



Weekly Newsletter

28 October 2015

He rōpū manaaki, he rōpū whakarongo, he rōpū ako mātou = We are respectful, we listen, we learn

Term 4 - Issue 3

Important Dates

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 13 November	Year 6 Orientation to Newlands Intermediate
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) for those due these
Wednesday 16 December	Final day of 2015 - Final assembly and 12 noon finish
Monday 1 February	First day of 2016 - 9:00am start

Assembly Dates

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 Danielle Furneaux 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)

We hope that you enjoyed the extended weekend with your children, and the wonderful spring weather. It is great to see everyone refreshed and reenergized for another week of learning.

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 before 9:00am Friday 30 October. You can talk with your child's teacher, Margaret (Deputy Principal) or Karen (Principal). 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 classes 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).

As Friday is our annual Whole School Evacuation Practice Day, please read the note that is accompanying this newsletter. This will help you know what is expected of you next Friday and during any emergency when the whole school is required to evacuate. 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. Please do not come to school before receiving the text on Friday so that we can have a meaningful practise of our procedures. Many thanks.

Ka kite
Karen



Character Education

"Walking in someone else's shoes" is one way of describing empathy or compassion (aroha). Imagining and understanding how other people feel helps us to be compassionate.

Some people suggest that a desire to find out about, identify with and help those in need does not come naturally to many children. Taking the time to understand others troubles and help them wherever possible is something that results from discussion, observation and life experiences. Our aim in learning about compassion as a fundamental aspect of character, is the desire to build caring relationships that break down the loneliness or distress for those who are less fortunate. By encouraging children to do something practical for others, however small this might be, we help further their understanding and awareness of others who may be suffering or less fortunate.

Our hope is that this term our students (with help from their teachers, parents, caregivers and whānau) will consider their attitudes and behaviour to become more compassionate. We aim to help build young people who are interested in others (not just themselves), also what they can contribute to a more caring world.

too often we underestimate
the power of a touch, a smile,
a kind word, a listening ear,
an honest compliment,
or the smallest act of caring,
all of which have the potential
to turn a life around.

-leo busacaglia

Kupu Hou (new word)

Kaiaiko = teacher
pronunciation = k-eye-ah-kor

I whakaakona ngā tamariki e te **kaiaiko**.
The children were taught by



Cash or Kete - Adult Fun



Our fun adult 'Cash or Kete' evening is coming up soon. This was a great success last year so come along and join us for this fun evening.

Get your ticket now from the office \$15 each. This fun night is in the hall at 7:00pm on Friday 20 November. BYO cold drinks. Hot drinks and food is available to purchase at the event. There will also be some raffles and some auctions to tempt you so bring along some spare change to be in to win.

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.

ICAS Competitions



Congratulations to the following students who have participated in the International Competitions & Assessment for Schools (ICAS) in Mathematics and have achieved the following results:

Participation – Annaliese Blumhardt, Neha Kollati, Nikhil Kollati, Maisie McGhee, Ryan Chy-Long, Jade Bennie, Zack Dearman, Ayla Duffy, Dmitry Joffe-Devoy, Eva Koorey Te-Huki, Gaure Sharma, Aneet Sehra, Jessica Clark, Ashlyn Parker-Breese, Levi Rangi, Lawrence Reeves, Paku Whitehead

Credit – Leo Diaz-Poff, Rudresh Balamurali-Krishna, Charlotte Harris, Kaitlyn Russell, Jack de Bres, Jasmine Devery

Distinction – Miranda Chen, Rhea Homroy, Andrew Cho, Rohan Mani, Kareem Omar, Yana Gupta, Isabella Sinclair, Richman Tan

High Distinction – Abi Steel

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 the 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 still working to provide a link for you 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 and generosity in doing this for us.



Thank you

Special thanks to ...

Jennifer, Tracy, Sarah and Jane who organised, cooked and served sausages last Friday. Kia ora koutou.



All the wonderful people who came along to the FUNdraisers meeting last Thursday. Also to those of you who have sent in your suggestions for events to help raise the much needed funds for our new playground. Keep up the great work everyone.

Circa Theatre for donating tickets for the Cash or Kete evening. If you would like to enter a colouring competition to win some tickets to the opening night of Roger Hall's Robin Hood Pantomime please come along to the office for an entry form.

Toy Orders

Please note that the last day for these orders is this **Friday 30 October**. Be in quick to look at the Chalk catalogues that came home last term, and get your orders in now.

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 order now!



Whole School Evacuation



This 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. Please read this to help you know what is happening this 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

Just a reminder that this Friday 30 October we will not be having sausages at lunchtime due to the Whole School Evacuation.

Orders will return to normal on Friday 6 November.

Please... if you can offer an hour of your time on Thursday mornings 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 can now be ordered from the school office. These are available in blue or green and in sizes 6 - 14 at a cost of \$20 each.

To view a sample of the T-Shirts, please take a look at them on display in the office foyer. Order yours now.

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

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.

Newlands Intermediate Year 6 Visit

On Friday 13 November the year 6's are holding an Orientation morning at Newlands Intermediate. If your child is going to be attending Newlands Intermediate next year please complete their enrolment before the orientation visit. Enrolment forms are available from Newlands Intermediate.



Compassion Heroes

At Assembly last Friday the following students were acknowledged for demonstrating compassion or empathy/aroha:

Sami Laulau (Room 1)

Sienna Moir (Room 2)

Rhys Nelson (Room 3)

Clare Geursen (Room 4)

Jahzel Leutogi & Suzi Dubuisson (Room 5)

Sebastian Tyson (Room 6)

Bianca Clark & Maxine Avery (Room 8)

Caroline Holmes & Ashton Ells-Wilson (Room 9)

Lara Avery (Room 10)

Benji Holden (Room 11)

Trinity Avery (Room 12)

Kaitlyn Russell (Room 13)

Andrew Cho & Ashlyn Parker-Breese (Room 15)

Melissa Van Echten



Family Portraits Fundraiser

FUNdraisers 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.



Weet-bix Kids TRYathlon



Bellevue are entering a team in the 2016 Kids Triathlon 2016.

This takes 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



Yummy Apple Stickers



A big thank you to all our families who throughout the year collected the Yummy Apple stickers. This year we earned equipment to the value of \$421. We have purchased a new parachute, some soccer and tennis balls.

Please keep collecting the stickers as this promotion will probably continue in 2016. If you need a sheet to put the stickers on please pick one up from the office, or you can find this on our website. Thank you.



Scholastic Bookclub

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

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. Also come along on the day to see what amazing crafts are for sale.



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Twilight Fair

At the beginning of next year we are holding a Twilight Fair so please diary 26 February 2015 from 4:00 - 8:00pm. Further information will come to you over the next few months, but start saving those books for the second hand book sale and start thinking of other stalls that would be of interest.



A Printer in our Community?

The FUNdraising group is keen to see if there is a printer who is part of our learning community. If you have these skills we would love to hear from you.



Community Notice

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

