



Weekly Newsletter

14 October 2015

E tipu e ako = Where learning grows.

Term 4 - Issue 1

Important Dates

Wednesday 14 October	Powhiri to welcome new students - 10.30am
Thursday 15 October	NZ Shake out day practise
Friday 16 October	School Disco
Thursday 22 October	FUNdraisers meeting
Thursday 29 October	Board of Trustees meeting—7pm
Friday 30 October	Whole School Evacuation
Friday 20 November	Cash or Kete (Adults Fun night)
Thursday 26 November	Pack the Bus—visits Bellevue School
1 December	Year 5 Zoo Sleep-over
1 – 3 December	Year 6 School Camp
9 December	End of Year reports (years 4-6) and progress reports (years 1-3) come home
Wednesday 16 December	Final day of 2015 - 12 noon finish
Monday 1 February	First day of 2016 - 9:00am start

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 Term 4. We hope that you managed some fun times with your children over the break. It is wonderful to see them back at school so refreshed and ready for learning - their teachers and support staff too!! We are looking forward to a busy, productive term with many new learning challenges and successes.

Organisation for 2016

At this time of year schools look at the number of children who will be in each year level to make decisions about class organisation and placement for the following year. We aim to assemble classes that best provide for students learning. The number of classes is dependent on the staffing entitlement received from the Ministry of Education, which is based on the number of students we have in the school. Next year we will start with 13 classes, and are currently looking at how these will be arranged.

When looking at class composition, the challenge for all schools is to assess children's needs and to meet these for all the students in the class, regardless of which room they are in or the mix of year groups. The focus is on the quality of teaching to support student's learning so we are very fortunate to have excellent teachers here at Bellevue School.

Assembly Dates

Friday 23 October	Assembly led by Rooms 13 & 11
Friday 13 November	Assembly - Te Puawai Amua & Choirs
Friday 27 November	Assembly led by Rooms 9 & 2
Wednesday 16 December	End of Year Presentations, Farewells and Singing

Welcome

Haere mai ki te kura o Bellevue

We would like to welcome the following students to Bellevue School:

Lewis Mabey, Danyelle Subecz, Iris Roper, Jack Christian and Grace Patterson to Room 4.

Tabitha Urquhart to Room 5.

Sebastian Urquhart to Room 11.

Andre Geard to Room 12.

We would also like to welcome Melissa Van Echten who is teaching in Room 6.

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

Please note that there are many important factors taken into consideration when placing students in classes. These include:-

- * Individual needs and achievement
- * Peer relationships
- * Learning friendships
- * Age and year group
- * Gender balance and number of students
- * Siblings in adjoining years

We would like parents and caregivers to know that while this can make the task a challenging one, we are committed to making the most appropriate placement after all these factors have been considered.

If there are any factors you believe need to be considered when placing your child next year, please contact the school over the next two weeks. You can talk with your child's teacher, or to Margaret (Deputy Principal) or Karen (Principal) before 9:00am on Friday 30 October.

Also if you know of any students who are likely to be starting our school, or leaving in the near future, this would be helpful to assist us in organising placements for 2016. Please note that the final class organisation and placements will be confirmed with you when reports go home at the end of the year (ie: Wednesday 9 December).

Have a great week everyone.

Ka kite
Karen



Kupu Hou (new word)

mōhio(tia) = know
pronunciation = mow-he-or (tea-ah)

Kei te **mōhio** ngā tauira ki te reo Māori =
The students *know* the Māori language.
(NB: **mōhio** always takes 'ki' rather than 'i')



E **mōhiotia** whānuitia ana a Parekura Horomia e ngā
tāngata Māori o te motu = Parekura Horomia is
widely *known* by Māori people from all over.

Cash or Kete - Adult Fun



If you have not yet talked with your friends and family about joining you for this fun night in our school hall, please make sure you book them in right now.

Our fun adult 'Cash or Kete' evening was a great success last year so join us in the hall at 7:00pm on Friday 20 November.

Tickets cost \$15 per person and go on sale from the office next week. All profits from this fun evening go towards the upgrade of our school playgrounds.

If you can help provide any prizes for this fun event, please let us know or send the prize to school as soon as possible.

Remember to diary this date for a fun night out with your friends.

New Zealand ShakeOut

This year's National ShakeOut earthquake drill is 9:15am tomorrow. Remember that this is a chance for you, your family, and us at school to practise the right action to take in an earthquake - Drop, Cover and Hold. It is also a reminder to make sure our emergency plans and supplies are up to date.

Take a look at the ShakeOut flier coming home with your newsletter today for further details.



Whole School Evacuation



Friday 30 October is our annual whole school evacuation day. When you are contacted your child will need to be picked up by one of their emergency release adults. Please note that teachers/staff will

be at school until your child is collected both for this practice and in a real emergency situation.

Please check your emergency contact details and release adults are up-to-date. Further details about this evacuation are coming home in a note with next week's newsletter.

Thank you

Special thanks to ...

Jennifer, Tracy and Shona who are organising, cooking and serving sausages from this Friday. Kia ora koutou.

All our wonderful Bellevue School students and teachers for an amazing school show that you produced and shared at the end of last term; also to the great audiences at both the matinee and evening performances.

Our wonderful teachers who have been in during the break preparing for another great term of learning - especially those who had to contend with builders, dust and dirt up until the final days of the break before being able to set up their classrooms ready for the first day back.

Toy Orders

Please note that the last day for these orders is 30 October, so take a look at the Chalk catalogues that came home last term and get your orders in as soon as possible.

If you have misplaced your catalogue we have a few spares available at the office. The catalogue is full of educational toys for children of all ages, and perfect for gifts... birthdays, Christmas and other occasions.

Please place your orders **before 30 October**.



Term 4 Sunhats



Please remember that your child needs a sunhat at school every day during Term 1 and Term 4. It is compulsory to wear a sunhat when outside during the summer months for protection from the sun's harmful rays.

Please help your child to have a named sunhat at school each day (they may wish to have a school sunhat that they leave at school), otherwise they will need to work and play under the covered veranda areas.

Sausage Orders



Thanks to a wonderful group of parents, sausages are available for lunch on Fridays again this term.

If your child wants to order a sausage each Friday, please order for the term using the term order form on line or send back the order form that is coming home with the newsletter today.

Otherwise you can order the weeks you wish to using the weekly order form available on our website and also included in the notice coming home with this newsletter. It is important that you send this with the exact change to school **by 10:00am on the Thursday** for lunch on **Friday**.

Please... if you can offer an hour of your time on Thursday morning to process the orders or on Friday to cook or help distribute the sausages, this would be much appreciated.

Contact Mandy or Shona on mackays.nz@gmail.com if you can help.



School T-Shirts



The new Bellevue School T-shirts (as designed by Akira) are now available on order from the school office.

Please note that these can be ordered in either blue or green, and in sizes 6 - 14 at a cost of \$20 each. To view a

sample of the new T-Shirt, please take a look at the one on display in the office foyer.

Order forms are available on line, or hard copy at the office.

Improving Learning Spaces

Over the break there has been a number of contractors working in and around the school. Double glazing has been installed on the cooler sides of Te Hau Rawhiti (juniors) and Te Hau Tonga (middles) classrooms, landscaping work behind Rooms 10 and 11, extra car park spaces beside the Whare Iti and removal of the old, unsafe junior playground.

This term your children will be working to action some of the wonderful ideas they came up with for improving our outside learning spaces in their inquiry projects last term. If you would like to view these amazing ideas and designs, please visit Room 7 to look at the display on the walls, display units and shelves.

We are currently fundraising and applying for grants to improve the safety surface beneath the adventure playground by Rooms 10/11 and the slide area, also for a new adventure playground. A tyre Taniwha is due to be constructed in the not-too-distant future too, so look out for these exciting improvements to our outside learning spaces.



School Disco

Our School Disco is being held this Friday 16 October in the school hall.

We hope all our students can come along to enjoy this great evening. The Junior School Disco is from 6:30pm - 7:15pm. The Middle and Senior School Disco is from 7:30pm - 8:30pm.

Tickets cost \$5.00 which includes two glow sticks.

Drinks and chips can be bought from the school kitchen during the disco for \$2 each, and lollies for \$1 a bag.

See you on Friday in your 'party' clothes and dancing shoes.



School Production - photos and video

Photos from "The Time Machine - Learning in 2015" are available from <http://davelintott.photoshelter.com/gallery/150924-Bellevue-School-Production/G00003AKfGiCq.5Y/C000070uH6FIZ72A>.

This is a private gallery, accessible by using password - bellevue2015. This password allows free 1200px (longside) jpeg file download.

Full-size files are on sale for \$5:00 via Paypal interface on site (normal debit cards can be used), but the medium downloads should be fine for any normal use. There is a link to this on our school website.

We are also currently working to provide a link for your to view a production video via our website. Further details will come to you once this has been sorted.

A big thank you to Dave from 'Dave Lintott Photography' (Hilary's husband) who very kindly donated his time on Wednesday and Thursday to take these photos and a video of the show, also to put these on-line for you to access. Kia ora Dave. We really appreciate your expertise generosity in doing this for us.



Character Education

The value of empathy or aroha is our focus for Term 4. This concept builds on from last term's focus of respect or whakaute.

Empathy or Compassion is about:-

- ☺ Noticing when someone seems sad or troubled,
- ☺ Putting yourself in their place and asking how you would feel if it was happening to you,
- ☺ Thinking about how you can help,
- ☺ Taking the time to care.

We are encouraging people to be compassionate to help others feel more included and less alone in the world. Compassion/empathy helps us to be more understanding of others, and ourselves.

Please take the time to talk with your child/ren about aroha and empathy. You may find 'real life' examples of this to talk with your child about.

Pack the Bus



The Student Council are joining with the City Mission and The Breeze again this year to think of others less fortunate at Christmas. This year the bus comes to Bellevue on Thursday 26 of November so we will be collecting new toys, games, books, board games, art equipment, vouchers or festive food earlier in the term than last year. More details will follow from the Student Council, but please keep this in mind as another way that we can practise empathy, compassion and aroha this term.

Accidents

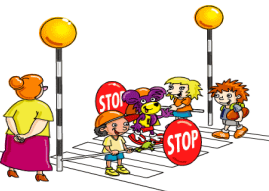


On the very first morning of school for the term there was an accident on Bancroft Terrace very near the school road patrols.

The cause was due to someone turning into a driveway and backing out to turn around. PLEASE - do not do this!

PLEASE - always go up to the top of Bancroft Terrace to turn around. DO NOT turn into driveways and back into the traffic as this is dangerous and causes accidents like the one on Monday.

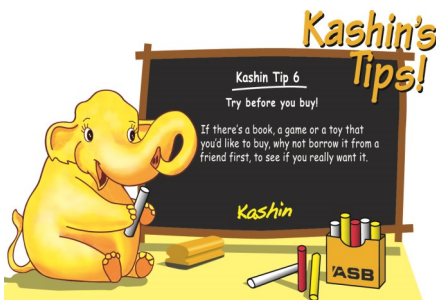
Look out for our children and parents by following the road rules to turn at the top of the terrace.



Banking at School

A reminder that your child can bank with the ASB through the school. Please contact the office for further details and enrolment forms.

Bank books need to be deposited in the bank box in the office foyer. These are taken to the ASB every Friday.



ASB Donation Voucher



ASB have extended their offer of donations to schools so if a parent, staff member or family member of the school is taking out a home loan of \$150,000 or more, our school can then be nominated. ASB donates \$500 per home loan to the nominated school.

Donation vouchers are available at the school office. This offer is available for home loans drawn down **before 31 December 2015**.

Struggling with Debt?

Please find a flier from CAP coming home with your newsletter this afternoon.

This is from a support organisation who provides free assistance when you might need it.

Please find details and their contact number on this flier.

Christmas Craft Fair

On Saturday 7 November a Craft Fair is being held in our school hall from 11:00 - 3:00pm.

If you (or anyone you know) would like to hold a stall contact Lorraine for details on:-

bellevuefundraisers@gmail.com or phone Lorraine on 027 600 4401.

Congratulations Rudreshh

We are very proud of Rudreshh's selection to perform in the chorus of the NZ opera Tosca. If you would like to attend, further performances are being held on Thursday and Saturday this week.

Well done Rudreshh!



Family Portraits

FUNraisers have organised 'Photos by Sarah' for family portraits at school on the weekend of 7 and 8 November from 1:00 - 4:00pm in the staffroom both days. Sessions take 10 minutes and cost \$10, which goes to the school. This is a great opportunity to get some fabulous colour and black & white family and individual photos. They make great Christmas presents and raise money towards our playground upgrade.

Photo prices start at \$15 for a 5" x 7" photo. To make a booking please go to the website www.schoolinterviews.co.nz and enter J8UNS then follow the directions. Once you have booked and pre-paid your \$10:00 session fee you will be sent information about the photos session by email. If you need help to make a booking please contact the school office.



Community Notices

Lauren Simpkins Music - Singing & Music Lessons:

Lauren is now taking enrolments for term 4.

All levels welcome.

Lessons take place in Churton Park.

For more information please contact Lauren on 022 642 1621 or at:

lauren.simpkins@gmail.com or go to www.laurensimpkins.com



DancePointe Academy is an established Classical Ballet School with students learning Ballet for fun and recreation, or for competitions. We have an inclusive family environment.

New Beginners Ballet class for 5 and 6 yr olds commencing Term 4 2015 at St Peter & Pauls church hall, Johnsonville on Tuesdays and Fridays.

Limited spaces available in classes of higher levels.

For information with regards to levels/fees/uniform/enrolment/trial class contact Sharon on 021 2151222

dancepointenz@gmail.com

www.dancepointe.co.nz



Wonderplay Drama Classes have places available in term four for 5-8 year olds and 9-12 year olds as well as teens in our famous Young Actors Class. Classes are Tuesdays at Churton Park Community Centre. First lesson is free to try. Please contact Debs at: wonderplydrama@gmail.com or 021-172-2836 or www.wonderplay.co.nz



Workshop-How Food affects your Mood:

There are many ways that foods can effect how we feel, just as how we feel has a large influence on what foods we choose to eat. Come along and find out what might be triggering your little ones tantrums or your own mood swings. **We will cover:**



The food mood connection

Top 20 powerful mood boosters

Tantrum triggers and Impact of food on concentration levels

Free Food & Mood chart will be provided too!

Time/Date: 7.30pm - 9pm, Monday 19 Oct

Cost: \$15

Venue: Churton Park Community Centre

For more information and to book contact-Melissa on 021 340661 or email melissa@healthystuff.co.nz