



# Weekly Newsletter

20 May 2015

Ko au te taiao, ko te taiao ko au.  
= I am the environment, the environment is me.

Term 2 - Issue 5

## Important Dates

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	Last day for Term 2

## Assembly Dates

Friday 22 May	Rooms 9 & 2
Friday 5 June	Rooms 6 & 8
Friday 19 June	Te Puawai Amua & Choirs
Friday 3 July	Final Singing Assembly and Farewell for Andy Groom

## Welcome

### Haere mai ki te kura o Bellevue

We would like to welcome Dannelle Rudd & Elaine Chen to Room 1.

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)

Last night I had the privilege of attending the Newlands College musical production. This morning I was delighted to find that many of the talented students in this amazing performance had spent their primary years here at Bellevue School. It is wonderful to see our young people continuing their learning journey, also sharing their learning and growing talents in a variety of ways - such as at the production last night.

You will often hear the term 'personalised learning' in relation to education these days, which is about people learning in meaningful ways for them. Learning is not a 'one size fits all' approach but varies from individual to individual. The New Zealand Curriculum encourages us to work together to build learning around each learner. Much of what we do with students is working to encourage them to ask questions, reflect on their learning, know how to access information or assistance as required and also to reflect on how they learn best (ie: what works for them as a learner).

Learners are encouraged to create, collaborate, innovate, problem solve and seize as many opportunities as they can to prepare them for their lives of learning. At Bellevue School we support our students and adults to relate well to others, to make links and become connected to the land/environment, members of their community and beyond. I would like to acknowledge our very professional staff who constantly work together to continue to learn and grow their learning and teaching capacities in the same way that we work with our students to do this.

Have a great week talking with your children about their learning.

Ka kite,  
Karen



## Character Education - Term 2

How have your discussions about responsibility or takohanga going? Responsibility is about us all doing the best we can, managing ourselves and interactions with others. It is

- ✋ Doing the right thing
- ✋ Following through
- ✋ Doing what we are supposed to do
- ✋ Doing what needs to be done
- ✋ Tying and giving our best at everything we do
- ✋ Taking care of ourselves, our belongings and our equipment
- ✋ Following rules so that everyone is safe and making amends when we make mistakes

### Please note

Our Annual whole-school Emergency Evacuation is on **Friday 30 October**. Please check with the office that your emergency release adult list is up to date.



## Kupu Hou (new word)

**Te Hau ā Raki** = the north wind

*pronunciation = teh hoe ah rah-kee*

Te Hau ā Uru is the name of our administration block ie: the offices and staff room area.



## Samoan Language Week

Talofa lava - Vaiaso o le Gagana Samoa:

Samoan Language Week for 2015 is from Sunday 24 – 30 May. This year the theme is:

‘Tautua nei mo sou manuia a taeao’ –  
Serve now for a better tomorrow’.

Ia manuia le vaiaso – Have a great week.



## Storm Last Week

We hope that you survived the rain, wind and stormy weather last week. Compared with some schools we fared very well. You may have noticed that a tree came down on Friday evening. Thankfully Amanda alerted us to this so we had it cleared before everyone came back to school on Monday. A special thanks to Amanda and Arb Innovations who responded so quickly to our call.

Damage repairs are currently being organised.



## Thank you

A special thanks to ...

These wonderful parents who helped to transport, supervise or provide help as marshal/ record keeper at the Northern Zone Cross Country event yesterday. Thank you to Richard, Sarah, Tracy, Bing, Leanne and Ayman.



Thank you also to Margaret Hesketh and Maria Church who accompanied the students on the trip, and a special thank you to Tracy who donated her time to come to school to train with the students prior to the event.

Shona, Mandy, Jennifer and Sarah for organising and cooking the sausages for last Friday's sausage sizzle again. Please, please offer to help out with the sausage sizzles if you would like these to continue on Friday lunchtimes. With the number of orders we get each week four adults are required each Friday from 11:30am –12:30pm. We can help show you the system for preparing and serving the sausages.

## Northern Zone Cross Country

Thank you to all the students who represented us at the Northern Zone Cross Country yesterday, also the teachers and parents who accompanied them to this event.

Our runners were great ambassadors for our school who gave their best in this higher level competition. They also exhibited the values associated with fair play and being good sports people.

Congratulations to Dmitry Joffe-Devoy who came ninth in the Year 5 race, so he has gained entry into the Wellington Interzone event. Kia ora Dmitry.



## Whanau Hui - Te Puawahi Amua

The Whanau Meeting/Hui is on next Wednesday 27 May from 6:00pm - 7:00pm in Room 7.

Please put this date in your diary and see the notice coming home with your child today. We encourage all our students and their families who have Māori heritage and those who attend Te Puawahi Amua to come along to share some Kai and korero with us. The children are part of this hui and will sing some songs as part of our evening together.

Hope you can join us.



## ASB Fundraiser for our School

Thank you to the wonderful parent/friend of the school who took out a new home loan of \$150,000 or more, and nominated our school. ASB has donated \$500.00 to the school. Please remember that this nomination can come from anywhere in New Zealand so ask friends, family and acquaintances to remember us if they are taking a loan through an ASB branch. This offer ends on 30 June 2015. Donation vouchers are available at the school office.





## Star Writers

Room 5 have been writing poems about the rain. Look at these fantastic examples:

Rain looks like falling glass from the sky  
Rain sounds like crackling lightning  
Rain feels like a drop of ice  
Rain tastes like refreshing water

**Maia Rakanui**



Rain looks like tiny people falling  
Rains feels like cold ice  
Rain sounds like trees smashing

**Izyah Maora**

Rain looks light bright and shiny crystals  
and rain feels like people spitting little spits  
Rain sounds like a noisy flood  
and now rain tastes like refreshing water

**Kathleen Wang**

Rain looks like refreshing bubbles  
It feels like ice  
It sounds like buzzing bees flying all over the town

**Matilda Frances**

Rain looks like diamonds  
Rain feels like tiny spits  
Rain sounds like little rocks falling on the roof tops  
Rain tastes like little bits of paper

**Suzie Dubuisson**



## FUNdraisers

Come along to the next FUNdraisers meeting on **Thursday 18 June** at 7:00 - 8:00pm in the Whare Iti.

We would love to hear your ideas for some further fun things to do that will also support our school to provide some extra learning opportunities and equipment.

We are sorry if anyone was inconvenienced because of the cancellation of the meeting last week due to the bad weather.



## The Entertainment Book

These great books are available through the school office or online at [www.entbook.co.nz/1g04109](http://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.

## Safety for all our Children

**PLEASE ....**

A special reminder to practice consideration when you drop your children off before school. In the mornings there is quite often traffic congestion so please follow the road rules ... give way to up hill traffic, go to the top of Bancroft Terrace to turn and no double parking in the Terrace.



## Mātāriki



The Mātāriki Evening is on Tuesday 23 June at 6:30pm.

Everyone is welcome to come along and join us for this special family evening at school. Mātāriki is unique to New Zealand and is the beginning of the Māori new year. We encourage you to bring along some food/takeaways to start the evening. After eating there will be some singing, games and celebrations.

## Bellevue Netball

**Netball Draw for Saturday 23 May:**

Bellevue Pulse Year 4 V St Brigids  
Vipers, Intermediate 2 at 10.40am  
Bellevue Emeralds Year 5 V Churton Park  
Stars, Intermediate 2 at 12.00pm  
Bellevue Pulse Year 6 V Cashmere Tuis,  
College 4 at 11.00am



**Netball Results for Saturday 16 May:**

Bellevue Pulse Year 4 V Cashmere Firebirds, won 5-2  
Bellevue Emeralds Year 5 V Khandallah Thunderbolts lost 2-3  
Bellevue Pulse Year 6 V Cashmere Keas, won 21-1



Good luck to all the teams and enjoy your netball.

## 'Friday Sausage Day'

If your child wants to order a sausage for Friday lunch, please look on the website for the order form, then send this with the exact change to school by 10:00am on Thursday 21 May (tomorrow) to receive the sausage lunch for this Friday (22 May).



HELP - We need **four** adults to help each Friday. Please contact Mandy on [mackays.nz@gmail.com](mailto:mackays.nz@gmail.com). It has been the same three people who have worked over the past weeks so they have developed an efficient system they can share with you.



## Planting Day



We are looking forward to this year's 'Beautiful Bellevue' Planting Day on 13 June.

Please diary this date and see the notice coming home with your child this evening. Come along to help plant some more native trees at school. It is a fun day that is also improving the physical environment for learning at Bellevue.

We would love you to join us for this worthwhile get together of planting trees and morning tea. Please return the tear-off slip to school or let us know if you are able to help.

## Trips & Performances

### Term 2 trips and performances:

As we are now in term 2, payment for trips and performances is due. Please make payment of \$10 for the term 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. Thanks.

## Mathletics

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

Please remember that it is important that Mathletics is not the only activity that students do after school. We recommend that 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!

## Yummy Apples

Are you collecting the Yummy 'Cut-out' labels from bags and Yummy apple stickers on apples yet?



Please save these now. The more stickers we collect, the more sports equipment we receive so please collect those labels and stickers now!



If you need another copy of the sticker collection sheet let us know.

## Congratulations

To Carolyn Collis, a part-time teacher at Bellevue for many years, who has been short-listed for the Te Reo Māori category of the Lianza Book Awards 2015 for her Early Te Reo Reading Book Series.



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## Community Notices

### Kids Cross Country Series 2015:

#### Event Dates:

**Sunday 7 June** - Trentham

Memorial Park, Upper Hutt

**Sunday 26 July** - Sladden  
Park, Petone

**Sunday 16 August** - Gre-  
nada North Park, off Jamai-  
ca 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](http://www.athleticshub.co.nz) or email [rama@athleticswellington.org.nz](mailto:rama@athleticswellington.org.nz) or phone 027 3902735.



**Book Sale** at Tawa Community Centre, Cambridge Street, on Saturday 23 May at 10:00am to support Kiwi Community Assistance [KCA]. A wide range of good quality second hand books at reasonable prices will be available. KCA is a Tawa based volunteer run organisation providing a range of donated goods, clothing and food to assist local schools, food banks and a wide range of community organisations. As a clearing house for items KCA relies on community goodwill, donations and fundraising such as this book sale to support its activities. KCA has received several regional awards for the strength of its charitable activities. Please support this book sale to enable KCA to continue its good works. For further information, or if you are interested in supporting us in other ways please check out our web site at <http://www.kca.org.nz/>



### Carlucci Land Mini Golf:

Two for one deal Winter golf special from Monday to Thursday.

Excluding school holidays and public holidays.

Come along and have some fun at 281 Happy Valley Road.  
[www.carlucciland.nz](http://www.carlucciland.nz)



### David Hill Writing Workshop:

For budding authors a writing class with award-winning author/tutor David Hill on Sunday June 14th - 10:30am to 12:30pm at The Children's Bookshop, Kilbirnie Plaza.

Morning tea provided. \$25 each, strictly limited to 25 participants.

This workshop is for writers aged 18+.

To enquire further, and to book your place, please email:

