



Weekly Newsletter

6 May 2015

Kia tipu ai ēnei kākano hei rākau nui

= May these tender seedlings grow into mighty trees

Term 2 - Issue 3

Important Dates

Wednesday 6 May	Reports (Year 1 - 3 Anniversary) & Goal Sheets coming home today
Thursday 7 May	BOT Meeting - Staffroom 7:00pm
Thursday 14 May	FUNdraisers Meeting - Whare Iti 7:00pm
Tuesday 19 May	Northern Zone Cross Country
Wednesday 27 May	Whanau Meeting/Hui - Room 7 6:00pm - 7:00pm
Monday 1 June	Queen's Birthday Holiday - School closed
Saturday 13 June	Enviro Planting Day at school 9:00am - 1:00pm
Thursday 18 June	FUNdraisers Meeting - Whare Iti 7:00pm
Tuesday 23 June	Mātāriki Evening - 6:30pm
Friday 3 July	Final assembly and farewell for Andy Groom
Friday 3 July	Last day for Term 2

Assembly Dates

Friday 8 May	Rooms 3 & 11
Friday 22 May	Rooms 9 & 2
Friday 5 June	Rooms 6 & 8
Friday 19 June	Te Puawai Amua & Choirs
Friday 3 July	Singing Assembly



Welcome

Haere mai ki te kura o Bellevue

We would like to welcome Reihana Rahimi to Room 2.

A special welcome to our school learning community to you and to your whānau/family.

From The Principal's Desk



NZSL

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)

We continue to encourage learners to develop these competencies and skills - ie: build their 'learning power'. Twenty years of neuroscience research shows with the right input the brain can change and reconfigure itself throughout life, which proves that our potential as learners is endless. The ability of the brain to rewire and improve means that we can encourage and support our students to continue to learn every day (and continue to learn ourselves too!).

This week is Sign Language Week. Along with Te Reo Māori and English, New Zealand Sign Language (NZSL) is an official language of New Zealand unique to our country. For many people in our deaf community NZSL is essential for their daily communication and interactions. Hearing students are encouraged to learn NZSL as it is another way that they can *relate to others and also participate and communicate* - two of the Key Competencies all students are helped to develop so they can "live, learn, work and contribute as active members of their communities." (The NZ Curriculum—page 12). You may like to look at websites like <http://www.deaf.org.nz> to do some learning of NZSL with your children this week.

You may have noticed in the green heading area of the newsletter (see above) we include a *whakatauki* each week. This is a guiding proverb or significant saying in te reo Maori. *Whakatauki* are also essential ingredients in *whaikōrero*. The reason we include one of these each week is that we value this wisdom and the ones we select to share often relate to learning or important aspects of our learning community. This week the *whakatauki* is about growth which is an important theme in learning and our Enviro-school work.

Enjoy sharing your child's goal sheets or anniversary reports for those Year 1-3 students who are due these, and talking with your child about their learning.

Ka kite
Karen



Character Education - Term 2 Value

When practising responsibility (kawenga), if we agree to do something like watching a younger child or to do a job around the house, we take it as our duty and are obliged to fulfil the commitment we make. If we are acting responsibly we take care not to agree to things that are too hard or that we do not really have the time for.

To practice kawenga we also work to fix up any mistakes we have made. We do not become defensive, but make an effort to learn from the mistake. Being responsible is being ready and willing to clear up any misunderstandings.

Please continue to talk to your child about the importance of this value. It is one of the core values of our learning community here at Bellevue (along with empathy, respect, confidence and resilience/perseverance) which is one of the reasons we are working with your child to develop their understanding of this value and how they might practise it as part of learning programmes in Term 2.

Kupu Hou (new word for the week)

Te Hau Tonga = the south wind

pronunciation = teh hoe tong-ah

Te Hau Tonga is the name of our middle school block ie: Rooms 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11.



Table Tennis & Trestle Tables

Last chance for accessing one of the heavy older style trestle tables that are in good condition or two older style wooden tops for table tennis tables (no legs). If you are interested in having one or more of these, please contact the school office before Friday 8 May as after this they will be donated to a charity.

If you would like to view the older trestle tables or the table tennis tops please contact the school office.



Headlice

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
- Be prepared to continue treatment for about three 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.



Thank you

A special thanks to ...

Mel Dennison for volunteering to help in Room 6 each Tuesday morning. Kia ora Mel.

All the parents, caregivers, whānau/families and friends who braved the cooler temperatures yesterday to cheer on their own children and all the competitors in the Cross Country event.

The teachers and support staff who helped prepare and encourage our students to actively participate in the Cross Country run this year.

Shona, Mandy and Jennifer for organising and cooking the sausages for last Friday's sausage sizzle.

Megan, Mel, Tracy and Anne who are regular Parent Reading Tutors who donate a morning each week to work individually with our students to practise their reading skills.

Esther, Jade, Jennifer, Mandy, Margaret, Sandy and Sarah who are adult helpers who support the Road Patrol students every week on their duty. We appreciate you donating your time (especially on those wild wet Wellington days) to make sure all our students are safe as they arrive and leave the school.



ASB Donation Voucher

If any of our school families or friends of our school take out a new home loan of \$150,000 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.

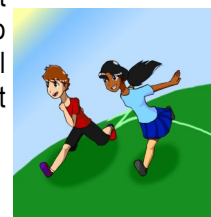


Bellevue Cross Country

Congratulations to all our wonderful Cross Country competitors yesterday and the amazing parent helpers who supported our runners along the course.

Thank you to our adult supporters who also braved the chilly conditions to cheer on all the runners.

Results of this event will be published in next week's newsletter. Those students who made it into the Northern Zone athletics will have a notice about the date of this event coming home today.



Road Patrols on Windy Days

PLEASE

Remember that on very windy or blustery days, it is not safe for the Road Patrollers to use the 'lolly pop' signs as students may be dragged on to the road by the wind. On these windy days you will see the adult helpers at the crossing. There will not be any signs out on these days. The adults will direct the patrols and tell you when to cross.



FUNdraisers



Remember that we are holding 'Friday Sausage Day' each week in Term 2 ie: sausages can be ordered by Thursday for Friday lunch.

Please add 'Cash or Kete' (ie: The Money or The Bag) adults evening into your diary for Friday 20 November? Have you asked some family or friends to come with you to this fun night out?

Any ideas for the Twilight Food Fair which is scheduled for 26 February 2016?

Come along to the FUNdraisers meeting for 'Cake and Coffee' and some fun as we chat next Thursday - 14 May at 7:00pm in the Whare Iti. See you there.

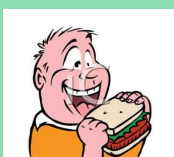


The Entertainment Book

These great books are available through the school office or online at www.entbook.co.nz/1g04109. Please ask your friends, family and neighbours to purchase their Entertainment Books from us or Bellevue Kindergarten.

The book is full of great discounts for eating out, movies, family activities, takeaways and more....

Each book costs \$60 and raises \$12 per book for the school or the Kindergarten.



Star Writer

Congratulations to Alyana Campbell who is making an amazing effort in writing. Look at this great recount where she included an introduction, middle and ending.

'Today we had Cross Country. I felt happy I was going to win but I didn't win. Miss Church said "Go Alyana go" and I went too fast. I went up and down and I was last. Nicky won. It was fun and we went back to class.'

Bellevue Netball

Results from Saturday 2 May:

Bellevue Pulse Year 4 V Ngaio Mystics 1 -1 draw
Bellevue Emeralds Year 5 V Newlands Lightning Tigers 3 -10 loss
Bellevue Pulse Year 6 V St Bens Superheroes 19 - 0 win

The Netball Draw for Saturday 9 May is as follows:

Bellevue Pulse Year 4 V Churton Park Comets, Intermediate 1 at 9:20am
Bellevue Emeralds Year 5 V Ngaio Tactix, College 5 at 12:20pm
Bellevue Pulse Year 6 V Crofton Down Flames, College1 at 11:00am

Good luck to all the teams and enjoy your netball.



'Friday Sausage Day'

If your child wants to order a sausage for Friday lunch, (and they do not have a term order with the school) please look on the website for the order form. Send this order form with the exact change to school by 10:00am on Thursday 7 May (tomorrow) for your child to receive their sausage lunch for this Friday (8 May).



Thank you to the FUNdraising group who have organised this great lunch option.

If you can help out with this please contact Mandy on mackays.nz@gmail.com We need four adults to help out from 11:30am - 12:45pm each Friday in the hall.

Please note that all the money raised from this FUNdraisers initiative is going directly towards improving playground activities for your child.

Pyjama Day

Fundraising for Mary Potter Hospice

Thank you to Isabella and Elijah Sinclair for organising the event and also to everyone who supported it by wearing their pyjamas last Friday.

The final total raised was \$350 to donate to the Mary Potter Hospice. What a great effort!

Thank you



Scholastic Bookclub

Bookclub orders are due in this Thursday 7 May.

Please get your orders in on time as we are unable to process late orders. All orders need to be handed into the classroom so that they are written in the classroom finance book.

If you are paying by cheque, please make it out to Scholastic NZ.

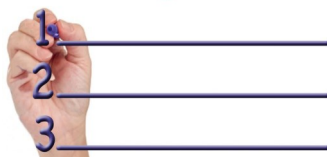


Goal Sheets and Reports

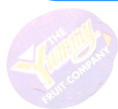
Just a reminder that accompanying this newsletter is a written summary of the goals discussed at the Term 1 Three Way Conferences, or a written report if your child is in Year 1 - 3 and is due their progress or anniversary report.

Please look out for these today.

Setting Goals



Apple Stickers



Please help us to get some sports equipment by collecting the Yummy 'Cut-out' labels from bags and Yummy apple stickers on individual apples for our school to collect a share of \$200,000 sports gear prizes.

Yummy apples are available from New World, Pak 'n Save and participating Four Square stores.

The more stickers we collect, the more sports gear we receive so please start collecting those Yummy cut-out labels and stickers now!

A sticker collection sheet is attached to this newsletter for your use. Pop it on your fridge and start collecting the stickers now.

We will let you know later in Term 3 when all stickers are due back to school.

Thank you for your support.



Trips & Performances

Term 2 trips and performances:

As we are now in term 2, payment for trips and performances is due. Could you please make payment of \$10 for the term either by sending cash along to the classroom money box in a named envelope with 'Term 2 trips' written on it, or by paying \$10 into the school account with your child's name, room number, and term 2 trips as references.

The school account number is:
12-3223-0048283-00.

Thank you

Community Notices

Kids Cross Country Series 2015:

Event Dates:

Sunday 17 May - Karori Park, Karori

Sunday 7 June - Trentham Memorial Park, Upper Hutt

Sunday 26 July - Sladden Park, Petone

Sunday 16 August - Grenada North Park, off Jamaica Drive, Tawa

Sunday 6 September - From WHAC Clubrooms, Mt Victoria, Wellington

For more information look at the poster on the information board in the school office or go to www.athleticshub.co.nz or email rama@athleticswellington.org.nz or phone 027 3902735.



Race to Explore Greater Wellington with the Metlink City Safari on 17 May:

This awesome family adventure sees teams race to visit checkpoints located all over Wellington. We will tell you exactly where they are - your challenge is to find the quickest and smartest way to visit most of these - both by foot and by all forms of public transport.

You may be racing to catch the ferry to Day's Bay, the Cable Car to Kelburn, a train to Tawa, or a bus to Queensgate. It is all about strategy with the event designed so that the smartest family team can beat the most athletic teams. There are both 3 and 6 hour events to compete in. For details and registration: www.citysafari.org.nz. Registration closes 10 May.

Sunday Springboard Diving Lessons

run by Wellington Diving Club from 2.30pm - 3.30pm at Kilbirnie pool. Why not come along and give diving a try? There's no need to register - just turn up! Casual sessions cost \$5 (plus pool entry) and are held this term on Sunday 10/17/24/31 May, 14/21/28 June and 5 July. We also have a range of springboard and platform diving classes to suit all levels from recreational to competitive, and cater for all ages from 5 years up. For more information, please visit: www.wellingtondiving.org.nz or call/text Maria on 972 3432 or 021 736866.

Keith Spry Pool E-Petition:

Would you like your children to be able to use the new teaching pool at Keith Spry pool in Johnsonville (during times when only a few lanes are in use for swimming lessons)? If you would like to support this petition please go to:

<http://wellington.govt.nz/have-your-say/epetitions/petitions/current/2015-03-keith-spry-teaching-pool-to-be-open-to-the-general-public-when-not-in-use-for-swimming-lessons>

Your name, address and an email contact is all that is required. The process takes less than 5 minutes.