



Weekly Newsletter

22 April 2015

E tipu e ako = *Where learning grows*

Term 2 - Issue 1

Important Dates

Thursday 23 April	10:00am — deadline for sausage lunch orders
Friday 24 April	First 'Friday - Sausage Day' lunch for the term.
Monday 27 April	Anzac Day Holiday—school closed
Date change: Tuesday 5 May	Bellevue Cross Country
Thursday 7 May	Postponement date for Bellevue Cross Country
Tuesday 19 May	Northern Zone Cross Country
23 June	Matariki Evening - 6:30pm
Friday 3 July	Last day for Term 2

Assembly Dates

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

IMPORTANT - School Start Time

Please note that school opens for children to arrive at **8:30am** each morning.

We ask you to please check that your child is not leaving home too early as there have been children arriving as early as 8:00am. Should you require your child to be at school this early please contact Kapai Kids to arrange 'before school' care.



Many thanks for ensuring your child arrives at school between 8:30 –9:00am.

Welcome

Haere mai ki te kura o Bellevue

We would like to welcome Prashant Singh & Ashley Maskell to Room 2 and Jahzel Leutogi to Room 5.

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, 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)

Welcome back to the new term. It is great to see so many of our students (and their teachers) refreshed and already in to another busy term of learning.

As we continue to encourage children to think and talk about their learning, we also remind them about how it is possible to become smarter and to think about having this 'growth mind set'. Carol Dweek's research looked into why do some students turn into "non-learners". She states that we do not start out life with that kind of mind set, and challenges us to consider how can we foster curiosity and joy in learning as students decipher and interpret their world. Teaching a 'growth mind set' makes a real difference to learners and Dweek also speaks at length about her favourite word: "YET". She says that the message in failing to achieve something is not "I'm a failure", but I have "Not YET" learned/achieved that. It is helpful to remember that things we cannot do are merely things we can not do YET... and then a learners confidence is not undermined. "Not YET" allows learners to persevere towards success. We all understand that learning is not easy but the 'struggle of learning' is well worth it!

Educators like Carol Dweek also suggest that we need to be mindful of the praise we give as feedback. She recommends that we praise and acknowledge effort as well as the achievement, rather than saying "You are clever/smart" or something that suggests a fixed ability.

Have a great week talking with your children about their learning and praising them for the effort they put in to persevere with the 'struggle of learning'.

Ka kite
Karen



Character Education - Term 2 Value

This term our focus is on building learners' understanding about responsibility or **kawenga**. This builds on the work that you, your child and their teachers did on honesty/ **pononga** and truthfulness/**whakaatapono** last term.

Being responsible means that others can depend on you, you are willing to be accountable for your actions and when you make a mistake or things go wrong you make amends instead of excuses. We are encouraging students to practice being responsible by keeping to agreements, giving their best to any job and 'responding ably' in a variety of situations...including when things go wrong

Responsibility is also about ako and learning from our mistakes rather than continuing to do the same thing.

Kupu Hou (new word for the week)

Hau = wind
pronunciation = ho

Kei te pupuhi te hau.
The *wind* is blowing.

Kei te pūhia ngā kākahu e te hau.
The clothes are being blown by the *wind*.



Library

Hooray. Great news.... The library is open again, with our wonderful student librarians on duty each morning tea and lunch break.

We encourage children to visit the library regularly as there are so many wonderful books to lose themselves in or to borrow to read at home.



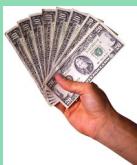
Choir T – Shirts (High Notes)

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 this 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.



Congratulations



We would like to congratulate Andy Groom on winning a new position in Cambodia. Andy and his family are moving at the end of this term. He will be teaching in an International School in Phnom Penh from Term 3.

Andy you will be sorely missed at Bellevue, however we wish you well for these exciting new adventures in foreign lands.

The teaching position for Room 11 is currently being advertised. We will let you know about our newest staff member once we have made the appointment.

We would also like to congratulate Philippa who was married during the break. Philippa's new title/name is Mrs Needham. It is impressive to see the Room 6 children already using this when talking with her.

Goal Sheets and Reports

Thank you to all you wonderful parents, caregivers and families/whānau who came along with your child/ren to take part in the Three Way Conference learning conversations with your child and their teacher.

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

Setting Goals



Bellevue Cross Country

Please find details of our school Cross Country event in the notice attached to this newsletter.

Children are currently practicing at school each day for this event, and may like to do so outside school hours too.



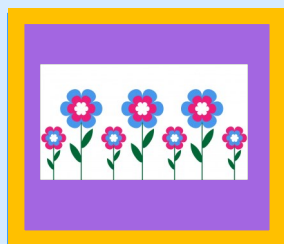
The date has been changed to enable our runners more time to prepare for the Cross Country. We hope that this has not been an inconvenience for you.

If you can help out with supervising around the course, please let us know as soon as possible.

Thanks



Gardening



Are you a keen gardener or do you have a family member who is?

We are looking for some people to help keep our school gardens weed-free and looking great.

If you are keen or know someone who might volunteer to do an hour or so gardening each week we would love to hear from you. Please contact the school office if you can help.

FUNdraisers



Please take a look at the 'Friday Sausage Day' notice included with today's newsletter as these sausages are available for lunch from this Friday.



You may also like to put the 'Cash or Kete' (ie: The Money or The Bag) adults evening into your diary for Friday 20 November. Bring along some friends for this fun night out that also raises some much needed funds for our school.

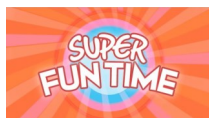
Also any ideas you might have for the Twilight Food Fair (26 February 2016) please share these with the FUNdraisers group. You can contact the school or come along to our next 'Cake and Coffee' FUNdraisers meeting on Thursday 14 May at 7:00pm in the Whare Iti (ex-Dental Clinic building at the front of the school).

The Entertainment Book

Bellevue School is selling Entertainment Books to raise funds to help upgrade the school 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 came home with the final newsletter in Term 1 for those who do not wish to order online. If you need a further copy of this please contact the school office.



Bellevue School Enviro Focus

This term each class is involved in a student inquiry that is focused on our school environment. We are looking at improving our learning spaces. 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.

Bellevue Netball

Thanks to those who have paid their subs. Please keep bringing them in as they are due before the first game of netball on Saturday 2 May.

The teams have now been named and you should know who your coach is.

Contact your coach in the first instance if you have any questions.

Year 6 – Fi Nicholson

Year 5 – Ange Koorey and Liane Chee

Year 4 – Jo Johnston



The netball draw for Saturday 2 May should be available on the Northern Suburbs website www.nsnetball.co.nz early next week.

'Friday Sausage Day'

our Friday Sausage Day fundraisers start this Friday.



The FUNdraisers group are trialling having these available for lunch each Friday during Term 2. Please find the order form(s) attached to this newsletter. You can order each week or may like to order for the term so that you do not need to think about or prepare lunches for your child/ren each Friday during the term. The weekly order form is available on line from today for you to access if ordering each week.

Please note:

Orders need to be in before 10:00am on Thursday to be processed and sausages ready for your child to collect from the hall on Friday at 12:30pm.

If you are able to help out on the roster to prepare the sausages for one or more Friday lunchtimes this term, please contact Mandy Mackay on mackays.nz@gmail.com



Honesty Heroes



These students were nominated for Values Awards at the final assembly in Term 1.

We acknowledged them for the value of Pono-nga or Honesty at school:

Mason Baker (Room 1)
 Allegra Mounter (Room 2)
 Zara Alam, Arion Wang (Room 3)
 Tiernan Finn-Burke (Room 5)
 Noah Coates (Room 6)
 Ally Furneaux (Room 8)
 Ruby Bennie, Lucas Mackay (Room 9)
 Meg Lange (Room 10)
 Munroe Cook & Maia Commerford (Room 11)
 Ashlee Nicholson & Allana Caldwell (Room 12)
 Caoimhe Finn-Burke & Sophie Purvis (Room 13)
 Lamitta Hermez, Isabella Sinclair & Pomare Dickson (Room 15)

Bell Challenge

Pyjama Day – Fundraising for Mary Potter Hospice

At Mary Potter Hospice they take really good care of people with cancer. They make patients comfortable while they work out the best medicines for them and any other physical and emotional care they need.

We want to raise money to help them do this. Please wear your PJ's to school on 1 May and bring a gold coin donation for our coin trail.

Thank you
 Isabella and Elijah Sinclair



Mathletics Awards

At our school assembly Mathletics awards are given out for both individual and classroom achievements each month. The individual awards are now determined by the rate of points gained for learning activities taken over the total time they spend on Mathletics over the month. Only the students that spend more than three hours over the duration of a month will be considered for this award.

This system acknowledges the students who are focussing on the learning activity and doing their best to make sure their answers are as accurate as possible.

It is paramount that Mathletics 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):

Nathan Blumhardt – Room 5

Te Hau Tonga (Middle Block):

Lewis Blackburn – Room 11

Te Hau a Uru (Senior Block):

Ryan Chy-Long – Room 15

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):

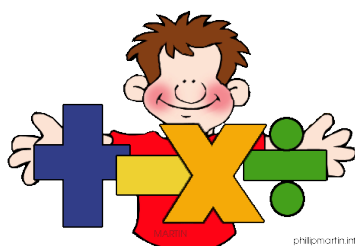
Room 6

Te Hau Tonga (Middle Block):

Room 9

Te Hau a Uru (Senior Block):

Room 15



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Community Notices

Would You Like to Host an Overseas Student?

Experience another culture, make new friends and improve your language studies at home.

Hosting - An experience for Life
 Student exchange is looking for host families across New Zealand to welcome overseas students into their home.

For more information go to:

www.studentexchange.org.nz or phone 0800 440 079 (cost of local call)

Leaping Lizards School of Dance:

Fun classes in Funk, Jazz, Contemporary and Zumba Kids© for children 3 years+ Free trial classes! For more information check out www.leaping-lizards.co.nz or call/text Lorna on 021 1770685

Classes take place at Amesbury School, Churton Park.

Fun Adult Fitness Classes at Amesbury School, Churton Park:

Circuit training is on Tuesdays from 7.30pm—8.30pm. Pilates is on Thursdays from 7.45pm—8.45pm. Your first class is free! Pay in advance for the term and receive a great deal: \$8/class for both classes and \$9/class for one class. 10 trip cards only \$100

Check out www.leaping-lizards.co.nz for more information or call/text Lorna on 021 1770685.



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