



Weekly Newsletter

21 October 2015

E tipu e ako = Where learning grows.

Term 4 - Issue 2

Important Dates

Thursday 22 October	FUNdraisers meeting—7pm in Whare Iti
Thursday 29 October	Board of Trustees meeting -7pm
Thursday 29 October	Scholastic book club—last day to order
Friday 30 October	Whole School Evacuation Chalk Catalogue Toy - last day to order
Saturday 7 November	Christmas Craft Fair 11am-3pm in the School hall
Saturday 7 and Sunday 8 November	Family Portraits - 1-4pm in the staffroom
Friday 20 November	Cash or Kete (Adults Fun night) - 7pm
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

Assembly Dates

Friday 23 October	Assembly led by Rooms 13 & 11 ICAS Maths certificates will be presented at Assembly
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:

Alice Patterson + Neveaha Swift to Room 4.

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

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)

A very special thank you to our wonderful School Council, ably assisted by Margaret Hesketh this year, for such a successful Disco evening last Friday. A very big thank you to all the parents, caregivers and whānau who also helped out before, during and after the event too. I would also like to thank all the teachers and staff who gave up their Friday evening to help out, and to our amazing students who behaved so well while having fun. We really appreciated Dylan de Bres (an ex-pupil of Bellevue, one of the sound and lighting technicians for our production recently and Jack's brother) for the great job he did in providing sound, light and DJ services on Friday. What a wonderful example of our amazing community supporting Bellevue School children.

Organisation for 2016

Class placement - A reminder that If there are any factors you believe need to be considered when placing your child next year, please contact the school over the next week. 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 us when 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).

Staffing - We would like to congratulate Anne Smith who was the successful applicant and is now our new Assistant Principal at Bellevue School. Anne continues to be class teacher in Room 1, but also has a number of other leadership and management responsibilities in the school. She is now 'third in charge' in the line of delegation at Bellevue. Kia ora Anne.

Congratulations also to Melissa Van Echten and Erica Ward who join us as permanent classroom teachers. Melissa is currently in Room 6 and Erica will join us at the beginning of 2016.

Further congratulations go to Andy Yates and Hilary Lintott who have both won new positions for 2016. Andy starts work at his new school in Christchurch next year, and Hilary is joining the staff at Raroa Intermediate next year. We will miss both of these wonderful teachers, and the amazing skills they currently bring to Bellevue School. We know 'first hand' how lucky their new schools are to have them from January next year. We will let you know who our other new staff members are once these appointments have been made.

Please remember that next Friday is Annual Whole School Evacuation Practice Day. Please read the notes accompanying this newsletter so that you know what is expected of you next Friday and during any emergency when the whole school is required to evacuation. In a real emergency our paramount concern is the safety of all our students and staff, then re-unifying them with their families/whanau after the event.

Have a happy and safe week everyone.

Ka kite
Karen



Kupu Hou (new word)

ako(na)= learn, teach
pronunciation = ah-kor (nah)

Kua *ako* a Mere i te waiata.
Mere has *learnt* the song.

Ka *ako* te kaiako i ngā taurira.
The teacher will *teach* the students.

'whakaako' is also frequently used for 'teach'.



Cash or Kete - Adult Fun



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

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

We still require prizes for this fun event, so please talk to any contacts you may have who are prepared to sponsor this event and help us raise the money for our new junior playground.

Buy your tickets now..

Bell Challenge

Finished portfolios showing evidence of completed challenges for the BELL Challenge need to be handed in to Margaret by Friday 27 November. Before students hand their portfolio into Margaret they need to make sure that all completed challenges have been signed off by parents/caregivers and by their teachers, ensuring that they prove to their teacher that they have done the work required.



Character Education

This term we are focusing on the value of **Compassion** or **Empathy (Aroha)**.

Some tips for practising being more empathetic or compassionate

- ⇒ Be a good listener
- ⇒ Defend anyone who is being teased
- ⇒ When playing, include those who are left out
- ⇒ Think of others rather than always thinking of ourselves first

It is by imagining and understanding how other people feel that helps us to be compassionate. As Sophocles said "Kindness gives birth to kindness". Please continue to talk with your child about how they might practise being a compassionate and empathetic person so that they continue to be the very best that they can.

Thank you

Special thanks to ...

Jennifer, Tracy and Sarah who organised, cooked and served sausages last Friday. Kia ora koutou. Also thanks to Zaki and Trinity from Room 12 who helped with the Sausage orders last week.

The Student Council helpers, teachers and parents who helped set up before and cleaned up after the Disco last Friday. A special thanks to everyone who made this such a successful night, and to Margaret Hesketh who works with the Student Council this year who co-ordinated this great event. Also thanks to Dylan de Bres who was our fantastic DJ on the night.



Toy Orders

Please note that the last day for these orders is next Friday, 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**.

Whole School Evacuation



Friday 30 October is the 2015 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 are at school until your child is collected for this practice and in any real emergency situation.

Further details about this evacuation are coming home in an orange note with today's newsletter. This includes a letter from Kerry McSaveny, an Emergency Management Advisor from the Wellington Region Emergency Management Office (WREMO), and an Emergency preparedness booklet to assist you and your household to be prepared for an emergency. Please look at all these things to help you know what is happening next Friday and in a real emergency situation. Please do **NOT** come to school to collect your child before you receive the text as we are aiming for everyone to have a practise as near to what would happen in a real emergency.

Sausage Orders

If your child wants to order a sausage for Friday, and you have not organised this for the whole term, please use the weekly order form available on our website. This needs to be sent 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



Bellevue School T-shirts (designed by Akira Cook) can now be ordered from the school office. These have a great design, are available in blue or green and are good quality T-shirts.

T-shirts are available in sizes 6 - 14 at a cost of \$20 each. To view a sample of the new T-Shirts, please take a look at them on display in the office foyer. Order yours now.

Pack the Bus



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. We will be collecting new toys, games, books, board games, art equipment, vouchers or festive food nearer this date. More details to follow. Please keep this in mind as another way that we can practise empathy, compassion and aroha this term.

Playground Upgrades

Please take a look at the wonderful new landscaping work behind Rooms 10 and 11. Our students are going to be planting in the new planter boxes this term.

With the removal of the old, unsafe junior playground the major focus of all our fundraising is to plan for then provide a new and improved playground. We are currently fundraising and applying for grants for this new adventure playground, also to improve the safety surface beneath the adventure playground by Rooms 10 and 11.

This term your children are going to action some of the wonderful ideas they came up with for improving our outside learning spaces in their inquiry projects last term. Other of their ideas are being considered as part of the playground upgrades. Come into Room 7 to view these amazing ideas and designs. Also underway are plans for constructing the Tyre Taniwha for children to play on.

Please join our Fundraising meeting at 7:00pm this Thursday 22 October in the Whare Iti to find out more about our plans and to help us raise the funds to replace the junior playground as soon as possible

ICAS Competitions - 2015

Congratulations to the following students who participated in the International Competitions and Assessment for Schools (ICAS) in Science, Writing and English and achieved the following results:

	Science	Writing	English
Distinction (top 11% of participants)	Abi Steel	Caiomhe Finn-Burke Charlotte Harris Rohan Mani	Rohan Mani
Credit (the next 25% of participants)	India Coates Rhea Homroy Maisie McGhee Charlotte Harris Yana Gupta Jessica Clark Richman Tan Jasmine Devery	Jade Bennie Allana Caldwell Andrew Cho Dmitry Joffe-Devoy	Wence Pineda Rudressh Balamurali-Krishna Akira Cook Dmitry Joffe-Devoy Dana Mistry Kareem Omar Yana Gupta
Merit (the next 10% of participants)	Andrew Cheng Andrew Cho	Hamish Browne	Leo Diaz-Poff Seth Stoneham Andrew Cho Ayla Duffy Julia Arboleda
Participation (all other participants)	Annaliese Blumhardt Dylan Ranchhod Jade Bennie Allana Caldwell Ayla Duffy Dana Mistry Gaure Sharma Aneet Sehra Jack de Bres Levi Rangl Aden Sapsford Paku Whitehead	Andrew Cheng Dana Mistry	Maia Commerford Neha Kollati Nikhil Kollati Maisie McGhee Jessica Curry Zack Dearman Caiomhe Finn-Burke Charlotte Harris Eva Koorey-Te Huki Kaitlyn Russell Gaure Sharma Aneet Sehra Jack de Bres Abi Steel Richman Tan

Certificates for ICAs Mathematics will be presented this Friday at our school assembly.

FUNdraisers

Come along to the Whare Iti at 7:00pm tomorrow evening. Join us at this time on Thursday 22 October to help us work towards replacing the junior adventure playground as quickly as possible.

We are all very keen to have a new playground available for our young learners to develop their physical skills and abilities. Unfortunately the Ministry of Education funding schools receive can not be used for this, so all schools need to raise these funds locally.

We are currently preparing and submitting number of grant applications to assist us with this project. We are keen to think of other ways to access additional funding from beyond our immediate parents and whanau too.

Your ideas and help to do this is greatly valued so come along and help us get this playground for your child and all our children.



Weet-bix Kids TRYathlon



Bellevue are entering a team into the 2016 Weet-Bix Kids Triathlon 2016

This will take place at Kilbirnie Park, Wellington on 20 March 2016

Entry is \$39 per student.

The Weet-Bix Kids TRYathlon is for Kiwi kids of all sporting abilities who are aged between 7 and 15. Children can enter as individuals and do all three legs of the TRYathlon by themselves or in a team of two and do either the swim/run or bike/run with a friend.

If you are entering your child/ren outside of school you can link to Bellevue by using the code **BELL1012**

In the coming weeks a meeting will be held for students who are interested in this opportunity and more information and permission slips will be sent home.

If you have any questions, please email me on deeann@bellevue-newlands.school.nz



ASB Donation Voucher



ASB offers donations to schools. 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.**

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.

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 and 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



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.



Scholastic Bookclub

Bookclub orders are due back to school by Thursday 29 October. Late orders cannot be accepted. If you are paying by cheque please make it out to Scholastic NZ.

Community Notices

Bellevue School Christmas Craft Fair



STELLAR FITNESS COMMUNITY BODYSYNC CLASSES

Designed by a fully-qualified Personal Trainer, Stellar Body-Sync is a mind/body class for women that focuses on 3 elements: controlled breathing, flexibility & mobility, & core strength.



The components are synced together using simple Tai Chi, Yoga & Pilates moves.

It is a low-impact workout that strengthens & tones your key muscle groups, & increases flexibility & joint mobility, focusing largely on the spine, hips & shoulders.

WHEN: FRIDAYS, 10:30-11:15AM
WHERE: Centennial Hall, Newlands Rd
COST: OCTOBER SPECIAL: ONLY \$5 PER PERSON!!**

** NORMAL PRICE OF \$10 PER PERSON RESUMES FROM 6 NOV, 2015

Limited spaces - Bookings essential
MORE INFO: www.stellarfitness.co.nz
TO BOOK EMAIL KAT: stellar.fitness.solutions@gmail.com

