on our school environment. We are looking to improve our learning spaces. It is exciting that our students are going to explore Bellevue School's environment around the big theme of ...

"Oh the places we'll learn".

Students will explore, then plan and take action to improve our 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:

Teams named: Wednesday 1 April 3:15pm followed by practice with your team and coach.
Netball uniforms will be allocated on Wednesday 22 April followed by practice.

First playing Saturday: 2 May
Registration forms have been handed out Wednesday. Please return these as soon as possible so I can have a more accurate number of those wanting to play.

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

Pizza Day at School

Our **Pizza Day** fundraiser today raised \$394 towards the new library furniture that we are saving to purchase.

A special thank you to everyone who supported this fundraiser. We hope you enjoyed your pizza today.



Kapai Kidz Holiday Programme

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 or contact Linda Robinson on 973 5099 or 021 409641.



Athletics Results

Congratulations to everyone who participated in our School Athletics Day.

Vortex: (boys & girls)

Year 3

William Provis (1), Brett Edgecombe (2), Ezra Mill-Cameron (3), Munroe Cook (1)
Lara Avery (2), Tyla Dawson (3)

Year 4

Tino Savaii (1), Noah Williams-Harris (2), Jacob Etti (3), Sandra Natta (1), Georgia Mercer (2), Brody Cooke (3)

Year 5:

Jaxon Mill-Cameron (1), Ryan Mackay (2), Dmitry Joffe-Devoy (3) Molly Martin (1), Stefani Rivera (2), Anjali Sharma (3)

Year 6:

Levi Rangi (1), Shea Ewart (2), Lawrence Reeves (3), Jessica Clark (1), Abigail Steel (2), Isabella Sinclair (3)

Long Jump: (boys & girls)

Year 3

Ezra Mill-Cameron (1), Ben Moodie (2), William Provis (3), Lara Avery(1), Tyla Dawson (2), Dani Steel (3)

Year 4

Noah Williams-Harris (1), Jacob Etti (2), Dylan Ranchod (3), Brody Cooke (1), Eva Maora (2), Anye Howarth (3)

Year 5

Zaki Zaki (1) Hamish Browne (2), Dmitry Joffe-Devoy (3), Allana Caldwell (1), Lamitta Hermez (2), Jade Bennie/ Gaure Sharma (3)

Year 6

Levi Rangi (1), Jack de Bres (2), Richman Tan/Aden Sapsford (3), Isabella Sinclair (1), Jessica Clark (2), Yana Gupta (3)

Quoit Throw: (boys & girls)

Year 3

William Provis (1), Ezra Mill-Cameron (2), Brett Edgecombe (3), Lara Avery (1), Ruby Bennie (2), Belinda Tan (3)

Year 4

Tino Savaii (1), Seth Stoneham (2), Dylan Ranchod (3), Maia Commerford (1), Brody Cooke (2), Sandra Natta (3)

Year 5

Dmitry Joffe-Devoy (1), Jaxon Mill-Cameron (2), Andrew Cho (3), Molly Martin (1), Charlotte Harris (2), Jade Bennie (3)

Year 6

Levi Rangi (1), Richman Tan (2), Jack de Bres (3), Trinity Avery (1), Pisey Keat (2), Latasha Vague (3)

High Jump: (boys & girls)

Year 3

Anthony Dennison (1), Jasper Salmon (2), Ezra Mill-Cameron (3), Ruby Bennie (1), Keita Abraham (2), Lara Avery (3)

Year 4

Jacob Etti (1), Jarred Rudd (2), Samuel Penhey/Finley Graham (3), Anye Howarth (1), Eva Maora (2), Caroline Holmes/Tessa Mawby (3)

Year 5

Zack Dearman/ Jaxon Mill-Cameron (1), Kareem Omar (2), Allana Caldwell (1), Molly Martin (2), Lamitta Hermez (3)

Year 6

Richman Tan (1), Lawrence Reeves (2), Jack de Bres (3), Isabella Sinclair (1), Yana Gupta (2), Jasmine Devery (3)

Sprints: (girls & boys)

Year 3

Benji Holden/Ezra Mill-Cameron (1), Jasper Salmon (2), Lara Avery (1), Holly McNamara (2), Ruby Bennie (3)

Year 4

Jacob Etti (1), Noah Williams-Harris (2), Tino Savaii (3), Lily Welling-Noble (1), Brody Cooke (2), Tia Butters (3)

Year 5

Dmitry Joffe-Devoy (1), Ryan Mackay (2), Zack Dearman (3), Kaitlyn Russell (1), Lamitta Hermez (2), Allana Caldwell (3)

Year 6

Richman Tan (1), Levi Rangi (2), Phoenix Welling-Noble (3), Julia Arboleda (1), Jasmine Devery (2), Isabella Sinclair (3)

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

For more information or to book, call us on 499 4499 or email info@CraftHouse.co.nz

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 or phone 385 0292.

Evolve Tennis :

Holiday Camps are being run in the upcoming school holidays at the Khandallah Tennis & Squash Club. These are suitable for children 5 to 13 years old. The programme includes tennis, table tennis & Olympics. The programme runs from 8:30/9:am-3:00pm with a later pick up option of 6:00pm. Children can attend for half or full days.

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 evolveteniscoaching@gmail.com

Bigair Gym:

We have added a new class to Bigair Gym called FREE RUNNING which is proving to be popular for boys over 8yrs who love to leap, roll and flip from one place to the next. Bigair Gym also offers classes in Trampoline, Toddler Gym, Preschool and School Aged Gymnastics, Advanced Gym classes, Plus Cheer and Tumbling classes. Bookings are open for Term 2 NOW! Call the office on 232 3508 for enquiries and bookings or email office@bigairgym.co.nz. Classes fill up fast so call Bigair today!

Bigair Gyms ever popular Holiday Programme is open for bookings NOW. Half days (\$20) or Full days (\$36) available. Book in one or groups of friends to have active fun learning gym and exploring the gym facility these school holidays.

Go to office@bigairgym.co.nz today!

Wonderplay Drama Classes have places available in term two for 5-8 and 9-12 year olds as well as teens in our famous Young Actors Class. Classes are on Tuesdays at Churton Park Community Centre. First lesson is free to try. Please contact Debs at: wonderplydrama@gmail.com or 021 722836 or at www.wonderplay.co.nz

DancePointe Academy is a Classical Ballet school with classes in Johnsonville for children through to Adults. A trial class is offered for children to see if they would enjoy learning ballet. For information contact Sharon at dancepointenz@gmail.com or 0212151222 www.dancepointe.co.nz